

Resolution No.: 20-326  
Introduced: October 24, 2023  
Adopted: November 28, 2023

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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

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**SUBJECT:** Supplemental Appropriation #24-35 to the FY24 Operating Budget  
Montgomery County Government  
Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security  
Nonprofit Security Grant Program, \$311,700 (Source of Funds: General Fund  
Undesignated Reserves)

**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 FY24 Operating Budget appropriation increases for the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	General Fund Undesignated Reserves
3. During this time of war abroad, it is critical that protection afforded to our community organizations is enhanced, and the Nonprofit Security Grant Program offers an opportunity to bolster security to detect and defend against acts of violence driven by hate and bias.

The FY24 Approved Operating Budget included \$900,000 in funds for this program, and applications for the grant program opened on October 11. An increase in requests for funding to meet the needs of the community is expected.

4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY24 Operating Budget in the amount of \$100,000 for Nonprofit Security Grant Program enhancement and specifies that the source of funds will be General Fund Undesignated Reserves.
5. Councilmember Andrew Friedson proposed and the Joint Government Operations and Fiscal Policy and Public Safety Committees providing an additional \$211,700 in funding through this appropriation to support emergency grant awards for the FY24 Nonprofit Security Grant Program. The Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security will issue \$311,700 in awards to 73 nonprofit organizations that have experienced, or are at high risk of experiencing, hate crimes. These grants are available to augment costs for security personnel or other security planning measures through Section G of Resolution #20-313.
6. Notice of public hearing was given and a public hearing was held.

### **Action**

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

- 1.) A supplemental appropriation to the FY24 Operating Budget of the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security is approved as follows:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$311,700	\$311,700	General Fund Undesignated Reserves

- 2.) A total of \$311,700 of this appropriation will support emergency grants to 73 nonprofit organizations through the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, in cooperation with the Office of Grants Management.

This is a correct copy of Council action.




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Sara R. Tenenbaum  
Clerk of the Council