

TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
4229 Edmonston Road
Bladensburg, Maryland

**ORDINANCE NO. 05-2025: FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE
ACCEPTANCE OF THE US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COPS GRANT FUNDING**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE
TOWN OF BLADENSBURG, MARYLAND, FOR THE 2025 FISCAL YEAR (JULY 1, 2024,
THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025).**

WHEREAS, the Town Administrator of the Town of Bladensburg has made a recommendation to the Mayor and Town Council to amend the FY 2025 Budget to reallocate funds as part of this Fiscal Year and;

WHEREAS, the Town has received the Department of Justice – COPS Grants for **\$1,625,000**. With an amount receivable of **\$625,000** over five years to assist in the funding and hiring of five (5) new officers over the next two (2) to three (3) fiscal years and;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Bladensburg have determined that it is in the best interest of the Town to pass this as a Budget Amendment Ordinance at the November 18, 2024, Town Council meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Bladensburg that the following amendments are made to the general operating budget for Fiscal Year 2025 for the initial hiring of two (2) new officers in the second half of FY 2025, to start expenditures related to grant requirements:

1. Increase Compensation expenses for the Police Department **\$125,000** for two (2) new police officer salaries; and
2. Increase revenues for Grants **\$125,000** to offset expenses related to the hiring of two (2) new officers

Overall Budget Impact: up to **\$125,000**

AND BE FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED that upon passage, this Ordinance shall be authenticated by the signature of the Mayor and Town Clerk and shall be recorded in a book kept for that purpose. In addition, this Ordinance shall be published by posting a certified copy of it in the Town Hall for ten (10) days following its adoption pursuant to Article II, Section 209 of the Charter of the Town of Bladensburg, Maryland and will be effective the 18th day of November 2024.

ATTEST:

By Order of the Mayor and Town Council

Regine Watson, Town Clerk

Takisha James, Mayor

First Reading: November 18, 2024
Second Reading: -

Adopted: November 18, 2024
Effective: November 18, 2024