

AGENDA ITEM #8  
September 29, 2009

**Public Hearing/Action**

**MEMORANDUM**

September 25, 2009

TO: County Council

FROM: Minna K. Davidson, Legislative Analyst 

SUBJECT: **Public Hearing/Action:** Supplemental appropriation to the FY10 Operating Budget  
Montgomery County Government  
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service  
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)  
National Urban Search & Rescue (US&R) Response System Grant, \$1,001,910

Each year, Montgomery County's US&R Team, Maryland Task Force One (MD TF-1), is eligible to apply for funding under a US&R Readiness Cooperative Agreement with FEMA. The Agreement provides for the US&R Team's ongoing activities, and grant funding may cover personnel to administer the program, and training and equipment to support the Team's readiness to respond to incidents. (Reimbursement for activation of the Team is provided under a separate Activation Cooperative Agreement.)

Montgomery County has received a grant of \$1,001,910 under the Federal Fiscal Year 2009 Readiness Cooperative Agreement to continue to develop and maintain the MD TF-1 as a National Urban Search & Rescue Response System resource, and to enhance the Team's preparedness for emergency responses to national disasters, either natural or man-made, including emergency responses to attacks involving terrorist acts or weapons of mass destruction. (Grant award letter on © 6.)

Items to be paid for with grant funds must fall within the allowable categories and cache lists under the Cooperative Agreement. The broad categories approved under this grant are listed on © 7. Grant funds are provided on a reimbursement basis. No cost-sharing or matching funds are required. The performance period for the grant is May 1, 2009, through August 31, 2010.

The Public Safety Committee Chair reviewed this request and did not think that Committee review was necessary because the supplemental appropriation involves grant funds

that are allocated under an agreement which provides detailed guidance about the purposes for which funds may be used, and no County match is required.

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Resolution No: \_\_\_\_\_

Introduced: \_\_\_\_\_

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

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SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #10-281 to the FY10 Operating Budget  
Montgomery County Government  
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
National Urban Search and Rescue Response System Grant, \$1,001,910

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 FY10 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>
\$469,753	\$532,157		\$1,001,910	Federal Grant

3. This increase is needed because Montgomery County's US&R Team, MD TF-1, is in receipt of a Federal FEMA grant in the amount of \$1,001,910. The purpose of this grant is to continue to upgrade MD TF-1's equipment, training, and readiness as part of the National Urban Search and Rescue response to attacks involving terrorist acts or utilization of weapons of mass destruction (WMD). This grant provides equipment, supplies, inventory, and training for readiness to respond to and mitigate events that may involve WMD locally, regionally, and nationally. These Federal funds are to enhance the operational capabilities of MD TF-1. Montgomery County benefits by having well trained and equipped personnel that may respond locally to an incident when the team is not deployed.
4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY10 Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,001,910 for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, National Urban Search and Rescue Response System Grant, and specifies that the source of funds will be a 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 FY10 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service of \$1,001,910 is approved as follows:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$469,753	\$532,157		\$1,001,910	Federal Grant

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
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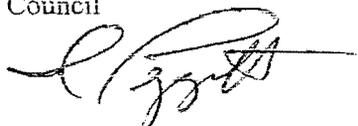
Isiah Leggett  
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

August 3, 2008



TO: Phil Andrews, President, County Council

FROM: Isiah Leggett, County Executive 

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #10-281 to the FY10 Operating Budget  
Montgomery County Government  
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service  
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)  
National Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Response System Grant, \$1,001,910

I am recommending a supplemental appropriation to the FY10 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service in the amount of \$1,001,910 for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Response System Grant.

This appropriation will fund continuation of the US&R Team's equipment, training, and readiness as part of the National Urban Search & Rescue Response System to respond to national disasters, either natural or man-made, including emergency response to attacks involving terrorist acts or utilization of weapons of mass destruction (WMD). This grant provides equipment, supplies, inventory, and training for readiness to respond to and mitigate events that may involve WMD locally, regionally, and nationally. These Federal funds are to enhance the operational capabilities of the US&R Team. Montgomery County benefits by having well trained and equipped personnel that may respond locally to an incident when the team is not deployed.

I recommend that the County Council approve this supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$1,001,910 and specify the source of funds as a Federal grant.

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this action.

IL:bd

Attachment: Supplemental Appropriation #10-281

c: Kathleen Boucher, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer  
Joseph F. Beach, Director, Office of Management and Budget  
Richard Bowers, Fire Chief, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service  
Randy Wheeler, Division Chief, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service  
Dominic Del Pozzo, Budget Manager, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service

**OPERATING BUDGET**

**SUPPLEMENTAL OR SPECIAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST SUMMARY**

1. Please fill in the following table:

Agency	Montgomery County Government
Department	Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
Fund (County Government only)	Grant Fund
Fiscal year	FY10
Supplemental or Special	Supplemental
Operating or Capital budget	Operating

2. What is the amount and source of funding?

Source of funding (Please list sources)	Amount
Federal grant	\$1,001,910
Total request	\$1,001,910

3. Is the request one-time or continuing? If continuing and funded by a grant, what will you do when the grant ends?

The 2009 Urban Search and Rescue Response System's performance period is May 01, 2009 thru August 31, 2010. Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service will apply to FEMA to continue the funding of the development and maintenance of Maryland Task Force One (MD-TF1) when the 2010 Urban Search and Rescue Response System's application period is announced.

4. Please provide a brief description, justification, expected outcomes, and how the outcomes will be measured.

Grant funding provides training and equipment for US&R Task Force members. The training and equipment allows for the continued preparedness of MD-TF1 to respond to any mobilization request according to FEMA/US&R identified standards. MD-TF1 provides monthly operational readiness assessments, quarterly financial reports, and semi-annual performance reports to assess its operational, logistical, and management readiness.

5. Please explain why you did not request this during the annual budget process.

The federal grant was awarded in May 2009, not allowing sufficient time to be included in the annual budget process.

6. For your agency, what is the current fiscal year budget for the relevant fund and what is the latest estimate? (do not fill out if the appropriation is funded entirely by a non-County grant)

Budget for current fiscal year for the relevant fund	
+ Supplemental/special appropriations already approved	
= Revised budget for current fiscal year	
Latest estimate of spending for current year	

7. County Government only: For your department or fund, whichever is applicable, what is the current fiscal year budget and what is the latest estimate? (do not fill out if the appropriation is funded entirely by a non-County grant)

Budget for current fiscal year for the department:	
+ Supplemental/special appropriations already approved	
= Revised budget for current fiscal year	
Latest estimate of spending for current year	



Department of Homeland Security, FEMA  
Grant Programs Directorate

May 14, 2009

Washington, D.C. 20531

Mr. Scott Goldstein  
Montgomery County Government  
101 Monroe Street  
12th Floor  
Rockville, MD 20850-2503

Dear Mr. Goldstein:

I am pleased to inform you that the Grant Programs Directorate has approved the application for funding under the FY 09 Urban Search & Rescue Readiness Cooperative Agreements in the amount of \$1,001,910 for Montgomery County Government.

Enclosed you will find the Grant Award and Special Conditions documents. This award is subject to all administrative and financial requirements, including the timely submission of all financial and programmatic reports, resolution of all interim audit findings, and the maintenance of a minimum level of cash-on-hand. Should you not adhere to these requirements, you will be in violation of the terms of this agreement and the award will be subject to termination for cause or other administrative action as appropriate.

If you have questions regarding this award, please contact:

- Program Questions, Marilyn Grim, Program Manager at (202) 646-4251;
- Financial and Payment Questions, Grants Management Division (GMD) at (866) 927-5646, or send an email to ask-GMD@dhs.gov.

Congratulations, and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

W. Ross Ashley, III  
Assistant Administrator, Grant Programs Directorate

Enclosures



Department of Homeland Security, FEMA  
Grant Programs Directorate  
Grants Management Division

Washington, D.C. 20531

May 14, 2009

Mr. Scott Goldstein  
Montgomery County Government  
101 Monroe Street  
12th Floor  
Rockville, MD 20850 - 2503

Reference Grant Number: 2009-SR-24-K015

Dear Mr. Goldstein:

I am pleased to inform you that my office has approved the following budget categories for the aforementioned grant award in the cost categories identified below:

Category	Budget
Personnel	\$437,082
Fringe Benefits	\$32,671
Travel	\$107,448
Equipment	\$291,984
Supplies	\$26,465
Construction	\$0
Contractual	\$72,260
Other	\$34,000
Total Direct Cost	\$1,001,910
Indirect Cost	\$0
Total Project Cost	\$1,001,910
Federal Funds Approved:	\$1,001,910
Non-Federal Share:	\$0
Program Income:	