

Resolution No.: 16-1452  
 Introduced: July 13, 2010  
 Adopted: July 20, 2010

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
 FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

**SUBJECT:** Special Appropriation to the FY11 Operating Budget  
Montgomery County Government  
Department of Environmental Protection  
Department of General Services  
Department of Economic Development  
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act - Energy Efficiency and Conservation  
Block Grant (EECBG), \$5,172,900

**Background**

1. Section 308 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that a special appropriation: (a) may be made at any time after public notice by news release; (b) must state that the special appropriation is necessary to meet an unforeseen disaster or other emergency or to act without delay in the public interest; (c) must specify the revenues necessary to finance it; and (d) must be approved by no fewer than six members of the Council.
2. The County Executive has requested the following FY11 Operating Budget appropriation increases for the following County Departments:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
DEP	\$325,686	\$3,986,391	\$0	\$4,312,077	Federal ARRA Grant
DGS	\$0	\$554,000	\$0	\$554,000	Federal ARRA Grant
DED	\$0	\$306,823	\$0	\$306,823	Federal ARRA Grant
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$325,686</b>	<b>\$4,847,214</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,172,900</b>	

3. This special appropriation request in the amount of \$5,172,900 provides funding for various energy efficiency improvements to be implemented by these three county departments under the following activities:
  - a) **Activity 1: Home Energy Loan Program (\$1,526,780) - Department of Environmental Protection.** This activity would support the County's recently adopted legislation establishing the Home Energy Loan Program, which would provide low interest loans to residents for the installation of energy efficiency measures.

- b) Activity 2 (County Departments portion): *Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy in Buildings Owned by the County Government (\$554,000) - Department of General Services, and Grant Reporting and Compliance Contractual Costs (\$171,381) - Department of Environmental Protection.* The scope of work, deliverables, and timelines for this activity will be developed through a memorandum of understanding.
  - c) Activity 3: *Commercial & Multi-Family Building Energy Efficiency Grant Program (\$1,924,147) - Department of Environmental Protection.* Funding would be used to provide grants to commercial and multi-family property owners to offset the cost of energy efficiency improvements.
  - d) Activity 4: *Commercial and Multi-Family Building Study (\$400,000) - Department of Environmental Protection.* Funds would be used to conduct a detailed inventory of existing buildings in the County, the relative energy performance of these buildings, appropriate energy performance or prescriptive targets for these buildings, educational needs of building owners and operators, suitable incentives and/or mandates for making energy efficiency improvements, and approaches to funding/financing of improvements in order to achieve the energy reduction targets outlined in the 2009 Climate Protection Plan.
  - e) Activity 5: *Workforce Development (\$306,823) - Department of Economic Development.* Funds would be used for workforce development programs, including the training and certification of energy professionals involved in residential energy efficiency products and services, and the training of facility and property managers to enhance commercial building energy management skills.
  - f) Activity 6: *Energy Education (\$289,769) - Environmental Protection.* Funds would be used to promote energy education; market local, state and federal incentive programs; and provide peer-to-peer coaching on energy efficiency and renewable energy opportunities. Final scope of work, deliverables, and timelines for this activity will be developed through a memorandum of understanding.
4. The County Executive has requested a special appropriation in the amount of \$5,172,900 and specifies that the source of funds will be Federal ARRA grant funds.
5. On July 20, 2010 the County Council held a public hearing.

Action

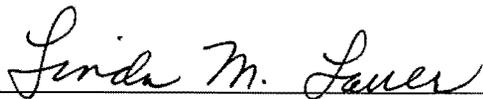
The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following actions:

1. A special appropriation to the FY11 Operating Budget is approved as follows:

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2. Any funds appropriated in this resolution must not be spent for any purpose until two days after the Council has received from the County Executive a copy of the grant award letter from the Federal or state government which provides all funds to be spent.
3. The County Council declares that this action is necessary to act without delay in the public interest, and that this appropriation is needed to meet the emergency.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

  
 Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council