



County Council

RECOMMENDED FY23 BUDGET

\$15,672,251

FULL TIME EQUIVALENTS

110.05

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the County Council is to legislate for the peace, good government, health, safety, and welfare of Montgomery County and establish policies under which a system of public administration and finance provides services effectively, efficiently, and equitably.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

The total recommended FY23 Operating Budget for the County Council is \$15,672,251, an increase of \$2,425,725 or 18.31 percent from the FY22 Approved Budget of \$13,246,526. Personnel Costs comprise 90.30 percent of the budget for 127 full-time position(s) and two part-time position(s), and a total of 110.05 FTEs. Total FTEs may include seasonal or temporary positions and may also reflect workforce charged to or from other departments or funds. Operating Expenses account for the remaining 9.70 percent of the FY23 budget.

PROGRAM CONTACTS

Contact Sandra Marin of the County Council at 240.777.7923 or Julie Knight of the Office of Management and Budget at 240.777.2760 for more information regarding this department's operating budget.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Council Staff Operations

Council Staff Operations is responsible for four activities in support of the Council: Legislative Program, Planning, and Budget; Legislative Information Services and Council Communications Office; Office of the Clerk of the Council; and Administration.

Legislative Program, Planning, and Budget staff perform research and analysis on issues before the Council and prepare written reports and recommendations for all agenda items at Council sessions and Committee meetings. Staff also respond to requests from individual Councilmembers for research, legal advice, and data relevant to their work program. Staff draft legislation and resolutions for Council action; analyze reports, bills, plans, and budgets forwarded to the Council by the County Executive and County agencies; and advise Councilmembers on issues related to the Council work program. Personnel in this unit provide staffing for the Charter Review Commission and other groups created by the Council and represent the Council at meetings held on issues before the Council.

Legislative Information Services and Council Communications Office staff perform the public relations function of the Council. In order to facilitate two-way communication between the Council and County residents, staff prepare informational materials, serve as first-line telephone contact with the public, provide information about the legislative process, update the Council's website, and produce programs for the County's cable channel. Staff inform Councilmembers of the views of citizens through a correspondence control system, telephone tabulation system, and documentation of petitions. Legislative Information Services arranges for and provides notice of public hearings, and assembles packets of background material for Councilmembers, the press, and the public.

The Office of the Clerk of the Council prepares and maintains all official records of the Council; attends meetings of the Council; writes minutes; processes resolutions and legislation; prepares Council and Committee agendas; arranges for both regular and special meetings; and tracks sunset, expiration, and deadline dates of legislation and regulations.

Administration performs the Council's personnel, procurement, payroll, and budgetary functions; provides supervision; manages the automation system for the legislative branch; monitors inventory and office space; coordinates program issues; and serves as the liaison between Councilmembers and program staff. The staff in this unit contribute to the Legislative Program, Planning, and Budget work program. The administrative staff also provide staff orientation, training for the automation and telephone systems, backup support for all programs, volunteer coordination, and receptionist coverage for Councilmember offices.

FY23 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY22 Approved	6,230,543	37.23
Enhance: FY22 Mid Year Position Changes	760,078	9.00
Increase Cost: Additional Expenditures for Council Staff	49,082	0.00
Increase Cost: Operating Expenses	14,600	0.00
Technical Adj: Position Change from Part-time to Full-time	0	0.22
Technical Adj: FY22 Approved position	0	1.00
Decrease Cost: Lapse Manager II Position	(197,203)	0.00
Multi-program adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting multiple programs.	(267,117)	(2.90)
FY23 Recommended	6,589,983	44.55

Councilmember Offices

The nine elected County Councilmembers enact all local laws, oversee zoning and planning, appropriate funding for the budgets of public agencies, establish spending affordability guidelines, set property tax rates, and meet as the County Board of Health. The Council holds regular weekly sessions, conducts public hearings, and worksessions throughout the year. Each Councilmember serves on two of the following six Council Committees: Education and Culture; Health and Human Services; Government Operations and Fiscal Policy; Planning, Housing, and Economic Development; Public Safety; and Transportation and Environment. Five Councilmembers are elected by district, and four are elected Countywide. Councilmembers have staffs which are responsible for carrying out their work programs. The County Charter provides for a Confidential Aide for each Councilmember. Staff may consist of interns, analysts, legislative services coordinators, legislative senior aides, and other administrative personnel.

FY23 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY22 Approved	7,015,983	50.60

FY23 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
Enhance: New Council Member Offices	965,268	12.00
Increase Cost: One-time Expenditures Necessary for Quadrennial Turnover	400,000	0.00
Increase Cost: Additional Expenditures for New Council Member offices	198,764	0.00
Increase Cost: Operating Expenses	35,646	0.00
Multi-program adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting multiple programs.	466,607	2.90
FY23 Recommended	9,082,268	65.50

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Actual FY21	Budget FY22	Estimate FY22	Recommended FY23	%Chg Bud/Rec
COUNTY GENERAL FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	8,441,806	9,208,102	9,277,612	11,200,486	21.6 %
Employee Benefits	2,397,491	2,568,710	2,568,710	2,951,437	14.9 %
County General Fund Personnel Costs	10,839,297	11,776,812	11,846,322	14,151,923	20.2 %
Operating Expenses	599,717	1,469,714	1,466,201	1,520,328	3.4 %
County General Fund Expenditures	11,439,014	13,246,526	13,312,523	15,672,251	18.3 %
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	96	94	94	127	35.1 %
Part-Time	7	9	9	2	-77.8 %
FTEs	87.43	87.83	87.83	110.05	25.3 %
County General Fund Revenues	0	0	0	0	—
GRANT FUND - MCG					
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	5,364	0	0	0	—
Employee Benefits	0	0	0	0	—
Grant Fund - MCG Personnel Costs	5,364	0	0	0	—
Grant Fund - MCG Expenditures	5,364	0	0	0	—
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
FTEs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	—
REVENUES					
Federal Grants	5,364	0	0	0	—
Grant Fund - MCG Revenues	5,364	0	0	0	—
DEPARTMENT TOTALS					
Total Expenditures	11,444,378	13,246,526	13,312,523	15,672,251	18.3 %
Total Full-Time Positions	96	94	94	127	35.1 %

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Actual FY21	Budget FY22	Estimate FY22	Recommended FY23	%Chg Bud/Rec
Total Part-Time Positions	7	9	9	2	-77.8 %
Total FTEs	87.43	87.83	87.83	110.05	25.3 %
Total Revenues	5,364	0	0	0	—

FY23 RECOMMENDED CHANGES

	Expenditures	FTEs
COUNTY GENERAL FUND		
FY22 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	13,246,526	87.83
<u>Changes (with service impacts)</u>		
Enhance: New Council Member Offices [Councilmember Offices]	965,268	12.00
Enhance: FY22 Mid Year Position Changes [Council Staff Operations]	760,078	9.00
<u>Other Adjustments (with no service impacts)</u>		
Increase Cost: One-time Expenditures Necessary for Quadrennial Turnover [Councilmember Offices]	400,000	0.00
Increase Cost: Additional Expenditures for New Council Member offices [Councilmember Offices]	198,764	0.00
Increase Cost: Annualization of FY22 Compensation Increases	156,052	0.00
Increase Cost: FY23 Compensation Adjustment	144,011	0.00
Increase Cost: Additional Expenditures for Council Staff [Council Staff Operations]	49,082	0.00
Increase Cost: Operating Expenses [Councilmember Offices]	35,646	0.00
Increase Cost: Operating Expenses [Council Staff Operations]	14,600	0.00
Increase Cost: Printing and Mail Adjustment	368	0.00
Technical Adj: Position Change from Part-time to Full-time [Council Staff Operations]	0	0.22
Technical Adj: FY22 Approved position [Council Staff Operations]	0	1.00
Decrease Cost: Retirement Adjustment	(100,941)	0.00
Decrease Cost: Lapse Manager II Position [Council Staff Operations]	(197,203)	0.00
FY23 RECOMMENDED	15,672,251	110.05

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Program Name	FY22 APPR Expenditures	FY22 APPR FTEs	FY23 REC Expenditures	FY23 REC FTEs
Council Staff Operations	6,230,543	37.23	6,589,983	44.55
Councilmember Offices	7,015,983	50.60	9,082,268	65.50
Total	13,246,526	87.83	15,672,251	110.05

CHARGES TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS

Charged Department	Charged Fund	FY22 Total\$	FY22 FTEs	FY23 Total\$	FY23 FTEs
COUNTY GENERAL FUND					
NDA - Legislative Branch Communications Outreach	General Fund	775,130	7.00	1,438,270	13.00
Cable Television Communications Plan	Cable TV	668,542	5.00	655,672	5.00
Total		1,443,672	12.00	2,093,942	18.00

FUNDING PARAMETER ITEMS
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Title	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28
COUNTY GENERAL FUND						
EXPENDITURES						
FY23 Recommended	15,672	15,672	15,672	15,672	15,672	15,672
No inflation or compensation change is included in outyear projections.						
Annualization of Positions Recommended in FY23	0	860	860	860	860	860
New positions in the FY23 budget are generally assumed to be filled at least two months after the fiscal year begins. Therefore, the above amounts reflect annualization of these positions in the outyears.						
Elimination of One-Time Items Recommended in FY23	0	(400)	(400)	(400)	(400)	(400)
Items recommended for one-time funding in FY23, including payouts for Council member and staff turnover, will be eliminated from the base in the outyears.						
Labor Contracts	0	531	531	531	531	531
These figures represent the estimated annualized cost of general wage adjustments, service increments, and other negotiated items.						
Subtotal Expenditures	15,672	16,663	16,663	16,663	16,663	16,663

ANNUALIZATION OF FULL PERSONNEL COSTS

	FY23 Recommended		FY24 Annualized	
	Expenditures	FTEs	Expenditures	FTEs
New Council Member Offices	965,268	12.00	1,654,745	12.00
FY22 Mid Year Position Changes	760,078	9.00	930,103	9.00
Total	1,725,346	21.00	2,584,848	21.00

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