

PS COMMITTEE #3
March 21, 2016
Worksession

MEMORANDUM

March 17, 2016

TO: Public Safety Committee

FROM: Essie McGuire, Senior Legislative Analyst 

SUBJECT: **Worksession – Supplemental Appropriation to the FY16 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service, \$1,750,816 for the FY16 Senator Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund (State 508) Grant**

Today the Public Safety Committee will review a supplemental appropriation to the FY16 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service (MCFRS), FY16 Senator Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance (State 508) Grant, \$1,750,816. The source of funds is State grant funds. The following individuals will be present to participate in this worksession:

- Fire Chief Scott Goldstein
- Division Chief Alan Hinde, Volunteer Services, MCFRS
- Dominic Del Pozzo, Budget Manager, MCFRS
- Bruce Meier, Office of Management and Budget (OMB)
- Marcine Goodloe, President, Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association (MCVFRA)
- Eric Bernard, Executive Director, MCVFRA

The County Executive transmitted this supplemental appropriation on March 3, and a draft appropriation resolution is attached on circles 3-4. The Council introduced this appropriation on March 15, and is scheduled to hold a public hearing and consider action on April 5.

I. BACKGROUND

Senator Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Grant Funds, also known as State 508 funds, were established to provide grants to local fire departments to renovate stations or acquire fire and rescue equipment. The State awards these funds annually to counties, who then distribute the funds to local fire and rescue departments who expend the funds. Funds can be used for a wide range of facility and equipment related expenses.

In Montgomery County, Amoss funds are allocated among Local Fire and Rescue Departments (LFRDs) through a process established in an MCFRS Policy and Procedure. Under this policy, LFRDs generate proposals for use of the funds which are reviewed by the Amoss

Fund Committee. The MCVFRA coordinates this process, reviewing the Amoss Fund Committee's recommended allocations and forwarding them to the Fire Chief. The Fire Chief then works with the MCVFRA to address any necessary coordination issues and forwards the recommendations to the Executive and Council for appropriation.

In recent years, the Council has approved a supplemental appropriation for Amoss Funds in the late winter or early spring. The Public Safety Committee has reviewed regular updates on the backlog of unexpended and unencumbered funds, and receives quarterly reports on the status of Local Fire and Rescue Departments (LFRD) spending of the grant funds.

Recent Appropriations: The Council appropriated the Amoss funds for State grant year 2014 in March 2015 and for State grant year 2015 in July 2015. Recent changes in State law resulted in the appropriation of these two grant years very close together. As a result, at this juncture the LFRDs have had two grant years' worth of funding to process in the last year.

Quarterly report: The most recent spending report reflects activity through December 2015 (attached on circles 5-9). Very little of the 2011 and 2012 grant year funding remains unencumbered, and a significant portion of the unencumbered 2012 funds is attributable to two LFRDs that are saving multiple years' allocations to fund major station renovations. Council staff acknowledges the continued efforts of the LFRDs, the MCVFRA, and MCFRS staff to keep current with the grant funds.

As noted above, the grant years 2014 and 2015 were appropriated very close together last year. The attached report shows that a total of \$1.48 million of these two grant years remains unencumbered and \$2.3 million remains unspent. Of the unspent total, \$472,615 is for renovation projects and \$1.5 million is for apparatus. These two expenditure categories often require saving multiple years' allocations for a given project.

Current appropriation request: The table on circle 10 shows the proposed allocations for this 2016 Amoss appropriation. Of the \$1.75 million total, 70% (\$1.2 million) is allocated toward apparatus, and 11% (\$198,480) toward facilities. These are two areas of significant need in fire and rescue services and reflect ongoing high funding priorities.

Council staff recommends approval of the FY16 supplemental appropriation to MCFRS, as submitted. As noted above, the LFRDs will have a large amount of funding to process in the coming year. Council staff encourages all parties to keep a close eye on the processing of Amoss funded projects to ensure a significant backlog of unencumbered funds does not recur.

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AGENDA ITEM #3(A)
March 15, 2016



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INTRODUCTION

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

Isiah Leggett
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

RECEIVED
MONTGOMERY COUNTY
COUNCIL

March 3, 2016

TO: Nancy Floreen, President, Montgomery County Council

FROM: Isiah Leggett, County Executive 

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #16-390, to the FY16 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
FY16 Senator Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance Fund (State 508) Grant,
\$1,750,816

I am recommending a supplemental appropriation to the FY16 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service in the amount of \$1,750,816 for the Senator Amoss Grant. The appropriation will fund acquisition or rehabilitation of apparatus and capital equipment, and the renovation of facilities used to house apparatus.

This appropriation is needed to expend the proceeds of the FY16 State of Maryland Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance (State 508) Fund grant. The Amoss 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. This supplemental appropriation represents the priorities established by the County Executive and 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.

I recommend that the County Council approve this supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$1,750,816 and specify the source of funds as State Grant.

Nancy Floreen, President, County Council
March 3, 2016
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I appreciate your prompt consideration of this action.

IL: brm

Attachments: Supplemental Appropriation #16-390

cc: Bonnie A. Kirkland, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer
Jennifer Hughes, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Joseph F. Beach, Director, Department of Finance
Scott Goldstein, Fire Chief, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
Marcine Goodloe, President, Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association
Eric Bernard, Executive Director, Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association
Alan Hinde, Division Chief, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
Dominic Del Pozzo, Budget Manager, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
Bruce Meier, Senior Management and Budget Specialist, Office of Management and Budget

Resolution No: _____
Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #16-390 to the FY16 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
FY16 Senator Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance Fund (State 508) Grant,
\$1,750,816

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 FY16 Operating Budget appropriation increase for the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service:

<u>Personnel</u> <u>Services</u>	<u>Operating</u> <u>Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source</u> <u>of Funds</u>
\$0	\$1,750,816	\$1,750,816	State Grant
3. This increase is to expend the proceeds of the FY16 State of Maryland Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance (State 508) Fund grant.
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 on an annual basis 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 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 FY16 Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,750,816 for Senator Amoss Grant and specifies that the source of funds will be the proceeds from the FY16 Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance (State 508) Fund grant.
- 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 FY16 Operating Budget for the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service is approved as follows:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$1,750,816	\$1,750,816	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 March 1, 2017. Any funds that an LFRD does not encumber or spend by March 1, 2017 automatically revert to the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service on March 2, 2017. 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, Clerk of the Council

**Unspent Amoss Funds by Project as of 12/31/2015
For State Grant Years 2013 and Prior**

LFRD	Funding	Project Description	FY	Encumbered
Burtonsville VFD	1,015.00	Replace heavy rescue tools	2013	
	1,015.00			
Chevy Chase FD	500.00	Replacement of watch desk cabinets and counters	2013	
	33,250.00	Replacement of drop ceilings, rear entrance, and front entrance	2012	X
	33,750.00			
Germantown VFD	50,000.00	Purchase ambulance	2013	
	50,000.00			
Glen Echo VFD	75,000.00	Facilities Renovations	2013	
	48,059.43	Renovations	2012	
	6,940.57	Renovations	2012	X
	2,494.29	Facilities Renovations/Repairs	2011	X
	132,494.29			
Hyattstown VFD	4,739.26	Engine room fan	2013	
	4,739.26			
Kensington VFD	4,594.60	Replace doors and windows Station 5; 21	2013	
	1,427.00	Replace station rear access gate	2012	X
	6,021.60			
Laytonsville VFD	1,140.00	Building Renovation	2012	
	405.56	Building Renovation	2011	
	1,545.56			
Sandy Spring VFD	45,000.00	Purchase boat support unit	2013	
	45,000.00			
Silver Spring VFD	60,000.00	Facility Renovations - Fire Station 16	2013	
	38,863.37	Facility Renovations - Fire Station 16	2012	
	98,863.37			
Upper Mont. Co. VFD	75.00	Install a grease trap system	2013	
	75.00			
Wheaton	1,545.00	Rescue Squad	2011	
	1,545.00			

Total Encumbered 44,111.86

Total Unencumbered 330,937.22

Total Unspent 375,049.08

Apparatus: 96,545.00

Renovations: 266,653.22

**Unspent Amoss Funds by Project as of 12/31/2015
For State Grant Year 2014 Only**

LFRD	Funding	Project Description	FY	Encumbered
Bethesda FD	30,615.06	Sataion 20 Renovations	2014	X
	30,615.06			
Burtonsville VFD	100,000.00	Aerial Truck Replacement	2014	
	100,000.00			
Cabin John VFD	50,000.00	Loan payment for existing ambulance and existing pumper	2014	X
	25,000.00	Station 30 addition loan payment	2014	X
	75,000.00			
Damascus VFD	3,000.00	EMS cabinet in engine room	2014	
	3,000.00			
Gaithersburg/WG FD	35,061.25	Ambulance (partial funding to replace A708-C)	2014	
	8,000.00	Sta 8 surveillance expansion	2014	
	43,061.25			
Germantown VFD	75,000.00	Ambulance replacement	2014	
	75,000.00			
Glen Echo VFD	70,000.00	Facilities Renovations	2014	
	70,000.00			
Hillandale VFD	9,454.42	Replacement B724	2014	
	9,454.42			
Hyattstown VFD	35,000.00	Kitchen and floor renovation	2014	
	35,000.00			
Kensington VFD	60,000.00	Payment for E705B loan	2014	
	40,000.00	Payment for AT705 loan	2014	
	100,000.00			
Laytonsville VFD	10,000.00	Replace Canteen 717	2014	
	10,000.00			
Rockville VFD	49,577.65	Payment on engine	2014	X
	49,577.65			
Sandy Spring VFD	75,000.00	Station 40 renovation	2014	X
	75,000.00			
Silver Spring VFD	50,000.00	Facility Renovations - Fire Station 16 **	2014	
	50,000.00			
Upper Mont Co VFD	65,000.00	40000 gal fire suppression holding tank - Sta 14	2014	
	65,000.00			
Wheaton VFD	97,860.00	Chassis for new RS742B	2014	X
	97,860.00			

**Unspent Amoss Funds by Project as of 12/31/2015
For State Grant Year 2014 Only**

Total Encumbered:	328,052.71
Total Unencumbered:	<u>560,515.67</u>
Total Unspent:	888,568.38
Apparatus:	526,953.32
Renovations:	260,615.06

**Unspent Amoss Funds by Project as of 12/31/2015
For State Grant Year 2015 Only**

LFRD	Funding	Project Description	FY	Encumbered
Bethesda FD	40,000.00	Command Vehicle	2015	
	40,000.00			
Bethesda-CC RS	119,463.00	Replacement Ambulance	2015	X
	119,463.00			
Burtonsville VFD	100,000.00	Aerial Truck Replacement	2015	
	100,000.00			
Cabin John VFD	50,000.00	Loan payment for existing ambulance and existing pumper	2015	X
	25,000.00	Station 30 addition loan payment	2015	X
	75,000.00			
Damascus VFD	5,500.00	Painting upper level/engine room	2015	
	5,500.00	Exterior lighting	2015	
	2,440.07	Computers (4) / laptop (1)	2015	
	13,440.07			
Gaithersburg/WG FD	35,000.00	Utility/plow replacement	2015	
	629.11	BLS gear for A708C	2015	
	4,586.57	ALS upgrade A708C (no medications)	2015	
	40,215.68			
Germantown VFD	50,000.00	Ambulance replacement	2015	
	45,000.00	Command vehicle replacement	2015	
	95,000.00			
Glen Echo VFD	76,000.00	Facilities Renovations	2015	
	76,000.00			
Hillandale VFD	81,000.00	Station Renovation	2015	
	81,000.00			
Hyattstown VFD	15,000.00	Second floor renovation	2015	
	26,000.00	SCBA compressor replacement	2015	
	41,000.00			
Kensington VFD	100,000.00	Payment for E705B loan	2015	
	45,000.00	Command vehicle replacement	2015	
	145,000.00			
Laytonsville VFD	25,000.00	Replace Canteen 717	2015	
	25,000.00			
Rockville VFD	85,000.00	Payment on engine	2015	X
	28,000.00	Fixed lockers replacement	2015	
	10,000.00	Tools & appliances for new engine	2015	
	123,000.00			



**Unspent Amoss Funds by Project as of 12/31/2015
For State Grant Year 2015 Only**

LFRD	Funding	Project Description	FY	Encumbered
Sandy Spring VFD	18,000.00	Water rescue equipment	2015	
	8,000.00	Cascade system cylinders	2015	
	75,000.00	Ladder truck replacement	2015	
	101,000.00			
Silver Spring VFD	40,000.00	Facility Renovations - Fire Station 16 **	2015	
	40,000.00			
Takoma Park VFD	75,000.00	Payment on existing Pumper	2015	X
	17,500.00	Firefighting hoods	2015	
	92,500.00			
Upper Mont Co VFD	65,437.00	40000 gal fire suppression holding tank - Sta 14	2015	
	65,437.00			
Wheaton VFD	120,000.00	Rescue Squad Replacement	2015	X
	120,000.00			

Total Encumbered: 474,463.00
Total Unencumbered 918,592.75
Total Unspent: 1,393,055.75

Apparatus: 964,463.00
Renovations: 212,000.00

FY16 Aross Grant Allocations

LFRD Name	Facilities	Apparatus	Support Vehicles	Equipment	Total:	Project Description
Bethesda Fire Dept.	\$50,000		\$45,000		\$95,000	Station 26 bunkroom renovation; command vehicle
Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad		\$65,000	\$45,000		\$110,000	Replacement ambulance; chase car
Burtonsville Volunteer Fire Dept.		\$100,000			\$100,000	Replacement ladder truck
Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Dept.	\$20,000	\$85,331	\$9,000		\$114,331	Station 30 addition loan payment; ambulance and pumper payment; boat motor & trailer
Damascus Volunteer Fire Dept.	\$22,000	\$70,000		\$2,900	\$94,900	Kitchen remodel; dehumidifiers; replacement ambulance; (2) AEDs
Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Volunteer Fire Dept.		\$50,000	\$45,000	\$4,825	\$99,825	Brush trush replacement; command vehicle replacement; cot for ATV
Germantown Volunteer Fire Dept.		\$49,875		\$28,164	\$78,039	Replacement ambulance; Ferno power cot
Glen Echo Volunteer Fire Dept.	\$75,000				\$75,000	Station 11 renovation
Hillandale Volunteer Fire Dept.		\$100,000			\$100,000	Ambulance replacement
Hyattstown Volunteer Fire Dept.		\$7,500		\$28,900	\$36,400	Add 5th seat to rescue engine; SCBA compressor; portable radio; plasma cutter; mule litter wheel
Kensington Volunteer Fire Dept.		\$139,000			\$139,000	Pumper loan payment; replacement ambulance
Laytonsville Volunteer Fire Dept.		\$50,000	\$45,000		\$95,000	Replacement tanker; replacement canteen
Rockville Volunteer Fire Dept.		\$85,000		\$20,000	\$105,000	Engine loan payment; (2) portable radios; (2) command cabinets
Sandy Spring Volunteer Dept.	\$25,000	\$75,000		\$10,000	\$110,000	Station 40 renovation; ladder truck replacement; (3) AEDs; gas detector
Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Dept.	\$6,480	\$100,000			\$106,480	Station 16 renovation; replacement ambulance for Station 1
Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Dept.		\$108,741			\$108,741	Pumper loan payoff
Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Dept.				\$45,000	\$45,000	Fire pump/water tank
Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad		\$138,100			\$138,100	Replacement ambulance
Total	\$198,480	\$1,223,547	\$189,000	\$139,789	\$1,750,816	
Grand Total	\$1,750,816					