Resolution No.: 20-155

Introduced: March 28, 2023
Adopted: May 9, 2023

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #23-97 to the FY23 Operating Budget

Montgomery County Government

Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security

COVID-19 FEMA Public Assistance Contractor Support, \$465,000

Background

- 1. Section 307 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that any supplemental appropriation shall be recommended by the County Executive who shall specify the source of funds to finance it. The Council shall hold a public hearing on each proposed supplemental appropriation after at least one week's notice. A supplemental appropriation that would comply with, avail the County of, or put into effect a grant or a Federal, State or County law or regulation, or one that is approved after January 1 of any fiscal year, requires an affirmative vote of six Councilmembers. A supplemental appropriation for any other purpose that is approved before January 1 of any fiscal year requires an affirmative vote of seven Councilmembers. The Council may, in a single action, approve more than one supplemental appropriation. The Executive may disapprove or reduce a supplemental appropriation, and the Council may reapprove the appropriation, as if it were an item in the annual budget.
- 2. The County Executive has requested the following FY23 Operating Budget appropriation increases for the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security:

Personnel Services	Operating Expenses	<u>Total</u>	Source of Funds
\$0	\$465,000	\$465,000	General Funds Undesignated Reserves

3. This increase is needed because Montgomery County is faced with a March 30, 2023, deadline to submit all eligible COVID-19 response expenses to FEMA. A small team of county employees, assisted by some contractor support, has submitted more than \$60 million to FEMA so far. However, there are still approximately \$70 million to review and submit. This funding will provide the additional contractor support needed to ensure eligible costs are submitted by the deadline. This funding will also provide contractor support through June 30, 2023, to assist with submission of eligible costs incurred after July 1, 2022.

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All costs associated with contractor support to manage FEMA COVID-19 public reimbursement requests are 100% reimbursable by FEMA.

- 4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY23 Operating Budget in the amount of \$465,000 for COVID-19 FEMA Public Assistance Contract Support and specifies that the source of funds will be General Funds Undesignated Reserves.
- 5. Notice of public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held.

Action

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

A supplemental appropriation to the FY23 Operating Budget of the Department of Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security is approved as follows:

Personnel Services	Operating Expenses	<u>Total</u>	Source of Funds
\$0	\$465,000	\$465,000	General Funds Undesignated Reserves

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Judy Rupp, Clerk of the Council