

Resolution No.: 20-1149
Introduced: June 9, 2026
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**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: County Council

SUBJECT: Resolution to Amend Resolution #20-820, Approval of and Appropriation for the FY 2026 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Government, Distribution of Emergency Medical Services Insurance Reimbursement Program Revenues

Background

1. On May 22, 2025, the County Council approved Resolution 20-820, which adopted the operating budget for the Montgomery County Government for fiscal year 2026 (FY 2026).
2. Paragraph 46 of Resolution 20-820 appropriated 15 percent of revenues of the Emergency Medical Services Insurance Reimbursement Program (EMST) to local fire and rescue departments (LFRDs) under Montgomery County Code Section 21-23A.
3. Expedited Bill 6-26 subsequently amended Code Section 21-23A, effective March 30, 2026. Expedited Bill 6-26 clarified that the operating budget resolution may authorize the distribution of EMST revenue to either or both: (1) the authorized LFRD representative, which is the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association (MCVFRA); and (2) individual LFRDs. The Executive may enter into one or more contracts on behalf of the County to effectuate the distribution of funds Section 21-23A.
4. The purpose of this resolution is to amend Resolution 20-820 to clarify that the EMST revenue may be distributed in FY 2026 to the LFRD representative, MCVFRA, for the purposes authorized under Code Section 21-23A, as amended by Expedited Bill 6-26.

Action

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

Paragraph 48 of Resolution 20-820 is amended to include the following additional subparagraph (h):

- (h) Pursuant to Montgomery County Code Section 21-23A, as amended by Expedited Bill 6-26, the Executive may distribute EMST revenue to either or both: (1) the authorized LFRD representative, which is MCVFRA; and (2) individual LFRDs. The Executive may enter into one or more contracts on behalf of the County to effectuate the distribution of the funds under this Paragraph 46 and Code Section 21-23A. The contract may permit or direct the use of funds for any of the purposes authorized under Section 21-23A, including: (1) replacement or augmentation of apparatus used by one or more LFRD; (2) facilities used by one or more LFRD; (3) training for volunteers; (4) gear and equipment for volunteers; (5) administrative staff, including administrative staff of MCVFRA; (6) volunteer recruitment and retention; and (7) volunteer stand-by support.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



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Clerk of the Council