

Clerk's Note: The resolution number was inadvertently listed as 19-1237. The duplicate resolution number was changed to 19-1307.

Resolution No.:	<u>19-1307</u>
Introduced:	<u>May 26, 2022</u>
Adopted:	<u>June 14, 2022</u>

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: Council President

SUBJECT: Special Appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Department of Police
(Source of Funds: Federal Aid)

Background

1. Section 308 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that a special appropriation: (a) may be made at any time after public notice by news release; (b) must state that the special appropriation is necessary to meet an unforeseen disaster or other emergency or to act without delay in the public interest; (c) must specify the revenues necessary to finance it; and (d) must be approved by no fewer than six members of the Council.
2. A new coronavirus disease, named COVID-19, appeared in China in December 2019, and spread extremely quickly. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the disease a pandemic.
3. President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) on March 11, 2021, to support the country's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The County Government is expected to receive 204.1 million in two equal tranches to support its efforts to recover from the pandemic.
4. The U.S. Treasury final rule for ARPA funding states that ARPA funds may be used to respond to an increase in gun violence associated with the pandemic. Specifically, funding may be used for "evidence-based practices like focused deterrence, street outreach, violence interrupters, and hospital-based violence intervention models, complete with wraparound services such as behavioral therapy, trauma recovery, job training, education, housing and relocation services, and financial assistance.

5. The County seeks to reduce community violence, particularly gun violence, by establishing: (1) a Violent Crime Information Center Hiring that will provide enhanced crime analysis, tracking weapon data, and generating violent crime statistical reports to better target firearms-related crime. These violent crime analyses will also be used to identify individuals who would benefit from the gun violence intervention initiative; (2) a Gun Violence Prevention Initiative that partners with Street Outreach Network. The funding will be used to hire two contractual hospital navigator positions at hospitals that will help mediate conflicts during gang and violent situations; (3) a Midnight Madness basketball with the Montgomery County Recreation Department to provide a 3 on 3 basketball league at one recreation center to positively engage youth at risk for violence; and (4) broader advertising and outreach to inform community residents of available domestic violence resources.
6. The Council recommends the following appropriation increase to Montgomery County Police Department's FY22 Operating budget:

<u>Operating</u> <u>Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source</u> <u>of Funds</u>
\$731,125	\$731,125	Federal Aid

7. This special appropriation is needed to implement these COVID-19 recovery programs.
8. Notice of a public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held.

Action

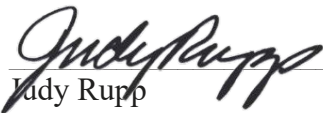
The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

1. A special appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget for the Department of Police is approved as follows:

<u>Operating</u> <u>Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source</u> <u>of Funds</u>
\$731,125	\$731,125	Federal Aid

2. The funds appropriated in this special appropriation must be placed in a Police Department Fund account, in which any unspent funds will be re-appropriated in Fiscal Year 2023.
3. The County Council declares that this action is necessary to act in response to a public health or safety emergency and to act without delay in the public interest.

This is a correct copy of Council action.


 Judy Rupp
 Clerk of the Council