



**Committee:** Directly to Council  
**Committee Review:** N/A  
**Staff:** Gene Smith, Legislative Analyst  
**Purpose:** To introduce agenda item – no vote expected  
**Keywords:** EDF, economic development

AGENDA ITEM #1.5A  
April 16, 2020  
**Introduction**

## SUBJECT

Introduction - Supplemental appropriation to the County Government's FY20 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation Non-Departmental Account, Support for COVID-19 Response – Manufacturing Personal Protective Equipment \$100,000

## EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None

## COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- N/A

## DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

Councilmembers Riemer and Albornoz introduce the subject resolution to support the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation's (MCEDC) efforts to work with local businesses to manufacture personal protective equipment (PPE). MCEDC will administer the funding by working with local businesses that need to retrofit current manufacturing equipment to produce PPE.

## SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- The public hearing and action for the subject resolution are tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 1:30 PM.

### **This report contains:**

Proposed resolution

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**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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Lead sponsor: Councilmember Riemer and Albornoz

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**SUBJECT:** Special Appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget  
Montgomery County Government  
Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation Non-Departmental  
Account, Support for COVID-19 Response - Manufacturing Personal Protective  
Equipment, \$100,000 (Source of Funds: General Fund Reserves)

**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 shall 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 shall specify the source of funds to finance it.
2. A new coronavirus disease, named COVID-19, appeared in China in December 2019 and spread extremely quickly. On March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the disease a pandemic. The April 11, 2020 situation report from the World Health Organization stated that the number of confirmed cases worldwide has exceeded 1.6 million, (approximately 1.5 million more than 1 month earlier). As of April 12, 2020, there were 1,631 cases and 42 deaths in Montgomery County.
3. To slow the spread of the disease, Governor Hogan declared a State of Emergency and has issued several Executive Orders with actions that include, but are not limited to, closing schools, closing senior centers and adult medical day care programs, and limiting the number of people that can gather.
4. On April 9<sup>th</sup> the County's Health Officer issued a Directive requiring employees and customers in grocery stores (including farmers' markets), pharmacies, and large chain retail establishments to wear face coverings.
5. The efforts to contain the spread of the disease has resulted in a global shortage of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

6. Montgomery County is home to local businesses who can produce PPE; several local businesses have begun the process, but the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC) believes more local businesses can begin production by covering modest costs to retrofit production lines.
7. A FY20 Operating Budget special appropriation is requested for the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation Non-Departmental Account:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	General Fund Undesignated Reserve

8. This special appropriation is needed so that MCEDC can incentivize local businesses to retrofit production lines to produce additional PPE.
9. 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 FY20 Operating Budget for the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation Non-Departmental Account:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	General Fund Undesignated Reserve

This appropriation is needed to act without delay in the public interest.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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