

Resolution No.:	<u>20-1137</u>
Introduced:	<u>May 21, 2026</u>
Adopted:	<u>May 21, 2026</u>

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: County Council

SUBJECT: Approval of the FY 2027 Aggregate Operating Budget

Background

1. Section 305 of the County Charter requires the affirmative vote of 8 Councilmembers to approve the aggregate operating budget if that budget exceeds the adopted spending affordability guidelines then in effect. Section 305 excludes from the aggregate operating budget:
 - Specific grants;
 - Enterprise Funds;
 - Tuition and tuition-related charges at Montgomery College;
 - Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.
2. Section 20-60 of the County Code requires the County Council to set spending affordability guidelines by resolution no later than the second Tuesday in February. The guidelines must specify a ceiling on the aggregate operating budget for FY 2027.
3. Section 305 of the Charter requires that at least 7 Councilmembers must approve the aggregate operating budget if that budget exceeds the aggregate operating budget for the preceding year by more than the rate of inflation, as measured by the annual average increase in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers in the Washington-Baltimore Metropolitan area for the 12-month period preceding December 1, which was 2.44 percent for the 12-month period preceding December 1, 2025.
4. On May 22, 2025, in Council Resolution No. 20-825, the Council approved the FY 2026 aggregate operating budget in the amount of \$6,655,327,132. If that aggregate operating budget increased at the 2.44 percent rate of inflation for the 12-month period preceding December 1, 2025, it would be \$6,817,717,114.
5. In Council Resolution No. 20-1033, adopted February 10, 2026, the Council adopted the following spending affordability guideline for the FY 2027 aggregate operating budget:

- FY 2027 ceiling on the aggregate operating budget \$6,728,112,253

Action

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

The Council, by at least 8 affirmative votes, approves the FY 2027 aggregate operating budget in the amount of \$6,938,800,237 as calculated on the attached page.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Sara R. Tenenbaum
Clerk of the Council

The FY 2027 aggregate operating budget excludes enterprise funds, specific grants, and tuition and tuition-related charges at the College and is calculated as follows:

Fund or District	Appropriation (\$)
General Fund	1,859,436,546
Fire District	311,940,036
Economic Development Fund	4,173,420
Mass Transit	210,922,809
Recreation District	65,050,361
Urban District	13,662,018
Montgomery County Public Schools	3,485,978,528
Montgomery College	303,463,096
Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission:	
Administration Fund	47,117,462
Park Fund	146,565,182
Debt Service on County Bonds and Leases	462,466,950
Debt Service on Park Bonds	7,963,435
Current Revenue for the Capital Budget	63,088,000
Current Revenue for PAYGO	30,000,000
Total Appropriations	7,011,827,843
Less College Tuition and Tuition-Related Charges	(73,027,606)
FY 2027 AGGREGATE OPERATING BUDGET	6,938,800,237
SUMMARY:	
Montgomery County Public Schools	3,485,978,528
Montgomery College	303,463,096
County Government	2,403,981,412
Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission	191,691,277
Retiree Health Insurance Pre-Funding	63,195,145
Debt Service on County Bonds and Park Bonds	470,430,385
Current Revenue and PAYGO for Capital Budget	93,088,000
Total Appropriations	7,011,827,843
Less College Tuition and Tuition-Related Charges	(73,027,606)
FY 2027 AGGREGATE OPERATING BUDGET	6,938,800,237
Aggregate Operating Budget for FY 2026	6,655,327,132
\$ increase	283,473,105
% change	4.26%