

AGENDA ITEM #11  
October 23, 2018  
**Public Hearing**

**MEMORANDUM**

October 19, 2018

TO: County Council

FROM: Gene Smith, Legislative Analyst *GS*

SUBJECT: **Public Hearing** - Special Appropriation to the FY19 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Government, Economic Development Fund, Small Business Assistance Program, \$200,000

PURPOSE: Receive public comment on subject resolution

See the special appropriation to the FY19 Operating Budget in the amount of \$200,000 for the Economic Development Fund, Small Business Assistance Program on ©1. The source of funds is the General Fund Undesignated Reserve.

Council Vice President Navarro is requesting this special appropriation for the Small Business Assistance Program (SBAP). Currently, the program is assisting businesses in Wheaton. Following the end of the first quarter of FY19, only 30% of the original FY19 appropriation remains for this program.

**Background**

The Council enacted Bill 6-12 in April 2012 to create the SBAP. This program provides financial and technical assistance to small businesses adversely impacted by redevelopment projects that are either funded by the County or are located on County-owned land in an Urban Renewal Area or an Enterprise Zone. The Wheaton Redevelopment Project meets these criteria; therefore, small businesses near this project are receiving technical and financial assistance from the SBAP.

The funding to implement the SBAP for Wheaton small businesses is split between two accounts, one for technical assistance and one for financial assistance. The technical assistance is funded through the Incubator Non-Departmental Account to support contracts with local organizations that provide

technical assistance. Financial assistance for the small businesses is funded through the Economic Development Fund (EDF). The requested \$200,000 special appropriation enhances the financial assistance provided to Wheaton small businesses through the EDF.

**A Council worksession with action on this item is tentatively scheduled for October 30.**

This packet contains:

Proposed resolution

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Resolution No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Introduced: \_\_\_\_\_  
Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: Council Vice President Navarro  
Cosponsors: Council President Riemer, Councilmembers Elrich, Rice, Leventhal, Berliner,  
Hucker, Katz, and Floreen

**SUBJECT:** Special Appropriation to the FY19 Operating Budget  
Montgomery County Government  
Department of Finance  
Economic Development Fund, Small Business Assistance Program - \$200,000

**Background**

1. Section 308 of the County Charter provides that a special appropriation is an appropriation which states that it is necessary to meet an unforeseen disaster or other emergency, or to act without delay in the public interest. Each special appropriation must be approved by not less than six Councilmembers. The Council may approve a special appropriation at any time after public notice by news release. Each special appropriation must specify the source of funds to finance it.
2. A FY19 Operating Budget special appropriation is requested for the Economic Development Fund:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000	General Fund Undesignated Reserve

3. These funds are needed to continue to fund the Small Business Assistance Program, a program that is supporting Wheaton small businesses that demonstrate an adverse financial impact from the Wheaton Redevelopment Project. The original FY19 appropriation is insufficient to support all small businesses through the remainder of FY19.
4. A special appropriation to the FY19 Operating Budget is requested in the amount of \$200,000 for the Economic Development Fund and specifies that the source of funds will be General Fund Undesignated Reserve.

5. Notice of public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held.

**Action**

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

A special appropriation to the FY19 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	\$200,000	\$200,000	General Fund Undesignated Reserve

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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Clerk of the Council