

Resolution No:	<u>20-565</u>
Introduced:	<u>June 11, 2024</u>
Adopted:	<u>June 25, 2024</u>

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #24-82 to the FY24 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Snow Removal and Storm Cleanup
Department of Transportation, \$12,421,350
Department of General Services, \$2,309,829

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 Department of Transportation (DOT) and Department of General Services (DGS):

	<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
DOT	\$2,765,109	\$9,656,241	\$12,421,350	General Fund Undesignated Reserves
DGS	\$93,071	\$2,216,758	\$2,309,829	General Fund Undesignated Reserves

3. This increase is needed because expenditures for snow removal and storm cleanup exceed the FY24 appropriation of \$3,671,954 in the Department of Transportation and the FY24 appropriation of \$2,884,990 in the Climate Response Non-Departmental Account. As in previous years, due to the unpredictability of snow and storm events, only a minimal amount is budgeted for response operations as a matter of practice. The budget that is developed each year reflects the expectation that additional resources will be required to support snow removal and storm cleanup activities at year-end. The FY24 second quarter analysis estimated additional snow removal and storm cleanup spending beyond the budgeted amount. After review of actual expenses related to staff overtime, contractual services, and materials usage, a supplemental appropriation is needed.

During the winter of 2023-2024, Montgomery County experienced 7 snow/ice events with a total average snow/accumulation of approximately 15.71 inches. While some of the events did not result in plowing, both County and contractual personnel were required to report and/or be on standby. Equipment was also mobilized based on the weather forecasts. The total cost associated with snow removal operations was \$14,380,602, of which \$3,054,161 was budgeted.

To date storm cleanup expenditures total \$6,007,521 of which \$617,793 was budgeted.

In addition to expenditures incurred to date, this supplemental appropriation provides \$900,000 to cover projected storm cleanup costs for DOT and DGS through the remainder of the fiscal year. Damage from wind and rainstorms is unpredictable with the bulk of cleanup activity historically occurring from April through September.

4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY24 Operating Budget in the amount of \$14,731,179 for Snow Removal and Storm Cleanup 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 Department of Transportation and the Department of General Services is approved as follows:

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This is a correct copy of Council action.

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Sara R. Tenenbaum
Clerk of the Council