

**On-Line Sales Framework, Maryland Economic Development Assistance  
Authority and Fund, Department of Commerce**  
\$0.5 Million (T00F00.23)

**Purpose: Recovery Now Funding**

The Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund, in the Department of Commerce, shall provide grants to businesses to assist the businesses in setting up an online sales framework and offering employees telework opportunities.

**April 21 - Program Highlights and Plans to Allocate Remaining Balance:**

- The Department of Commerce (Commerce) sent out grant agreements to the counties on March 24, 2021.
- The counties must update Commerce's online portal with grant recipients by July 31, 2021 to include the following:
  - Name, location, and FEIN of each grantee;
  - Amount of grant received by grantee;
  - Use of grant proceeds; and
  - Demographic information responses of each grantee.
- As of April 15, 2021 the following counties have signed and returned their grant agreements:
  - Allegany County;
  - Anne Arundel County;
  - Baltimore City;
  - Caroline County;
  - Carroll County;
  - Cecil County;
  - Charles County;
  - Dorchester County;
  - Garrett County;
  - Harford County;
  - Kent County;
  - Montgomery County;
  - Queen Anne's County;
  - St. Mary's County;
  - Somerset County;
  - Talbot County;
  - Washington County;
  - Wicomico County; and
  - Worcester County.
- The remaining counties who have not submitted their signed grant agreements have all been followed up with directly.
- Commerce alerted the counties on April 1, 2021, that they will allow the use of a portion of each grant to cover *new* expenses incurred by their jurisdiction as a direct result of administering the

grant programs. No more than 10% of grant funds may be used to pay for administrative costs. And the administrative costs paid from grant funds must be itemized in the final report submitted to Commerce describing the use of grant funds.

- Commerce is allowing counties to target specific industry sectors for these grants.

**April 21 - Programmatic and/or Implementation Issues:**

- Ensure local jurisdictions prioritize applicants who have not received State/MEDAAF funding.
- Some of the local jurisdictions have raised concerns that the amount of the grant they have received is too small to effectively distribute to businesses.
  - Commerce drafted a notice to the local jurisdictions giving them a deadline to return their grant agreements. This will go out in the next few days.
    - Commerce may need to redistribute funds if some of these counties turn down the grant funding.

**April 21 – Anticipated Distribution of Funds:**

<b>County</b>	<b>Population 2021</b>	<b>Maryland Percentage</b>	<b>Online Sales Funding (Relief Now)</b>	<b>Returned Grant Agreements as of April 15?</b>	<b>Additional Sales Funding (Supplemental Budget)</b>
Allegany	69,366	1.14%	\$5,718	Yes	\$57,181
Anne Arundel	586,656	9.67%	\$48,361	Yes	\$483,606
Baltimore City	575,584	9.49%	\$47,448	Yes	\$474,479
Baltimore	826,392	13.62%	\$68,123	No	\$681,230
Calvert	93,445	1.54%	\$7,703	No	\$77,031
Caroline	33,606	0.55%	\$2,770	Yes	\$27,703
Carroll	168,807	2.78%	\$13,915	Yes	\$139,155
Cecil	103,277	1.70%	\$8,514	Yes	\$85,136
Charles	166,819	2.75%	\$13,752	Yes	\$137,516
Dorchester	31,867	0.53%	\$2,627	Yes	\$26,269
Frederick	268,755	4.43%	\$22,155	No	\$221,546
Garrett	28,776	0.47%	\$2,372	Yes	\$23,721
Harford	258,559	4.26%	\$21,314	Yes	\$213,141
Howard	331,828	5.47%	\$27,354	No	\$273,540
Kent	19,398	0.32%	\$1,599	Yes	\$15,991
Montgomery	1,055,110	17.40%	\$86,977	Yes	\$869,773
Prince George's	908,743	14.98%	\$74,912	No	\$749,116
Queen Anne's	50,847	0.84%	\$4,192	Yes	\$41,915
Somerset	25,636	0.42%	\$2,113	Yes	\$21,133
St. Mary's	115,090	1.90%	\$9,487	Yes	\$94,874
Talbot	37,395	0.62%	\$3,083	Yes	\$30,826
Washington	151,835	2.50%	\$12,516	Yes	\$125,164
Wicomico	104,739	1.73%	\$8,634	Yes	\$86,341
Worcester	52,908	0.87%	\$4,361	Yes	\$43,614
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>6,065,438</b>	<b>1.00%</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>		<b>\$5,000,000</b>

Source: Department of Commerce, Department of Budget and Management