

PS COMMITTEE #1
December 6, 2012
Worksession

MEMORANDUM

December 4, 2012

TO: Public Safety Committee

FROM: Essie McGuire, Senior Legislative Analyst 

SUBJECT: **Worksession – Supplemental Appropriation to the FY13 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service, Urban Area Security Initiative Water Operations Equipment and Training Grant Award, \$935,880**

Today the Public Safety Committee will consider a supplemental appropriation to the FY13 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service (MCFRS), Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Water Operations Equipment and Training Grant Award, \$935,880.

The County Executive transmitted this appropriation request on November 13, and the Council introduced it on November 27. A draft appropriation resolution is attached at circles 3-4. The Council held a public hearing on December 4; there were no speakers.

This Federal grant provides water operations equipment and training for five jurisdictions in the National Capital Region (NCR). The regional partners conducted a risk assessment of the area's urban water rescue capacity, and identified the training and equipment in this grant award as some of the regional needs.

MCFRS will serve as the lead on this project, work with County procurement to purchase the equipment, and assign and transfer equipment to the other jurisdictions as outlined on circle 1. Montgomery County will retain 20 percent of the equipment purchased under the grant. MCFRS has previously acted as the lead administrator for other Federal grants to the NCR. This grant award includes \$23,130 to cover costs associated with administering the project.

Council staff recommends approval of the Federal grant funds. The Council is scheduled to consider action on December 11.

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AGENDA ITEM #5(B)
November 27, 2012

INTRODUCTION

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

Isiah Leggett
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

November 13, 2012

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TO: Roger Berliner, President, Montgomery County Council

FROM: Isiah Leggett, County Executive 

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #13-348 to the FY13 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)
Water Operations Equipment & Training
Grant Award, \$935,880

I am recommending a supplemental appropriation to the FY13 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service in the amount of \$935,880 for the UASI Water Operations Equipment & Training Grant Award.

This increase is needed because Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service is in receipt of a federal grant in the amount of \$935,880. This grant provides full funding for water rescue equipment and for contractors to conduct swift water training for five jurisdictions of the National Capital Region (NCR). Currently no single jurisdiction in the NCR possesses the capability to provide a sustained multi-hour or multi-day event involving flooding and hurricanes that produce urban flooding and require swift water rescue. This UASI grant investment will merge the regional capabilities into a "task force" model, and will also strengthen local emergency response teams through increased training and equipment access.

MCFRS will serve as the lead on this project, administer the grant, and work with County procurement to purchase the equipment, to include 10 inflatable rescue boats, 10 motors to power the boats, 5 tow vehicles, 10 trailers, 50 dry suits, and consultants/contractors to conduct the swift water training. Twenty percent of the equipment will be assigned to Montgomery County, and the remaining 80% will be assigned & transferred to:

1. District of Columbia
2. Fairfax County
3. Prince Georges County
4. Prince William County

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Included in the award is \$23,130 in management and administrative funding to cover overtime personnel costs required for MCFRS to carry out the project.

I recommend that the County Council approve this supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$935,880 and specify the source of funds as Federal Grant Funds.

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this action.

IL:jrc

Attachment: Supplemental Appropriation #13-348

cc: Kathleen Boucher, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer
Jennifer Hughes, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Joseph F. Beach, Director, Department of Finance
Richard Bowers, Fire Chief, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
Steve Lohr, Division Chief, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
Scott Goldstein, Assistant Chief, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
Dominic Del Pozzo, Budget Manager, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
Amy Wilson, 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 #13-348 to the FY13 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)
Water Operations Equipment & Training
Grant Award, \$935,880

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 Council members. A supplemental appropriation for any other purpose that is approved before January 1 of any fiscal year requires an affirmative vote of six Council members. 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 Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$23,130	\$912,750	\$0	\$935,880	Federal Grant

3. This increase is needed because Montgomery County is in receipt of a Federal UASI grant in the amount of \$935,880. The purpose of the grant is to fund water rescue equipment and contractors to conduct swift water training for five jurisdictions of the National Capital Region (NCR). Currently no single jurisdiction in the NCR possesses the capability to provide a sustained multi-hour or multi-day event involving flooding and hurricanes that produce urban flooding and require swift water rescue. This UASI grant investment will merge the regional capabilities into a "task force" model, and will also strengthen local emergency response teams through increased training and equipment access.
4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY13 Operating Budget in the amount of \$935,880 for the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Water Operations Equipment & Training subgrant, via the Government of the District of Columbia, and specifies that the source of funds will be Federal.
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 Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service of \$935,880 is approved as follows:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$23,130	\$912,750	\$0	\$935,880	Federal Grant

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council