

Resolution No.: 18-661  
 Introduced: October 18, 2016  
 Adopted: November 1, 2016

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
 FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

**SUBJECT:** Supplemental Appropriation #17-403 to the FY17 Operating Budget  
 Montgomery County Government  
 Department of Finance  
 Economic Development Fund - \$500,000

**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 FY17 Operating Budget appropriation increase for the Economic Development Fund managed by the Department of Finance:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000	General Fund Undesignated Reserves

This increase is needed because a conditional grant in the amount of \$500,000 was offered to WeddingWire, Inc. and the Economic Development Fund Agreement was executed.

Based on the terms of the Agreement, WeddingWire has met the grant disbursement conditions and the County must release the funds. However, the existing unencumbered funds in the Economic Development Fund are insufficient to fund this project.

WeddingWire, founded in 2006 in Chevy Chase, is the leading global online marketplace for the wedding and event industry that generated total revenue of \$80 million in 2015. The company employs more than 650 employees worldwide with over 341 in Montgomery County. As part of its expansion plan, the company has recently signed a lease to remain in Montgomery County with a total of 67,000 square feet and over \$3 million in capital investment to add an additional 170 full-time jobs. This relocation/expansion project is consistent with the County’s economic development strategic plan.

- 3. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY17 Operating Budget in the amount of \$500,000 for the Economic Development Fund and the source of funds will be specified as General Fund Undesignated Reserves.
- 4. 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 to the FY17 Operating Budget of the Economic Development Fund is approved as follows:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000	General Fund Undesignated Reserves

This is a correct copy of Council action.



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Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council