

AGENDA ITEM #15
July 28, 2009

Public Hearing/Action

MEMORANDUM

July 24, 2009

TO: County Council

FROM: Minna K. Davidson, Legislative Analyst *MKD*

SUBJECT: **Public hearing and action** - Supplemental appropriation to the FY10 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
FY09 Senator Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance Fund (State 508) Grant
Local Fire and Rescue Departments, \$1,338,345

Public Safety Committee Recommendation

The Public Safety Committee reviewed this supplemental appropriation on July 23, and recommends approval. (3-0)

Background

The Council received a request from the Executive for a supplemental appropriation to the FY10 Operating Budget of \$1,338,845 to expend the proceeds from the FY09 Senator Amoss (State 508) Fund grant. The grant may be used to fund acquisition or rehabilitation of apparatus and capital equipment, fire and rescue equipment and supplies, and the renovation of facilities used to house apparatus.

For FY10, MCFRS followed the same Amoss Fund allocation process as in other years following the enactment of Bill 36-03. The MCVFRA conducted a review of the LFRDs' Amoss Fund requests and forwarded its recommendations to the Fire Chief. The Fire Chief then reviewed the MCVFRA's recommendations and approved them with certain conditions and clarifications to help promote safety and ensure the compatibility of new and existing equipment. Most of the conditions require that MCFRS approve the specifications for vehicles and equipment prior to purchase.

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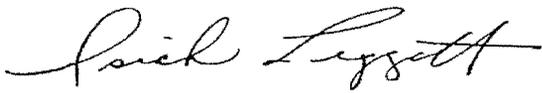
Isiah Leggett
County Executive

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

MEMORANDUM

June 25, 2009

TO: Phil Andrews, President, Montgomery County Council

FROM: Isiah Leggett, County Executive 

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #10-272 to the FY10 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
FY09 Senator Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund (State 508) Grant,
\$1,338,845

I am recommending a supplemental appropriation to the FY10 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service in the amount of \$1,338,845 for the Senator Amoss Grant. The appropriation will fund acquisition or rehabilitation of apparatus and capital equipment, fire and rescue equipment and supplies, and the renovation of facilities used to house apparatus.

This appropriation is needed to expend the proceeds of the FY09 State of Maryland Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance (State 508) Fund grant and accrued interest. 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 \$1,338,845 and specify the source of funds as State Grant.

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this action.

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Attachments: Supplemental Appropriation # 10-272
MCFRS Approval Memo
MCVFRA Recommendation Letter

- c: Kathleen Boucher, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer
Joseph F. Beach, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Richard Bowers, 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
Randy Wheeler, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
Dominic Del Pozzo, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service

Resolution No: _____

Introduced: _____

Adopted: _____

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #10-272 to the FY10 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue
FY09 Senator Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance Fund (State 508) Grant,
\$1,338,845

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 Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service has requested the following supplemental appropriation to the FY10 Operating Budget for the Local Fire and Rescue Departments:

Department	Personnel Costs	Operating Expenses	Capital Outlay	Total	Funding Source
Bethesda FD	\$0	\$37,000.00	\$0	\$37,000.00	State Grant
Burtonsville VFD	\$0	\$70,000.00	\$0	\$70,000.00	State Grant
Cabin John Park VFD	\$0	\$77,500.00	\$0	\$77,500.00	State Grant
Chevy Chase FD	\$0	\$25,000.00	\$0	\$25,000.00	State Grant
Damascus VFD	\$0	\$70,000.00	\$0	\$70,000.00	State Grant
Gaithersburg WG VFD	\$0	\$57,200.00	\$0	\$57,200.00	State Grant
Germantown VFD	\$0	\$67,500.00	\$0	\$67,500.00	State Grant
Glen Echo VFD	\$0	\$75,000.00	\$0	\$75,000.00	State Grant
Hillandale VFD	\$0	\$70,000.00	\$0	\$70,000.00	State Grant
Hyattstown VFD	\$0	\$80,000.00	\$0	\$80,000.00	State Grant
Kensington VFD	\$0	\$94,000.00	\$0	\$94,000.00	State Grant
Laytonsville VFD	\$0	\$77,500.00	\$0	\$77,500.00	State Grant
Rockville VFD	\$0	\$80,000.00	\$0	\$80,000.00	State Grant
Sandy Spring VFD	\$0	\$80,000.00	\$0	\$80,000.00	State Grant
Silver Spring VFD	\$0	\$54,145.00	\$0	\$54,145.00	State Grant
Takoma Park VFD	\$0	\$75,000.00	\$0	\$75,000.00	State Grant
Upper Mont. Co VFD	\$0	\$70,000.00	\$0	\$70,000.00	State Grant
Bethesda-Chevy Chase RS	\$0	\$85,000.00	\$0	\$85,000.00	State Grant
Wheaton VRS	\$0	\$94,000.00	\$0	\$94,000.00	State Grant
Totals		\$1,338,845		\$1,338,845	

3. This increase is to expend the proceeds of the FY09 State of Maryland Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance (state 508) Fund grant, accrued interest and unused remaining funds from the FY08 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 in quarterly payments and must be expended within two years.
5. In accordance with the State Law, grant funds may be used for the acquisition or rehabilitation of apparatus and capital equipment, fire and rescue equipment and supplies, 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. Accordingly, these funds will be distributed as displayed in the table above. The list of equipment and repairs approved by the Fire Chief, which the Fire Chief may amend in the future, is displayed in the attachment to this resolution.

8. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY10 Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,338,845 for Senator Amoss Grant and specifies that the source of funds will be the proceeds from the FY09 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:

A supplemental appropriation of 1,338,845 to the FY10 Operating Budget for the Local Fire and Rescue Departments is approved as follows:

Department	Personnel Costs	Operating Expenses	Capital Outlay	Total	Funding Source
Bethesda FD	\$0	\$37,000.00	\$0	\$37,000.00	State Grant
Burtonsville VFD	\$0	\$70,000.00	\$0	\$70,000.00	State Grant
Cabin John Park VFD	\$0	\$77,500.00	\$0	\$77,500.00	State Grant
Chevy Chase FD	\$0	\$25,000.00	\$0	\$25,000.00	State Grant
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Takoma Park VFD	\$0	\$75,000.00	\$0	\$75,000.00	State Grant
Upper Mont. Co VFD	\$0	\$70,000.00	\$0	\$70,000.00	State Grant
Bethesda-Chevy Chase RS	\$0	\$85,000.00	\$0	\$85,000.00	State Grant
Wheaton VRS	\$0	\$94,000.00	\$0	\$94,000.00	State Grant
Totals		\$1,338,845.00		\$1,338,845.00	



MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Isiah Leggett
County Executive

Richard R. Bowers
Fire Chief

MEMORANDUM

June 15, 2009

TO: Marcine Goodloe, President
MCVFRA

FROM: Richard R. Bowers, Fire Chief *R.R.B.*

SUBJECT: FY09 Senator Amoss Fund Distribution

I have reviewed MCVFRA's recommendations for the distribution of the FY09 Senator William H. Amoss Fund to the LFRDs. I approve the recommendations as submitted with the following conditions and clarifications which will help to promote the safety of our personnel and ensure the compatibility of new and existing equipment:

1. Cabin John VFD must obtain approval from the Special Operations Section for the specifications of the River Rescue/Dive Equipment prior to purchase.
2. Damascus VFD must obtain approval from the Apparatus Section for the specifications of hose prior to purchase.
3. Gaithersburg WGVFD must obtain approval from the Apparatus Section for the specifications of hose and nozzles prior to purchase.
4. Hyattstown VFD must obtain approval from the Apparatus Section for the specifications/plan for the Brush Truck Chassis and fully comply with Policy and Procedure # 03-08AM prior to entering into a contract with a vendor.
5. Rockville VFD's requested vehicle is a replacement for stock #7950075, which is currently funded with non-tax funds, (i.e., insurance, fuel, and maintenance). The insurance, fuel, and maintenance costs of this replacement vehicle should continue to be funded with non-tax funds.
6. Sandy Spring VFD's requested vehicles are replacements for stock #7014831 and stock #7994384.

Office of the Fire Chief

Marcine Goodloe
June 15, 2009
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7. Silver Spring VFD must obtain approval from SCBA Section for the specifications of the replacement Cascade System prior to purchase.
8. Takoma Park VFD must fully comply with Policy and Procedure # 03-08AM prior to entering into a contract with a vendor for a pumper.
9. Wheaton VFD must fully comply with Policy and Procedure # 03-08AM prior to entering into a contract with a vendor for an ambulance.

Feel free to contact me at 240-777-2435 should you have any questions reference these matters. Thank you very much.

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE
OFFICE OF THE FIRE CHIEF
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Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association

P.O. Box 1374
Rockville, MD 20849
301-424-1297

April 13, 2009

Richard Bowers
Fire Chief
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
101 Monroe Street - 12th floor
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear Chief Bowers:

Attached are the recommendations of the 508 Approval Committee, which has been approved by the Board of Directors and the President of the MCVFRA. Also attached are copies of each company's application and their appropriate justifications.

Please review these recommendations and schedule an evening work session for Eric Bernard, Jack Ferguson, and myself to review the material with you and the Commission.

We appreciate meeting with you as early as possible so that the funding may move forward to the appropriate departments. Thank you in advance for you cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcine D. Goodloe".

Marcine D. Goodloe
MCVFRA - President

FISCAL YEAR 2009
508 Funds

The Recommendations of the Approval Committee are:

Bethesda Fire Department

Reinforce Attic Floor – Sta. 20	\$37,000.00
Total	\$37,000.00

Burtonsville Volunteer Fire Department

Partial funding for Replacement Pumper	\$70,000.00
Total	\$70,000.00

Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department

Addition to Station Bays – Sta. 30	\$ 50,000.00
River Rescue/Dive Equipment	20,000.00
Watch Office – Renovation	<u>7,500.00</u>
Total	\$ 77,500.00

Chevy Chase Fire Department

Station Out Building	\$ <u>25,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 25,000.00

Damascus Volunteer Fire Department

Replacement of Heating System	\$ 39,000.00
Purchase of Hose (4", 2", 2 1/2", 1 3/4")	<u>31,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 70,000.00

Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Volunteer Fire Department

PBI Gear	\$ 14,000.00
Hose and Nozzles	24,000.00
Mattresses Sta. 8 & Sta. 28	6,000.00
Mobile Gear Racks	<u>13,200.00</u>
Total	\$ 57,200.00

Germantown Volunteer Fire Department

Loan Payment for Crimson Fire Engine	\$ 45,000.00
Class C Uniforms	12,500.00
PPE Gear	<u>10,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 67,500.00

Glen Echo Volunteer Fire Department

Payment – 2008 Freightliner Ambulance	\$ <u>75,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 75,000.00

Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department

Bay Doors – 3 each Sta. 24	<u>\$70,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 70,000.00

Hyattstown Volunteer Fire Department

Building Renovation/Repairs Sta. 9	\$ 50,000.00
Brush Truck – Replace Chassis	<u>30,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 80,000.00

Kensington Volunteer Fire Department

Relocate Fuel Tank /Build Butler Building Sta.5	\$ 80,000.00
PPE Gear	<u>14,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 94,000.00

Laytensville Volunteer Fire Department

Station Renovation – Sta. 17	\$ <u>77,500.00</u>
Total	\$ 77,500.00

Rockville Volunteer Fire Department

Command Vehicle Replacement for a 1995 GMC	\$ 45,000.00
Building Repairs – Sta. 3	<u>35,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 80,000.00

Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department

Utility Vehicle Replacement for a 1996 Blazer Sta.4	\$ 40,000.00
Utility Vehicle Replacement for a 2001 Expedition Sta. 40	<u>40,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 80,000.00

Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department

PPE Gear 14 sets – Replacements	\$ 28,000.00
New Mattresses Sta. 1 & Sta. 16	2,675.00
Cascade System Replacement Sta. 19	11,485.00
RAD 57 Pulse CO – Oximeter	<u>11,985.00</u>
Total	\$ 54,145.00

Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department

Payment #2 on Pumper	\$ <u>75,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 75,000.00

Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department

Engine Bay/Kitchen Renovation	\$ <u>70,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 70,000.00

Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad

Exterior Building Rehabilitation	\$ 40,000.00
Meeting Room Floor Replacement	15,000.00
Duty Chief Vehicle Replacement	<u>30,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 85,000.00

Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad

Ambulance	\$ 80,000.00
PPE Gear	<u>14,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 94,000.00

FISCAL YEAR 2009 - 508 STATE FUND REQUEST BY DEPARTMENT

COMPANY	REQUESTED	RECOMMENDED
Bethesda Fire Department	\$98,000.00	\$37,000.00
Burtonsville Volunteer Fire Dept	\$350,000.00	\$70,000.00
Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Dept	\$127,500.00	\$77,500.00
Chevy Chase Fire Department	\$95,000.00	\$25,000.00
Damascus Volunteer Fire Dept	\$651,000.00	\$70,000.00
Gaithersburg-Wash.Grove VFD	\$132,900.00	\$57,200.00
Glen Echo Volunteer Fire Dept	\$401,500.00	\$75,000.00
Germantown Volunteer Fire Dept	\$75,000.00	\$67,500.00
Hillandale Volunteer Fire Dept	\$95,000.00	\$70,000.00
Hyattstown Volunteer Fire Dept	\$90,000.00	\$80,000.00
Kensington Volunteer Fire Dept	\$230,000.00	\$94,000.00
Laytonsville Volunteer Fire Dept	\$375,000.00	\$77,500.00
Rockville Volunteer Fire Dept	\$140,000.00	\$80,000.00
Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Dept	\$103,500.00	\$80,000.00
Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Dept	\$145,405.00	\$54,145.00
Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Dept	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
Upper Montgomery County VFD	\$280,473.00	\$70,000.00
Bethesda-Chevy Chase Res.Squad	\$130,000.00	\$85,000.00
Wheaton Volunteer Res.Squad	\$896,000.00	\$94,000.00
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$4,491,278.00	\$1,338,845.00
Anticipated from State	0.00	1,339,186.27
Total Allocated	0.00	1,338,845.00
Non-Allocated Excess	0.00	\$341.27

OPERATING BUDGET**SUPPLEMENTAL OR SPECIAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST SUMMARY****1. Please fill in the following table:**

Agency	Montgomery County Government
Department	Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
Fund (County Government only)	State Grant
Fiscal year	FY10
Supplemental or Special	Supplemental
Operating or Capital budget	Operating

2. What is the amount and source of funding?

Source of funding (Senator Amoss 508)	Amount
Senator Amoss 508 Grant	\$1,338,845.00
Total request	\$1,338,845.00

3. Is the request one-time or continuing? If continuing and funded by a grant, what will you do when the grant ends?

One-time.

4. Please provide a brief description, justification, expected outcomes, and how the outcomes will be measured.

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

5. Please explain why you did not request this during the annual budget process.

The allocation of the Senator Amoss 508 Grant Funds to the individual local fire and rescue departments was determined after the FY10 Operating Budget was approved.

6. For your agency, what is the current fiscal year budget for the relevant fund and what is the latest estimate? (do not fill out if the appropriation funded entirely by a non-County grant)

See Item #7.

Budget for current fiscal year for the relevant fund	Not Applicable
+ Supplemental/special appropriations already approved	Not Applicable
= Revised budget for current fiscal year	Not Applicable
Latest estimate of spending for current year	Not Applicable

7. County Government only: For your department or fund, whichever is applicable, what is the current fiscal year budget and what is the latest estimate? (do not fill out if the appropriation is funded entirely by a non-County grant)

Budget for current fiscal year for the department:	Not Applicable
+ Supplemental/special appropriations already approved	Not Applicable
= Revised budget for current fiscal year	Not Applicable
Latest estimate of spending for current year	Not Applicable

The appropriation is funded entirely by a non-County grant.