

Resolution No.:	<u>19-472</u>
Introduced:	<u>May 21, 2020</u>
Adopted:	<u>May 21, 2020</u>

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: County Council

SUBJECT: Approval of and Appropriation for the FY 2021 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Government

Background

1. As required by Section 303 of the County Charter, the County Executive sent to the County Council the FY 2021 Operating Budget for the Montgomery County Government.
2. As required by Section 304 of the County Charter, notice of public hearing was given and a public hearing was held.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

1. The Council approves the FY 2021 Operating Budget for the Montgomery County Government and appropriates the funds as shown on the attachment to this resolution in the following sections.

Section A: The General Fund Operating Budget contains the tax-supported, non-grant-funded appropriations for departmental and non-departmental General Fund accounts.

Section B: The Special Revenue Funds Tax-Supported Budget contains the non-grant appropriations associated with all tax-supported Special Funds.

Section C: The Debt Service Budget includes all tax-supported debt service on General Obligation Bonds for the General Fund and tax-supported Special Funds and all tax-supported expenditures for long term leases, short term leases, and other tax-supported and non-tax supported debt.

- a) Council approval is not required to substitute the non-County funds for County funds. In this case, there is no change in the appropriation.
 - b) Council approval is required to increase the appropriation. The Council may decide to substitute non-County funds for County funds instead of increasing the appropriation.
14. When the County Government receives official notice that government aid or grant funds will be less than was budgeted for a program:
 - a) Council approval is required to substitute County tax-supported funds for non-County funds. In this case, there is no change in appropriation.
 - b) The Executive must report to the Council any recommendation to reduce expenditures in an affected program to offset any loss of non-County funds. A reduction of 10% or less from the amount estimated in the FY 2020 approved budget for any grant or specific source of government aid may be reported through the report required in paragraph 11(c) of this resolution.
15. For FY 2021, funds for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursements of Urban Search and Rescue Team activities may be appropriated through a transfer from the Future Federal, State, or Other Grant Non-Departmental Account as provided in paragraph 11. In order to use this method of appropriation, the County Executive or a designee must forward a copy of each FEMA authorization letter to the Council President within 5 working days after the County receives the FEMA authorization.
16. For FY 2021, reimbursement payments from the Federal government for providing security through the Police Department on an overtime basis may be appropriated through a transfer from the Future Federal, State, or Other Grant Non-Departmental Account as provided in paragraph 11. In order to use this method of appropriation, the Executive must forward to the Council President a copy of a contract, memorandum, or letter from a Federal agency authorizing the County to provide such security. The Department must specify the amount of reimbursement funding, and the contract, letter, or memorandum must be forwarded within 5 working days after the County receives the authorization.
17. For FY 2021, reimbursement payments from Federal, state, or local governments for emergency response or assistance by Montgomery County departments or offices may be appropriated through a transfer from the Future Federal, State, or Other Grant Non-Departmental Account as provided in paragraph 11. In order to use this method of appropriation, the Executive must forward to the Council President a copy of the contract, memorandum, or letter from the Federal, state, or local agency authorizing the County to provide the requested assistance. The Executive must specify the amount of reimbursement funding and must forward the contract, letter, or memorandum within 5 working days after the County receives the authorization.
18. In Resolution No. 19-442, adopted May 5, 2020, the Council expressed its intent to reject the funds necessary to implement the increases in appropriations over FY 2020 levels

contained in the first year of the collective bargaining agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police , Lodge 35 for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023. The Executive submitted a renegotiated Agreement on May 12, 2020 that would delay, but not decrease, any increases in wages and benefits. The Council rejected the renegotiated provisions on May 13, 2020. This resolution appropriates funding at the FY 2020 levels and does not appropriate funding for the for the increases required by the following provisions for FY 2021.

- (a) 1% GWA after July 1, 2020.
- (b) 3.5% service increments for all eligible members on their anniversary date.
- (c) An additional 3.5% salary adjustment for employees who are not at the top of grade.
- (d) 3.5% longevity increments for eligible employees.
- (e) Cell phones issued to all bargaining unit members.
- (f) Expansion of non-official use of personal patrol vehicle and to and from vehicles to within 15 miles of a County border.

This resolution appropriates funds in FY 2021 for the medical, dental, prescription drug, vision, long-term disability, and life insurance provisions as described in paragraph 31. This Resolution appropriates funds in FY 2021 for retirement benefits as required by law.

19. In Resolution No. 19-444, adopted May 5, 2020, the Council expressed its intent to reject the funds necessary to implement the increases in appropriations over FY 2020 levels contained in the first year of the collective bargaining agreement with Local 1664, Montgomery County Career Fire Fighters Association of the International Association of Fire Fighters, AFL-CIO for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022. The Executive submitted a renegotiated Agreement on May 12, 2020 that would delay, but not decrease, any increases in wages and benefits. The Council rejected the renegotiated provisions on May 13, 2020. This resolution appropriates funding at the FY 2020 levels and does not appropriate funding for the increases required by the following contract provisions for FY 2021.

- (a) 2.25% general wage adjustment for all bargaining unit members on the first pay period after August 1, 2020.
- (b) 3.5% longevity increment for eligible bargaining unit members with 20 or 24 years of service.
- (c) 3.5% service increments for all eligible bargaining unit members on their anniversary date.
- (d) Dedicated \$65,000 for tuition assistance.
- (e) Increase in extra assignment pay for certain positions.
- (f) Increase in special duty differential for members assigned to the ECC.

This resolution appropriates funds in FY 2021 for the medical, dental, prescription drug, vision, long-term disability, and life insurance provisions as described in paragraph 31. This resolution appropriates funds in FY 2021 for retirement benefits as required by law.

80. This resolution appropriates \$400,000 to the Climate Change Planning Non-Departmental Account (NDA). Funds in this NDA must be used for the prioritization of greenhouse gas reduction strategies, developing an implementation plan to meet the County's goal of an 80 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2027 and a 100 percent reduction by 2035, and to develop climate change adaptation strategies. Only after the previously described work is completed may funds be used for other climate change-related initiatives. The Executive must transmit within 15 days after the end of a month a report on the previous month's expenditures from this account.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



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