

GO COMMITTEE #7
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MEMORANDUM

April 16, 2015

TO: Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee

FROM: Dr. Costis Toregas, Council IT Adviser 

SUBJECT: FY16 Recommended Operating Budget NDA for Interagency Technology Policy and Coordination Committee (ITPCC), Section 67-11 in the Executive's FY16 Recommended Budget

The following are expected to attend:

Gary Thomas, ITPCC Staff
Representative from Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

Members of the ITPCC may also be available for detailed questions.

The relevant pages from the recommended FY16 operating budget are on ©1-2.

Summary of Staff Recommendations:

1. Accept the Executive's recommended budget of \$5,850.

Overview

For FY16, the Executive recommends a budget of \$5,850 to support the important work of the ITPCC. Indeed, much more is contributed to this work effort by each of the six constituent agencies of the ITPCC: MCG, MCPS, MC, M-NCPPC, WSSC, and HOC, a fact that underlines the tremendous potential arising from collaborative efforts in the IT arena. Council **staff recommends support for the \$5,850 budget amount that shows no change from FY15 levels.** This sum is intended to cover miscellaneous expenses associated with administrative support for the ITPCC activities.

<i>FY16 Recommended Changes</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>FTEs</i>
FY15 Approved	77,250	0.00
FY16 CE Recommended	77,250	0.00

Homeowners' Association Road Maintenance Reimburse

This NDA provides a partial reimbursement to homeowners' associations (HOAs) for their maintenance of certain privately-owned roadways. The payment is currently restricted to through roadways, accessible to the public, which are one-quarter mile or longer and which provide vehicular access to more than four dwelling units. In FY97, an Executive Regulation was enacted allowing homeowners' associations to request that their roadways be deemed "private maintenance roads." This designation qualifies the HOAs for State reimbursement of their roadway maintenance costs. The County annually submits to the State its estimate of reimbursable miles, including those accepted as private maintenance roads. The State then reimburses the County and, subsequently, the County forwards the funds to HOAs.

<i>FY16 Recommended Changes</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>FTEs</i>
FY15 Approved	53,110	0.00
FY16 CE Recommended	53,110	0.00

Housing Opportunities Commission

The Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County (HOC) is a public body corporate and politic duly organized under Division II of the Housing Community Development Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, known as the Housing Authorities Law. As such, the Commission acts as a builder, developer, financier, owner, and manager of housing for people of low- and moderate- (eligible) income. The Commission also provides eligible families and individuals with affordable housing and supportive services.

<i>FY16 Recommended Changes</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>FTEs</i>
FY15 Approved	6,376,480	0.00
Increase Cost: Annualization of FY15 Personnel Costs	222,910	0.00
Decrease Cost: Operating Expenses	-197,982	0.00
FY16 CE Recommended	6,401,408	0.00

Inauguration & Transition

The Montgomery County Charter provides for the quadrennial election of a County Executive and County Council. This NDA provides for a ceremony and smooth transition of the County Executive and County Council every four years.

<i>FY16 Recommended Changes</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>FTEs</i>
FY15 Approved	5,000	0.00
Decrease Cost: No Inauguration in FY16	-5,000	0.00
FY16 CE Recommended	0	0.00

Independent Audit

Section 315 of the County Charter requires the County Council to contract with a Certified Public Accountant for an independent post audit of all financial records and actions of the County government, its officials, and employees. By County Resolution, the Office of Legislative Oversight is the designated administrator for this contract, which also includes an independent audit of the basic financial statement of the Employee Retirement Plans; an independent audit of the basic financial statements of the Montgomery County Union Employees Deferred Compensation Plan; and additional services related to reviews, tests, and certifications.

<i>FY16 Recommended Changes</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>FTEs</i>
FY15 Approved	420,820	0.00
FY16 CE Recommended	420,820	0.00

Interagency Technology Policy and Coordination Committee

This NDA supports the operation of the Interagency Technology Policy and Coordination Committee (ITPCC). The ITPCC was chartered by the Montgomery County Council to promote strategic planning and coordination in the use of information technology among County agencies. The ITPCC reports biannually to the County Council. By regularly convening the agencies' chief executive and chief information officers, the ITPCC provides an effective forum for the coordinated implementation of technology policies and guidelines. Additionally, the ITPCC facilitates interagency communication, the evaluation and sharing of new technologies, and

advises policy makers on the strategic uses of technology.

FY16 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY15 Approved	5,850	0.00
FY16 CE Recommended	5,850	0.00

Leases

This NDA provides the funds necessary to lease privately owned real estate to accommodate County programs. Real property leased by the County includes office, warehouse, and retail space; hangar facilities; child care space in schools; parking spaces; and space for communication antennas. Leasing property allows the County the flexibility to locate programs in the communities they serve and provides space for programs to operate when there is no County-owned space available. Further, it is an economical way to procure highly specialized, location sensitive, or temporary space. Currently, there are approximately 66 leased facilities. The inventory of leases is constantly shifting as new leases are added and existing leases are terminated.

FY16 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY15 Approved	20,81,310	0.00
Increase Cost: Lease Added in FY16: Board of Elections Warehouse, Rockville Town Center Parking, Children's Resource Center, MC 317, and Child and Adolescent Services	2,209,147	0.00
Increase Cost: Maintenance costs for leased facilities	473,572	0.00
Decrease Cost: Terminations and Relocations	-169,482	0.00
Decrease Cost: Estimated net change in lease costs (escalation and renegotiation)	-823,920	0.00
FY16 CE Recommended	22,670,627	0.00

Legislative Branch Communications Outreach

This NDA provides funds to strengthen the capacity of five Legislative Branch offices (the Council Office, the Office of Legislative Oversight, the Board of Appeals, the Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings, and the Office of the Inspector General) to inform constituent communities of issues that directly affect them and to ensure that these communities' concerns are effectively taken into account. Communications efforts supported by this NDA include expanded outreach in Spanish and other languages, greater use of web and social media resources, Open Government initiatives, and improved management of constituent requests.

FY16 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY15 Approved	488,000	2.00
Increase Cost: Annualization of FY15 Personnel Costs	9,251	0.00
Increase Cost: Annualization of FY15 Compensation Increases	828	0.00
Decrease Cost: Operating Expenses	-8,079	0.00
FY16 CE Recommended	490,000	2.00

Montgomery Coalition for Adult English Literacy (MCAEL)

This NDA provides funding for the Montgomery Coalition for Adult English Literacy (MCAEL). MCAEL's mission is to strengthen the countywide adult English literacy providers' network with resources, training, collaborations, and advocacy to support a thriving community and an effective workforce. Funding for MCAEL supports program grants to organizations that provide adult English literacy services; technical assistance, training, and networking opportunities that improve program quality and coordination; information resources for the community; and operating expenses to administer the grants and provide the support services. The County's contribution is implemented by a contract between the Department of Public Libraries and MCAEL.

FY16 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY15 Approved	1,257,058	0.00
Enhance: MCAEL Grants and Operating Support	100,000	0.00
FY16 CE Recommended	357,058	0.00

Montgomery County Employee Retirement Plans

The mission of this NDA is to manage prudent investment programs for the members of the Employee Retirement Plans and their beneficiaries. Expenditures associated with this program are funded from the Employees' Retirement System (ERS), Retirement Savings Plan (RSP), and the General Fund on behalf of the Montgomery County Deferred Compensation Plan (DCP) trust funds and are, therefore, not appropriated here. This NDA manages the assets of the ERS through its investment managers in accordance with the Board's asset allocation strategy and investment guidelines. The Board also administers the investment programs for the RSP and DCP. The Board consists of 13 trustees including the Directors of Human Resources, Finance, and Management and Budget; the Council Administrator; one member recommended by each employee organization; one active employee not represented by an