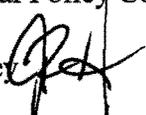


MEMORANDUM

April 27, 2016

TO: Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee
FROM: Josh Hamlin, Legislative Attorney 
SUBJECT: **Worksession:** FY17 Operating Budget for the Charter Review Commission NDA

Those expected for this worksession:

- Jennifer Nordin, Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

The Executive's recommendation for the Charter Review Commission Non-Departmental Account is attached at ©1.

Overview

The Montgomery County Charter requires the Charter Review Commission to report to the County Council in May of every even numbered year. Expenses for the Commission vary from year to year, with higher expenses in years in which a report is required. Since the current Commission is not required to submit a report in FY17, the Executive recommends total expenditures of \$150 for this NDA in FY17, a decrease of \$1,000 from FY16.

Council staff recommendation

Approve the Executive's recommended budget as submitted. The funding decrease is warranted because the Charter does not require the Commission to issue a report during FY17.

Boards, Committees, and Commissions

There are approximately 75 boards, committees, and commissions, created by law or resolution, which serve the County for a variety of purposes. These funds provide for the reimbursement of certain expenses incurred by eligible members of boards, committees, or commissions while on official business and/or for expenses related to the establishment of any new boards, committees, or commissions.

FY17 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY16 Approved	22,950	0.00
FY17 Recommended	22,950	0.00

Charter Review Commission

Section 509 of the County Charter requires that a Charter Review Commission be appointed by the County Council every four years, within six months after the Council assumes office, for the purpose of studying the Charter. The Commission shall report at least once to the Council on the Commission's activities within one year after appointment. Commission reports shall be submitted no later than May 1 of every even-numbered year. The reports shall contain recommendations concerning proposed Charter amendments, if any. This NDA provides for the expenses of the Commission.

FY17 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY16 Approved	1,150	0.00
Decrease Cost: Operating Expenses	(1,000)	0.00
FY17 Recommended	150	0.00

Children's Opportunity Fund

The Children's Opportunity Fund provides funding to support policy priorities that address the social determinants that impact the achievement gap for vulnerable children and the barriers faced by their families. In FY16, the County initiated a funding of \$250,000 in equal parts from the MCPS and Department of Health and Human Services budgets to support the Children's Opportunity Fund. Additionally, to support a public-private partnership with the Rales Foundation, the County appropriated a supplemental \$750,750 in mid-FY16 for the NDA-Children's Opportunity Fund to support the Building Educated Leaders for Life (BELL) summer program.

It is anticipated that the Children's Opportunity Fund will be established at the Montgomery County Community Foundation in FY17. The fund at the Community Foundation will be supported by a Policy Leadership Group made up of the County Executive, the MCPS Superintendent, a member of the Board of Education, and a member of the County Council. This Policy Leadership Group will be staffed by the Director/Consultant of the Children's Opportunity Fund, and will advise the Fund's Steering Committee as to the policy priorities for the Fund. The Children's Opportunity Fund Steering Committee will make the actual competition and award decisions. The membership of the Steering Committee will be 9-11 members and must include the Director of the Department of Recreation, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, the MCPS Chief Academic Officer, the Executive Director of the Collaboration Council, the Executive Director of the Montgomery County Community Foundation and the Director/Consultant to the Children's Opportunity Fund who will be hired by the Montgomery County Community Foundation and will be an ex-officio member. Evaluation and data driven decision-making is critical to the work of the Fund. The Children's Opportunity Fund will direct resources to County inter-agency and cross system collaborations, promote public-private partnerships and identify new funding sources in collaboration with the Community Foundation to aggressively close the achievement gap in Montgomery County and impact the social-economic determinants that affect outcomes for children and their families.

FY17 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY16 Approved	0	0.00
Add: Implementation of the Building Educated Leaders for Life (BELL) Program	375,000	0.00
FY17 Recommended	375,000	0.00

Community Grants: County Council