



OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Interested Readers

FROM: Isiah Leggett, County Executive 

SUBJECT: FY15 Operating and Capital Budgets
FY15-20 Capital Improvements Program (CIP)

These volumes contain the Approved FY15 Operating and Capital Budgets and the FY15-20 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for Montgomery County. In accordance with the law and after receiving my recommendations and the advice of interested parties through public hearings and other means, the County Council approved the budgets on May 22, 2014, for the fiscal year that begins on July 1. These budgets reflect our joint efforts to fund public services and capital investment consistent with the expectations of Montgomery County residents at affordable and fair levels of taxation.

The total FY15 Operating Budget from all sources of funds is \$4.996 billion, an increase of \$184.5 million or 3.8 percent from the Approved FY14 Budget. Because Capital Budget appropriations can be made for multiple fiscal years, comparisons of the Capital Budget from one fiscal year to the next do not provide useful information.

As detailed in the budget highlights and in the appropriate departmental sections, these budgets continue to support what I believe are our most important shared priorities:

- A Responsive and Accountable County Government
- Affordable Housing in an Inclusive Community
- An Effective and Efficient Transportation Network
- Children Prepared to Live and Learn
- Healthy and Sustainable Communities
- Safe Streets and Secure Neighborhoods
- A Strong and Vibrant Economy
- Vital Living for All of Our Residents

This budget includes a 1.4 cent property tax rate decrease and a property tax credit of \$692 per owner-occupied residential household, which maintains a progressive property tax structure. This budget

funds the collective bargaining agreements negotiated with the County's three unions, and continues the strategic restoration of some of our most important services, particularly in the public safety area, that were dramatically reduced as the County faced serious budget challenges. Tax supported reserves are fully funded and CIP PAYGO is funded at the policy level. Additionally, the annual required contribution for retiree health insurance is fully funded in FY15, meeting an important goal I set when I took office in 2006.

In order to reduce costs and minimize our use of paper, we have provided an abbreviated version of the Operating Budget for each County Government Department. You may view a more detailed description of each department's budget by visiting the Office of Management and Budget webpage at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/omb.

You are invited to read the contents of these volumes for a description of the Approved Operating and Capital Budgets and CIP. Please call the Office of Management and Budget at (240) 777-2800 for further information. This information is also available on the Internet on the Montgomery County home page at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/omb.