

PS COMMITTEE #1
July 23, 2012

MEMORANDUM

July 19, 2012

TO: Public Safety Committee

FROM: Susan J. Farag, Legislative Analyst *SJF*

SUBJECT: **Worksession: Supplemental Appropriation #13-334 to the County Government's FY13 Operating Budget, Department of Police --\$248,894 for FY09 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (federal grant)**

Today the Committee will hold a worksession on a supplemental appropriation to the Police Department in the amount of \$248,894 in FY13. This appropriation will fund operating expenses for the installation of the High Density Evidence Storage Facility at the new Public Safety Headquarters.

The Council introduced a resolution to approve this appropriation on July 10, 2012 (attached at © 2-3). The Executive's transmittal memo is attached at © 1. Public hearing and action are tentatively scheduled for July 24, 2012.

This grant initially was awarded to the County on September 23, 2009 to support the establishment of a Police helicopter program. The USDOJ has approved the County's request to reallocate the grant funds to install high density evidence storage equipment at the new Public Safety Headquarters. The grant provides funding to purchase new shelving as well as to relocate the existing high density evidence storage system from its current location in a leased facility to the new Headquarters. The estimated cost of the purchase, relocation, and installation of equipment is estimated to be \$282,670, which is not fully funded by this grant. The remaining balance (\$33,776) will be funded within the Police Department's FY13 appropriation. The Executive's transmittal memo states this transfer will improve operational efficiency and minimize chain of custody issues by bringing together the Evidence Section and the Forensics Services Sections, Biology and Chemistry Lab, Firearms, Investigations, Firearms Examinations, and other Major Crimes groups.

Discussion Issues

- 1) Will any savings be realized by moving the evidence storage system from the current leased facility? If so, how much?
- 2) What is the expected time frame for moving the evidence storage system to the new Headquarters?

Council staff recommends approval of the supplemental appropriation as submitted.



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INTRODUCTION

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Isiah Leggett
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

June 25, 2012

TO: Roger Berliner, President, County Council

FROM: Isiah Leggett, County Executive 

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #13-334 to the FY13 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Department of Police
FY09 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, \$248,894

I am recommending a supplemental appropriation to the FY13-Operating Budget of the Department of Police in the amount of \$248,894 for the FY09 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. This appropriation will fund operating expenses for the installation of the High Density Evidence Storage Facility at the Public Safety Headquarters.

This U.S. Department of Justice (USDOJ) grant was initially awarded to the County on September 23, 2009 to support establishment of a Police helicopter program. The USDOJ has approved the County's request to reallocate the grant funds to install high density evidence storage equipment at the Public Safety Headquarters. The grant provides funding to purchase new shelving and to relocate existing high density evidence storage system equipment from its current location in a leased facility to the Public Safety Headquarters. The total cost of this relocation and installation of equipment is estimated to be \$282,670; the remaining balance of \$33,776 will be funded within the Department of Police's FY13 appropriation. This will improve operational efficiency and minimize chain of custody issues by bringing together under one roof the Evidence Section with the Forensics Services Section, Biology and Chemistry Lab, Firearms Investigations, Firearms Examinations, and other Major Crimes groups.

I recommend that the County Council approve this supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$248,894 and specify the source of funds as Federal Grant.

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this action.

IL:ep

Attachment: Supplemental Appropriation #13-334

- c: J. Thomas Manger, Chief, Department of Police
- Kathleen Boucher, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer
- Jennifer A. Hughes, Director, Office of Management and Budget
- Alex Espinosa, Office of Management and Budget
- Beryl Feinberg, Office of Management and Budget
- Ed Piesen, Office of Management and Budget

Resolution No: _____
Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #13-334 to the FY13 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Department of Police
FY09 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant - \$248,894

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 five Councilmembers. A supplemental appropriation for any other purpose that is approved before January 1 of any fiscal year requires an affirmative vote of six 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 FY13 Operating Budget appropriation increases for the Police:

<u>Personnel</u> <u>Services</u>	<u>Operating</u> <u>Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source</u> <u>of Funds</u>
\$0	\$248,894	\$248,894	Federal Grant

3. The increase is needed to install high density evidence storage equipment at the Public Safety Headquarters. The grant provides funding to purchase new shelving and to relocate existing high density evidence storage system equipment from its current location in a leased facility to the Public Safety Headquarters. The total cost of this relocation and installation of equipment is estimated to be \$282,670; the remaining balance of \$33,776 will be funded within the Department of Police's FY13 appropriation. This will improve operational efficiency and minimize chain of custody issues by bringing together under one roof the Evidence Section with the Forensics Services Section, Biology and Chemistry Lab, Firearms Investigations, Firearms Examinations, and other Major Crimes groups.
4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY13 Operating Budget in the amount of \$248,894 for the FY09 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant and the source of funds will be Federal Grant.
5. Notice of public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held.

Action

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

A supplemental appropriation to the FY13 Operating Budget of the Department of Police is approved as follows:

<u>Personnel</u> <u>Services</u>	<u>Operating</u> <u>Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source</u> <u>of Funds</u>
\$0	\$248,894	\$248,894	Federal Grant

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council