

Resolution No.: 17-1263
Introduced: October 14, 2014
Adopted: October 28, 2014

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #15-373 to the FY15 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Department of Economic Development
Comprehensive Economic Strategy, \$250,000

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 FY15 Operating Budget appropriation increases for the Department of Economic Development:

<u>Personnel</u> <u>Services</u>	<u>Operating</u> <u>Expenses</u>	<u>Capital</u> <u>Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000	001 – General Fund Undesignated Reserve

3. This supplemental appropriation is needed to engage Project Management, Strategy Development, and Economic Research consulting services. The Comprehensive Economic Strategy is a much more complex endeavor than has previously been undertaken by the County. It requires highly specialized skill sets and expertise, as well as the depth and

breadth of knowledge of national best practices in new and innovative approaches to economic development, industry trends, and local and national (or even international) market projections, that are beyond what is expected of County government employees. Managing such a complex process and scope of work with multiple internal and external teams would also overwhelm County staff, who would be asked to manage this large project on top of existing duties. A consulting team with multi-jurisdictional experience will bring new and fresh ideas and approaches, as well as best practices that can expand the horizon of our thinking and practices. Finally, the plan will be data-informed, using a level of economic analysis that is not currently available within County government.

4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY15 Operating Budget in the amount of \$250,000 for the Comprehensive Economic Strategy and specifies that the source of funds will be undesignated reserve.
5. Notice of public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held.

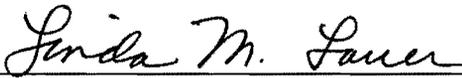
Action

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

A supplemental appropriation to the FY15 Operating Budget of the Department of Economic Development is approved as follows:

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This is a correct copy of Council action.



 Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council