



Committee: None

Staff: Susan J. Farag, Legislative Analyst

Purpose: To receive testimony/final action - vote expected

Keywords: #Fire Master Plan; #Fire and Rescue;
#Public Safety; #MCFRS

AGENDA ITEM #20

July 26, 2022

Public Hearing/Action

SUBJECT

Public Hearing/Action: Supplemental Appropriation #23-8 to the County Government's FY23 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service Emergency Service Transporter Supplemental Payment Program, \$557,000

(Source of Funds: Emergency Service Transporter Supplemental Payment Program and Other Intergovernmental)

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None.

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- The Executive advises that this increase is needed to enhance funding for the Emergency Medical Service Quality Assurance Battalion Chief Position approved in the FY23 Budget to allow service to begin at the start of the fiscal year prior to recruit graduation; upgrade a position added in the FY23 approved budget from firefighter to lieutenant to provide adequate supervision at Sandy Spring Fire Station 40; and to support delivery of an Emergency Medical Technician Cadet Program in partnership with Montgomery County Public Schools in the 2022-2023 school year.
- The Emergency Service Transporter Supplemental Payment Program was authorized under a State Medicaid plan amendment in October 2020. This program provides supplemental payments to qualified entities supplying emergency ambulance transportation services to Medicaid recipients. Reimbursements through this program are entirely federally funded and significantly increase reimbursement for Medicaid transports.

This Staff Report Contains:

County Executive Transmittal Memo

Proposed Resolution

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Marc Elrich
County Executive

M E M O R A N D U M

July 5, 2022

TO: Gabe Albornoz, President
Montgomery County Council

FROM: Marc Elrich, County Executive 

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #23-8 to the FY23 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
Emergency Service Transporter Supplemental Payment Program, \$557,000

I am recommending a Supplemental Appropriation to the FY23 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service in the amount of \$557,000 for the Emergency Service Transporter Supplemental Payment Program. Effective October 1, 2020, this program provides supplemental payments to qualified entities supplying 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 expenditures in the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service Operating Budget and recognize additional Emergency Service Transporter Supplemental Payment Program revenue anticipated in FY23.

This increase is needed to enhance funding for the Emergency Medical Service Quality Assurance Battalion Chief Position approved in the FY23 Budget to allow service to begin at the start of the fiscal year prior to recruit graduation; upgrade a position added in the FY23 approved budget from firefighter to lieutenant to provide adequate supervision at Sandy Spring Fire Station 40; and to support delivery of an Emergency Medical Technician Cadet Program in partnership with Montgomery County Public Schools in the 2022-2023 school year.

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I recommend that the County Council approve this Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of \$557,000 and specify the source of funds as Emergency Service Transporter Supplemental Payment Program revenues and Other Intergovernmental revenues.

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this action.

ME:rs

Enclosure: Supplemental Appropriation #23-8

cc: Jennifer R. Bryant, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Scott Goldstein, Chief, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service

Resolution No: _____

Introduced: _____

Adopted: _____

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #23-8 to the FY23 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
Emergency Service Transporter Supplemental Payment Program, \$557,000

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 FY23 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> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|--|
| \$335,000 | \$70,000 | \$0 | \$405,000 | Emergency Service Transporter Supplemental Payment Program |
| \$152,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$152,000 | Other Intergovernmental |

3. This increase is needed to enhance funding for the Emergency Medical Service Quality Assurance Battalion Chief position approved in the FY23 budget to allow service to begin at the start of the fiscal year prior to recruit graduation; upgrade a position added in the FY23 approved budget from firefighter to lieutenant to provide adequate supervision at Sandy Spring Fire Station 40; and to support delivery of an Emergency Medical Technician Cadet Program in partnership with Montgomery County Public Schools in the 2022-2023 school year.
4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY23 Operating Budget in the amount of \$557,000 for the Emergency Service Transporter Supplemental Payment Program and specifies that the source of funds will be Emergency Service Transporter Supplemental Payment Program revenues and Other Intergovernmental 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 FY23 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> |
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This is a correct copy of Council action.

Judy Rupp
Clerk of the Council