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AGENDA ITEM #5A
July 13, 2021
Introduction

SUBJECT

Special Appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget; Montgomery County Government, Office of the County Attorney, Minority, Female, and Disabled-Owned Business Program – Disparity Study, \$700,000 (Source of Funds: General Fund Reserves).

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

The County Council will introduce a special appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Government, Office of the County Attorney in the amount of \$700,000 for the purpose of completing a disparity study that will evaluate the continued need of the Minority, Female, and Disabled-Owned Business (MFD) Program as a remedy against the effects of discrimination on minority, female, and disabled-owned businesses in the awarding of County contracts and awards. The source of funds is the County's General Fund Reserves.

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- The funds will be appropriated to the Office of the County Attorney to procure a consultant to complete the disparity study.
- The Council will hold a public hearing and consider action on this special appropriation on July 20, 2021.

This report contains:

Draft Special Appropriation Resolution

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Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: County Council

SUBJECT: Special Appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Office of the County Attorney
Minority, Female, and Disabled-Owned (MFD) Business Program, Disparity
Study, \$700,000

Background

1. Section 308 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that a special appropriation: (a) may be made at any time after public notice by news release; (b) must state that the special appropriation is necessary to meet an unforeseen disaster or other emergency or to act without delay in the public interest; (c) must specify the revenues necessary to finance it; and (d) must be approved by no fewer than six members of the Council.
2. The County Council has requested the following FY22 Operating Budget appropriation increases for the Office of the County Attorney:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$700,000	\$0	\$700,000	General Fund Reserves

3. This increase is needed to evaluate the continued need of the MFD program as a remedy against the effects of discrimination on minority, female, and disabled-owned businesses in the awarding of County contracts and awards. The last disparity study evaluating the need of the program was submitted to the Council in 2014. Section 11B-61(b) stipulates that the County Executive must submit a report to the County Council evaluating the need to extend the minority owned business purchasing program.
4. The County Council has requested a special appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget in the amount of \$700,000 to allow the Office of the County Attorney to procure consultant services to complete the required disparity study. The source of funds will be General Fund Reserves.
5. The public was notified by a news release.

Action

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

1. A special appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget of the Office of the County Attorney is approved as follows:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$700,000	\$0	\$700,000	General Fund Reserves

2. The County Council declares that this action is necessary to act without delay in the public interest.
3. The Office of the County Attorney must submit a status report to the County Council regarding progress made in completing the disparity study by January 31, 2022.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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Clerk of the Council