Resolution No.: 18-75
Introduced: February 10, 2015
Adopted: March 17, 2015

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #15-376 to the FY15 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
FY14 Senator Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance Fund (State 508) Grant, $1,299,560

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 increase for the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service:

Personnel Services	Operating Expenses	Total	Source of Funds
$0	$1,299,560	$1,299,560	State Grant

3. This increase is to expend the proceeds of the FY14 State of Maryland Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance (State 508) Fund grant and accrued interest.

4. The Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance (State 508) Fund was established to provide grants for fire, rescue, and ambulance services to promote high-quality service and the continued financial viability of volunteer fire, rescue and ambulance companies. The grant funds are distributed directly to the County in quarterly payments and must be distributed to the Local Fire and Rescue Departments no later than two years after the County receives the funds from the State. Local Fire and Rescue Departments are required to spend or encumber Amoss funds within two years of the date that they receive the funds from the County.

5. In accordance with the State Law, grant funds may be used for the acquisition or rehabilitation of apparatus and capital fire and rescue equipment, and for the renovation of facilities used to house apparatus.

6. In accordance with State procedures, the Fire Chief has consulted with the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association regarding these needs of the Local Fire and Rescue Departments.

7. This supplemental appropriation represents the priorities established by the Fire Chief, in coordination with the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, for the renovation of stations and acquisition of fire and rescue equipment.

8. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY15 Operating Budget in the amount of $1,299,560 for Senator Amoss Grant and specifies that the source of funds will be the proceeds from the FY14 Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance (State 508) Fund grant and accrued interest.

9. Notice of public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held.

Action

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

1. A supplemental appropriation to the FY15 Operating Budget for the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service is approved as follows:

Personnel Services	Operating Expenses	Total	Source of Funds
$0	$1,299,560	$1,299,560	State Grant

2. Any funds appropriated in this resolution must be spent or encumbered by each LFRD to which funds are assigned no later than April 1, 2016. Any funds that an LFRD does not encumber or spend by April 1, 2016 automatically revert to the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service on April 2, 2016. The Fire Chief must reallocate any funds reverted under this provision, consistent with applicable State and County laws, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council