

Resolution No.: 20-382
Introduced: November 28, 2023
Adopted: January 30, 2024

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #24-30 to the FY24 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security
COVID-19 FEMA Contract Support, \$300,000.00 (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	\$300,000	\$300,000	General Fund Undesignated Reserves

3. This increase is needed because the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (OEMHS) continues to manage the County's COVID-19 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) public assistance reimbursement process. OEMHS uses contractors to assist with this work, which includes reviewing and compiling documents, working with departments on writing justifications for expenses, and reviewing expenses with FEMA. OEMHS has no funding in its budget allocated for these costs. These costs are fully reimbursable by FEMA. OEMHS has submitted for reimbursement of \$986,828 in contractor costs, and the County has received \$610,090 in reimbursement thus far.
4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY24 Operating Budget in the amount of \$300,000 for COVID-19 FEMA Contract Support and specifies that the source of funds will be General Fund 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 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	\$300,000	\$300,000	General Fund Undesignated Reserves

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Sara R. Tenenbaum
Clerk of the Council