

PS COMMITTEE #1
June 13, 2013
Worksession

MEMORANDUM

June 11, 2013

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, Assistance to Firefighters Grant and County Program Support, \$1,351,000 for defibrillator and monitor replacement**

Today the Public Safety Committee will review a supplemental appropriation to the FY13 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service (MCFRS), Assistance to Firefighters Grant and County Program Support, \$1,351,000 for defibrillator and monitor replacement. The following individuals are expected to participate in today's worksession:

- EMS Battalion Chief Alan Butsch, MCFRS
- Joe Coyne, Grants Administrator, MCFRS
- Amy Wilson, Office of Management and Budget

The County Executive transmitted this appropriation request on May 6 (transmittal attached beginning on circle 1). A draft appropriation resolution is attached on circles 2-3. The Council introduced this resolution on May 23, and held a public hearing on June 11. There were no speakers at the public hearing.

MCFRS was awarded an Assistance to Firefighters grant from the Federal Department of Homeland Security totaling \$1,192,800 to purchase new Lifepak 15 model cardiac defibrillators and monitors to replace older units. The grant requires a 20 percent County match, which is \$298,200. A portion of this match (\$140,000) will be met with credits for trading in old units, requiring the remaining \$158,200 to be met with new County dollars. The total appropriation needed is \$1,351,000, with \$1,192,800 from Federal funds and \$158,200 from County funds.

The grant will support purchasing 44 new Lifepak sets. MCFRS reports that the current EMS response model includes 59 frontline Advanced Life Support (ALS) response units, including both paramedic engines and ALS transport units. Each of the 59 response units carries a full complement of ALS equipment, including one Lifepak unit. This grant will replace the 44

oldest Lifepak units, all of which were manufactured between 1999-2003. The new model also has additional service and safety features.

MCFRS also reports that the units typically cost \$37,000, but with this purchase MCFRS was able to secure a lower price which will allow the purchase of more units. While MCFRS will trade in 40 of the old units for credit toward the match, as noted, it will retain four old units for back-up and training purposes.

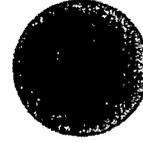
Council staff recommends approval of the appropriation as requested, a total of \$1,351,000, with \$1,192,800 from Federal funds and \$158,200 from County funds.

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Isiah Leggett
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

May 6, 2013

TO: Nancy Navarro, President
County Council

FROM: Isiah Leggett 
County Executive

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation # 13-357 to the FY13 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
Assistance to Firefighters Grant, \$1,192,800
County Program Support (General Fund Reserves), \$158,200

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I am recommending a supplemental appropriation to the FY13 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service (MCFRS) in the amount of \$1,351,000 for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant.

This appropriation is needed because the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has awarded the MCFRS an Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$1,192,800, with County match costs of \$158,200. This grant will allow MCFRS to purchase 44 new Lifepak 15 model cardiac defibrillators/monitors to replace older model units that are 10 – 14 years old. The new models have life-saving features which the old units do not. Forty of the old units will be traded in for a \$140,000 credit and will reduce the County's required 20% cost match from \$298,200 to \$158,200. The remaining four old units will be kept by MCFRS for back-up and training purposes.

I recommend that the County Council approve this supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$1,351,000 and specify the source of funds as Federal Aid and General Fund Reserves.

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this action.

IL: jrc

Attachment: Supplemental Appropriation # 13-357

- c: Joseph F. Beach, Director, Department of Finance
- Kathleen Boucher, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer
- Jennifer A. Hughes, Director, Office of Management and Budget
- Steven E. Lohr, Interim Fire Chief, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service

Resolution No: _____
Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #13-357 to the FY13 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
Assistance to Firefighters Grant, \$1,192,800
County Program Support (General Fund Reserves), \$158,200

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 Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$1,192,800	\$1,192,800	Federal Grant
\$0	\$158,200	\$158,200	General Fund Reserves

3. This increase is needed because the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has awarded the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) in the amount of \$1,192,800, with County match costs of \$158,200. This grant will allow MCFRS to purchase 44 new Lifepak 15 model cardiac defibrillators/monitors to replace older model units that are 10 – 14 years old. The new models have life-saving features which the old units do not. 40 of the old units will be traded in for a \$140,000 credit and will reduce the County's required 20% cost match from \$298,200 to \$158,200. The remaining four old units will be kept by MCFRS for back-up and training purposes.

4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY13 Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,351,000 for the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service and specifies that the source of funding will be Federal Grant (\$1,192,800) and General Fund Reserves (\$158,200).
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 for the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service is approved as follows:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$1,192,800	\$1,192,800	Federal Grant
\$0	\$158,200	\$158,200	General Fund Reserves

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council