



**Committee:** None

**Staff:** Susan J. Farag, Legislative Analyst

**Purpose:** To receive testimony/final action - vote expected

**Keywords:** #MCFRS; #Fire; #SupplementalAppropriation; #ESPPFunds

AGENDA ITEM #7

June 14, 2022

**Public Hearing/Action**

## SUBJECT

**Hearing/Action:** Supplemental Appropriation #22-90 to the County Government's FY22 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service, Emergency Service Transporter Supplemental Payment Program \$2,170,850 (Source of Funds: Emergency Service Transporter Supplemental Payment Program).

## EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None.

## DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

This supplemental appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service in the amount of \$2,170,850 will fund eligible one-time expenditures in the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service Operating Budget. This increase is needed to fund the purchase of vehicles to support service enhancements included in the FY23 Recommended Budget and a vehicle for a civilian facilities position unlapsed in the FY22 Approved Budget; Emergency Service Transporter Supplemental Payment Program audit services; relocation and consolidation of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Supplemental Appropriation #22-90 to the FY22 Operating Budget; Mental Health Unit into new leased space; a Building Envelope Study; and a Local Fire and Rescue Department Emergency Service Transporter Supplemental Payment Program distribution.

### **This Staff Report Contains:**

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Marc Elrich  
*County Executive*

M E M O R A N D U M

May 6, 2022

TO: Gabe Albornoz, President  
Montgomery County Council

FROM: Marc Elrich, County Executive 

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #22-90 to the FY22 Operating Budget  
Montgomery County Government  
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service  
Emergency Service Transporter Supplemental Payment Program, \$2,170,850

I am recommending a Supplemental Appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service in the amount of \$2,170,850 for the Emergency Service Transporter Supplemental Payment Program. Effective October 1, 2020, this new program provides supplemental payments to qualified entities providing emergency ambulance transportation services to Medicaid recipients through an amendment to the State's Medicaid plan. Reimbursements through this program are entirely federally funded and significantly increase reimbursement for Medicaid transports. This Appropriation will fund eligible one-time expenditures in the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service Operating Budget. In addition to this Supplemental Appropriation, \$1,034,000 will be allocated through Supplemental Appropriations and County Executive Amendments to projects in the Capital Budget. Furthermore, \$6,174,000 will be recognized at the third quarter to offset general fund support of FY22 Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service operating budget deficiencies and ambulance replacement. In total, the County is anticipating receipt of \$9,379,000 in Emergency Service Transporter Supplemental Payment Program revenue in FY22.

This increase is needed to fund the purchase of vehicles to support service enhancements included in the FY23 Recommended Budget and a vehicle for a civilian facilities position unlapsed in the FY22 Approved Budget; Emergency Service Transporter Supplemental Payment Program audit services; relocation and consolidation of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue

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Service Mental Health Unit into new leased space; a Building Envelope Study; and a Local Fire and Rescue Department Emergency Service Transporter Supplemental Payment Program distribution.

I recommend that the County Council approve this Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of \$2,170,850 and specify the source of funds as Emergency Service Transporter Supplemental Payment Program revenues.

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this action.

ME:rs

Attachment: Supplemental Appropriation #22-90

c: Jennifer R. Bryant, Director, Office of Management and Budget  
Scott Goldstein, Chief, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service  
Ken Hartman, Director of Strategic Partnerships  
Stanly "Buddy" Sutton, President, Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association  
Eric Bernard, Executive Director, Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association

Resolution No: \_\_\_\_\_

Introduced: \_\_\_\_\_

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

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SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #22-90 to the FY22 Operating Budget  
Montgomery County Government  
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service  
Emergency Service Transporter Supplemental Payment Program, \$2,170,850

**Background**

1. Section 307 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that any supplemental appropriation shall be recommended by the County Executive who shall specify the source of funds to finance it. The Council shall hold a public hearing on each proposed supplemental appropriation after at least one week's notice. A supplemental appropriation that would comply with, avail the County of, or put into effect a grant or a Federal, State or County law or regulation, or one that is approved after January 1 of any fiscal year, requires an affirmative vote of five Councilmembers. A supplemental appropriation for any other purpose that is approved before January 1 of any fiscal year requires an affirmative vote of six Councilmembers. The Council may, in a single action, approve more than one supplemental appropriation. The Executive may disapprove or reduce a supplemental appropriation, and the Council may reapprove the appropriation, as if it were an item in the annual budget.
2. The County Executive has requested the following FY22 Operating Budget appropriation increases for the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$2,170,850	\$0	\$2,170,850	Emergency Service Transporter Supplemental Payment Program

3. This increase is needed to fund the purchase of vehicles to support service enhancements included in the FY23 Recommended Budget and a vehicle for a civilian facilities position unlapsed in the FY22 Approved Budget; Emergency Service Transporter Supplemental Payment Program audit services; relocation and consolidation of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service Mental Health Unit into new leased space; a Building Envelope Study; and a Local Fire and Rescue Department Emergency Service Transporter Supplemental Payment Program distribution.
4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget in the amount of \$2,170,850 for the Emergency Service Transporter Supplemental Payment Program and specifies that the source of funds will be Emergency Service Transporter Supplemental Payment Program revenues.
5. Notice of public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held.

**Action**

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

A supplemental appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service 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	\$2,170,850	\$0	\$2,170,850	Emergency Service Transporter Supplemental Payment Program

The funds appropriated in this special appropriation must be placed in a Fire Department Fund account, in which any unspent funds will be re-appropriated in Fiscal Year 2023.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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Judy Rupp  
Clerk of the Council