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Worksession

MEMORANDUM

April 23, 2012

TO: Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee

FROM: Amanda M. Mihill, Legislative Attorney *A. Mihill*

SUBJECT: **Worksession:** FY13 Operating Budget for the Charter Review Commission NDA

Those expected for this worksession:

- Jane Mukira, Office of Management and Budget

The Executive's recommendation for the Charter Review Commission Non-Departmental Account is attached at ©1.

Overview

The Montgomery County Charter requires the Charter Review Commission to report to the County Council in May of every even numbered year. Expenses for the Commission vary from year to year. For FY13, the Executive recommends total expenditures of \$150 for this NDA, a decrease of \$1,000 from FY12.

Council staff recommendation

Approve the Executive's recommended budget as submitted. The Commission is not expected to issue a report during FY13.

Expenses for the Commission will increase in FY14 when its May 2014 report will be due to the Council.

from the Employees' Retirement System (ERS), Retirement Savings Plan (RSP), Retiree Health Benefit Trust (RHBT), and the General Fund on behalf of the Montgomery County Deferred Compensation Plan (DCP) trust funds and are, therefore, not appropriated here. The Board of Investment Trustees manages the assets of the ERS and RHBT through its investment managers in accordance with the Board's asset allocation strategy and investment guidelines. The Board also administers the investment programs for the RSP and DCP. The Board consists of 13 trustees including the Directors of Human Resources, Finance, Management and Budget, and the Council Staff; one member recommended by each employee organization; one active employee not represented by an employee organization; one retired employee; two members of the public recommended by the County Council; and two members of the general public.

In FY 13, the responsibility for the administration of the retirement plans will be centralized within one organization called Montgomery County Employee Retirement Plans. The new organization will oversee all facets of the retirement plans including investments, administration and accounting. The 7 full-time positions with the Board of Investment Trustees are charged to various retirement funds as are the 7 full-time positions transferred to the NDA from the Office of Human Resources to administer the plans; 0.7 FTEs are charged to the Compensation and Employee Benefits Adjustments NDA for deferred compensation management.

FY13 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY12 Approved	0	0.00
FY13 CE Recommended	0	0.00

Boards, Committees, and Commissions

There are approximately 75 boards, committees, and commissions, created by law or resolution, which serve the County for a variety of purposes. These funds provide for the reimbursement of certain expenses incurred by eligible members of boards, committees, or commissions while on official business and/or for expenses related to the establishment of any new boards, committees, or commissions.

FY13 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY12 Approved	22,950	0.00
FY13 CE Recommended	22,950	0.00

Charter Review Commission

Section 509 of the County Charter requires that a Charter Review Commission be appointed by the County Council every four years, within six months after the Council assumes office, for the purpose of studying the Charter. The Commission shall report at least once to the Council on the Commission's activities within one year after appointment. Commission reports shall be submitted no later than May 1 of every even-numbered year. The reports shall contain recommendations concerning proposed Charter amendments, if any. This NDA provides for the expenses of the Commission.

FY13 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY12 Approved	1,150	0.00
Decrease Cost: Charter Review Commission - Biennial Workload Adjustment	-1,000	0.00
FY13 CE Recommended	150	0.00

Community Grants

This NDA provides one-time grants directly to organizations in the Community. A complete list of grantees is located within the FY13 Recommended Changes Table at the end of this section. Included in this NDA are:

- Community Grants: one-time grants to organizations that leverage Federal, State, and/or private funding or improve the quality of life for County residents. FY13 Community Grants are \$3,719,570;
- Community Service Grants: one-time grants for capital purchases that support health and human service activities. FY13 Community Service Grants are \$58,320.

Approved for Community Grants, but included as part of the Capital Budget within the Cost Sharing: MCG Project (CIP#720601) for a total of \$447,500 are listed as follows: ArtPrenuers, Inc. \$80,000; Live Garra Theatre, Inc. \$50,000; Muslim Community Center, Inc. \$70,000; Muslim Community Council, Inc. \$100,000; Potomac Community Resources, Inc. \$50,000; Sheppard Pratt Health Systems, Inc. \$50,000; and The Menare Foundation, Inc. \$47,500.

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