

Resolution No.: 20-400
Introduced: November 14, 2023
Adopted: February 6, 2024

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #24-3 to the FY24 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
FY24 Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association Contract, \$355,688

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 (MCFRS):

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$167,700	\$168,488	\$336,188	Fire Fund Undesignated Reserves

3. This appropriation is needed to support the contractual obligations negotiated with Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association (MCVFRA). The negotiated increases in the FY24 MCVFRA contract include increases in the Nominal Fee amount received by volunteer fire and rescue personnel, association operating funds, and the Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP).

4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY24 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service in the amount of \$336,188 to support the contractual obligations negotiated with Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association and specifies that the source of funds will be Fire Fund Undesignated Reserves.
5. The Joint Public Safety and Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee reviewed the proposed supplemental appropriation, and recommended funding for additional Emergency Vehicle Operation Courses (EVOC). The Council approved additional funding in the amount of \$19,500. Total funding for the Supplemental Appropriation is \$355,688.
6. 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>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$187,200	\$168,488	\$355,688	Fire Fund Undesignated Reserve

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Sara R. Tenenbaum
Clerk of the Council