

Resolution No.: 20-383
Introduced: November 14, 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 #24-23 to the FY24
Operating Budget Montgomery County Government Montgomery County
Fire and Rescue Service Cadet Training Program, \$616,400

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 Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service:

<u>Personal Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$535,245	\$81,155	\$0	\$616,400	Undesignated Fire Fund Reserve

3. This increase is needed to support expenditures through the end of the 2023-2024 school year, as actual expenditures are expected to exceed the budget as a result of the implementation of the fire training component of the Cadet Training Program. The additional expenditures are due to the labor-intensive nature of firefighting training and the low student-to-instructor ratio, necessitating many more instructor hours than are required in the medical program. Firefighting training also demands costly protective gear that is not needed for medical training. MCPS has signed an MOU with MCFRS to fund 50 percent of the program's original scope in the amount of \$134,000. MCPS has expressed support for the program and it is anticipated that MCPS will fund 50 percent of the program costs increase in the amount of \$366,200.
4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY24 Operating Budget in the amount of \$616,400 and specifies that the source of funds will be Undesignated Fire Fund 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 Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service is approved as follows:

<u>Personal</u> <u>Services</u>	<u>Operating</u> <u>Expenses</u>	<u>Capital</u> <u>Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source</u> <u>of Funds</u>
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This is a correct copy of Council action.



Sara R. Tenenbaum
Clerk of the Council