Anne Arundel County, Maryland
Office of the
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To: Councilmembers, Anne Arundel County Council
From: Office of the County Auditor
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Subject: County Auditor's Review of Legislation for the September 8, 2026 Council Meeting

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CB 61-26 Public Safety – Zoning – Article 18 Update

Summary of Legislation

This bill, introduced at the request of the Administration on behalf of the Office of Planning and Zoning (OPZ), makes significant revisions to the County's zoning code, Article 18. There are approximately 350 proposed amendments to the Article that have been provided by the Administration. This bill updates outdated terms, revises current use categories, revises allowed uses, and maintains compliance with State code. The bill also amends Article 12.

Review of Fiscal Impact

The Office of the County Auditor (OCA) agrees with the Administration's conclusion that the bill has no significant current-year effect on personnel, other operating costs, capital budget, or revenues.

Resolution 23-26 approving the application to the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, for a grant under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program federal FY 2025 Local Solicitation, and recognizing the County Executive's authority to act in connection with the grant

Summary of Legislation

This resolution approves the local solicitation for the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025 application to the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs for a formula grant amount of $144,724 under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program. The application requires County Council approval before the funding can be administered to the County, per federal regulations.

Review of Fiscal Impact

The Office of County Auditor (OCA) concurs with the Fiscal Note's conclusion that this grant has no net cost to the County. The resolution approves an application for $144,724 in federal grant funds with no County matching requirement. OCA reviewed the grant application materials in-detail to confirm internal calculations underlying the total application amount, identifying two immaterial errors in FICA calculations for grant-funded positions, which the Administration has acknowledged. These issues do not alter the overall fiscal impact conclusion.

Unless otherwise noted, this analysis reflects OCA's review of the legislation as introduced and is not updated to reflect subsequent amendments.

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