

Resolution No: 20-352
Introduced: October 24, 2023
Adopted: December 12, 2023

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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

SUBJECT: Special Appropriation #24-14 to the Fiscal Year 2024 Operative Budget Montgomery County Government Department of Housing and Community Affairs Rent Stabilization Bill 15-23
\$1,347,470 (Source of Funds: General Fund: Undesignated Reserves)

Background

1. Section 308 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that a special appropriation: (a) may be made at any time after public notice by news release; (b) must state that the special appropriation is necessary to meet an unforeseen disaster or other emergency or to act without delay in the public interest; (c) must specify the revenues necessary to finance it; and (d) must be approved by no fewer than seven members of the Council.
2. The County Executive has requested the following FY24 Operating Budget appropriation increases for the Department of Housing & Community Affairs:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u> General Fund: Undesignated Reserves
\$786,930	\$560,540	\$1,347,470	

3. On July 18, 2023, the Montgomery County Council passed Bill 15-23, which will implement rent stabilization in Montgomery County. This critical legislation will have the ability to provide security for 35% of Montgomery County residents and is a great step toward ensuring the safety and stability in an equitable manner. The Bill takes effect 90 days after the County Executive signs into law, pending Method 2 Regulations being approved by the County Council. To ensure its effective implementation, the Council acknowledged the increased costs for the Department to carry out this legislation successfully.
4. The special appropriation would allow for the hiring of nine positions to ensure timely compliance with Council directives and proper implementation of the new law.
5. The County Executive recommends a special appropriation to the FY24 Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,347,470 and specifies the source of funds as General Fund: Undesignated Reserves.

6. The public was notified by a news release.

Action

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

1. A special appropriation to the FY24 Operating Budget of the Department of Housing & Community Affairs is approved as follows:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u> General Fund: Undesignated Reserves
\$349,764	\$560,540	\$910,304	

2. The County Council declares that this action is necessary to act without delay in the public interest, and that this appropriation is needed to meet the emergency.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Sara R. Tenenbaum
Clerk of the Council