

Resolution No.:	<u>20-897</u>
Introduced:	<u>June 24, 2025</u>
Adopted:	<u>July 29, 2025</u>

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #25-76 to the FY25 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
FY25 Senator Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance Fund (State 508) Grant,
\$1,995,461.00

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 increase 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>
\$0	\$1,995,461	\$1,995,461	State Grant

3. This increase is to expend the proceeds of the FY25 State of Maryland Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance (State 508) Fund grant.

4. The Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance (State 508) Fund was established to provide grants for fire, rescue, and ambulance services to promote high-quality service and the continued financial viability of volunteer fire, rescue and ambulance companies. The grant funds are distributed directly to the County on an annual basis and must be distributed to local fire and rescue departments (LFRDs) no later than two years after the County receives the funds. LFRDs are required to spend or encumber Amoss funds within two years of the date that they receive the funds from the County.
5. In accordance with State law, grant funds may be used for the acquisition or rehabilitation of apparatus and fire and rescue equipment, and for the renovation of facilities used to house apparatus.
6. In accordance with State requirements, the Montgomery County Fire Chief has consulted with the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association regarding the needs of the LFRDs.
7. This supplemental appropriation represents the priorities established by the Montgomery County Fire Chief, in coordination with the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, for the renovation of stations and acquisition of fire and rescue equipment.
8. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY25 Operating Budget for MCFRS in the amount of \$1,995,461 and specifies that the source of funds will be a State Grant (FY25 Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance (State 508) Fund grant).
9. Notice of public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following resolution:

1. A supplemental appropriation to the FY25 Operating Budget for the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service (MCFRS) is approved as follows:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$1,995,461	\$1,995,461	State Grant

2. Any funds appropriated in this resolution must be spent or encumbered by each LFRD to which funds are assigned no later than May 1, 2026. Any funds that an LFRD does not encumber or spend by May 1, 2026, automatically revert to MCFRS on May 2, 2026. The Fire Chief must reallocate any funds reverted under this provision, consistent with applicable State and County laws, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sara', written over a horizontal line.

Sara R. Tenenbaum
Clerk of the Council