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## County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2021 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 7

Bill No. 28 -2021

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT making emergency appropriations pursuant to Section 610(b) of the Howard County Charter and amending the Annual Budget and Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2021 in order to receive additional grant funding from the State; and declaring that this Act is an Emergency Bill necessary to meet a public emergency affecting life, health or property.

Introduced and read first time May 3, 2021. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order

Michelle Harrod  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on May 5, 2021.

By order

Michelle Harrod  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on May 5, 2021 and Passed , Passed with amendments \_\_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_\_.

By order

Michelle Harrod  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 5 day of May, 2021 at 8:14 a.m./p.m.

By order

Michelle Harrod  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive May 6, 2021

Calvin Ball  
Calvin Ball, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1           **WHEREAS**, Council Bill No. 25-2020 (CB25) is known as the Annual Budget and  
2 Appropriation Ordinance of Howard County, Fiscal Year 2021 and contains the capital and  
3 operating budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021; and  
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5           **WHEREAS**, because of the health emergency related to COVID-19, the State of  
6 Maryland has awarded grant funds as part of an economic relief program to provide assistance to  
7 restaurants, hotels and certain businesses that have been severely impacted by the COVID-19  
8 pandemic; and  
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10           **WHEREAS**, to date, the County has been awarded grant funds from the Maryland  
11 Department of Commerce in the following amounts:

- 12           1. \$4,009,629 for restaurants as part of the Restaurant Relief Fund; and
- 13           2. \$1,625,891 to provide direct assistance to hotels; and

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15           **WHEREAS**, previously awarded grant funds have been appropriated by the passage of  
16 SAO No. 5 Fiscal Year 2021 and Council Bill No. 10-2021; and  
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18           **WHEREAS**, Council Bill No. 15-2021 approved \$9,735,056 in grant funding from the  
19 United States Treasury for rental assistance; and  
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21           **WHEREAS**, the County was recently notified that it will receive additional grant  
22 funding from the Department of Commerce in the following amounts:

- 23           1. \$1,203,576 for restaurants as part of the Restaurant Relief Fund;
- 24           2. \$547,080 to further promote and encourage the stabilization of the hospitality  
25           industry; and
- 26           3. \$27,354 to provide grants to assist businesses with setting up online sales and  
27           telework opportunities; and  
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29           **WHEREAS**, following the passage of SAO5 FY21, there remains \$659,017 in the Grant  
30 Fund Contingency Reserve which is not enough spending authority to accept the additional grant

1 funding recently awarded; and

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3 **WHEREAS**, the Fiscal Year 2021 budget needs to be amended to receive and  
4 appropriate the additional unexpected emergency grant funding; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 610(b) of the Howard County Charter, this Emergency  
7 Bill is necessary to meet a public emergency affecting life, health or property.

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9 **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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11 *Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the following*  
12 *emergency appropriation of grant funds is authorized and approved for the fiscal year beginning*  
13 *July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, as shown below:*

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15 **Department of Finance – State of Maryland – Restaurant Relief Grant**

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17	Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriation before transfer	\$4,009,629
18	Plus additional State grant funding	<u>\$1,203,576</u>
19	Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriation after transfer	\$5,213,205

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21 *Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that*  
22 *the following emergency appropriation of grant funds is authorized and approved for the fiscal*  
23 *year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, as shown below:*

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25 **Department of Finance – State of Maryland – Hotel Relief Grant**

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27	Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriation before transfer	\$1,625,891
28	Plus State grant funding	<u>\$547,080</u>
29	Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriation after transfer	\$2,172,971

1 **Section 3. And Be It Further Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that  
2 *the following emergency appropriation of grant funds is authorized and approved for the fiscal*  
3 *year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, as shown below:*  
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5	<b>Department of Finance – State of Maryland – Online Sales/Telework</b>	
6	2600000000-516190-1310000000-9999999920000000094800-GGGGRELACTSALEST	
7	Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriation before transfer	\$0
8	Plus State grant funding	<u>\$27,354</u>
9	Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriation after transfer	\$27,354
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11 **Section 4. And Be It Further Enacted** that the Grant Fund total for Fiscal Year 2021 is  
12 *amended to be \$45,153,189 and, in the current expense budget attached to Council Bill No. 25-*  
13 *2020 or incorporated by reference, all subtotals, totals, and other calculated figures shall be*  
14 *adjusted, as needed, to accommodate this Act.*  
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16 **Section 5. And Be It Further Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that  
17 *this Act is adopted as an emergency measure to address an immediate emergency affecting*  
18 *public health, safety, or welfare and having been passed by two-thirds of its members, this Act*  
19 *shall be effective immediately upon its enactment.*

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on May 6, 2021.

Michelle Harrod  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been passed by the yeas and nays of two-thirds of the members of the Council notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the Executive within ten days of its presentation, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, not having been considered on final reading within the time required by Charter, stands failed for want of consideration on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been disapproved by the Executive and having failed on passage upon consideration by the Council stands failed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, the withdrawal of which received a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council, is withdrawn from further consideration on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council



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# Howard County

*Internal Memorandum*

*Subject:* Testimony for Budget Amendment 2021

*To:* Lonnie R. Robbins  
Chief Administrative Officer

*From:* Lawrence Twele  
CEO, HCEDA

*Date:* 20 April 2021

Governor Hogan has announced a new economic relief program to provide direct assistance to hotels across Maryland which have been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as additional funds for restaurants out of the Restaurant Relief Fund. The Howard County Economic Development Authority (HCEDA) understands that Howard County has been notified that the Maryland Department of Commerce (Department) is granting State grant funds of \$547,080 for hotels in the County and an additional \$1,203,576 for restaurants and \$27,354 to provide grants to assist businesses with setting up online sales and telework opportunities.

In the same manner as has been provided as part of the HoCo RISE Initiative for disbursing CARES funding for business assistance and the State's prior round of the Restaurant Relief Fund, the HCEDA will administer the intake and review of applications for these specified purposes and will deploy the application process quickly as these funds must be disbursed to these businesses by no later than June 30, 2021 for the purposes outlined in the grant and grant modification agreements.

cc: Jennifer Sager




**Howard County**  
*Internal Memorandum*

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*Subject:* Testimony for Budget Amendment 2021

*To:* Lonnie R. Robbins  
Chief Administrative Officer

*From:* Rafiu O. Ighile   
Director of Finance

*Date:* April 19, 2021

Governor Hogan and the Maryland Department of Commerce (Department) are distributing additional funds to local jurisdictions as part of the economic relief program that was established to provide direct assistance to hotels, restaurants, and other businesses across Maryland which have been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. As such, Howard County has been notified that the Department is granting State grant funds of an additional \$1,203,576 for restaurants and \$547,080 for hotels in the County. These funds must be disbursed to these businesses by no later than June 30, 2021, hence the reason for requesting emergency legislation. The grants can be used by the restaurants for working capital such as rent, payroll, and job training, purchase of equipment and services to expand outdoor dining such as tents, heaters, warmers, and carts, infrastructure improvements, such as HVAC system upgrades, technology to support carryout and delivery, purchase of PPE and disposable food containers or utensils, and sanitation services. Hotels may spend the grant funds for normal operating costs such as rent, payroll, job training, taxes, debt service, or similar costs and for the purchase of PPE, sanitation devices, or other COVID-19 related costs. Additionally, \$27,354 is being distributed to assist businesses in establishing or expanding online sales and/or telework during COVID (after March 2020).

cc: Jennifer Sager