

Resolution No.:	<u>20-746</u>
Introduced:	<u>January 21, 2025</u>
Adopted:	<u>March 18, 2025</u>

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #25-41 to the FY25 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security
COVID-19 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance
Contractor Support, \$374,156

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 FY25 Operating Budget appropriation increases for the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (OEMHS):

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$374,156	\$374,156	General Fund Undesignated Reserves

3. This increase is needed because Montgomery County faces deadlines to submit all eligible COVID-19 response expenses to FEMA and utilizes a contractor to assist with the submissions. These administrative and management costs are one hundred percent reimbursable, and OEMHS fronts the cost of those services, which are unbudgeted. The County recently received a reimbursement from FEMA of \$374,156, which is payment for administrative costs previously paid for by the County. These funds were deposited into the County's General Fund thus this supplemental appropriation is revenue neutral. This is the final outstanding reimbursement request and FEMA does not owe the County any additional funding for administrative support costs.
4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY25 Operating Budget of \$374,156 for COVID-19 FEMA Public Assistance 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 FY25 Operating Budget of the Department of Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security is approved as follows:

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This is a correct copy of Council action.



Sara R. Tenenbaum
Clerk of the Council