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AGENDA ITEM #39
May 10, 2023
Worksession

SUBJECT

FY24 Recommended Operating Budget Worksession:
Non-Departmental Account [NDA]: Takoma Park Library Annual Payments

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

- Jessica Jones, Library Director, Takoma Park Maryland Library
- Deborah Lambert, Senior Fiscal and Policy Analyst, Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

FY24 COUNTY EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

The annual payment to Takoma Park Library is calculated with a set historical formula that estimates the reimbursement of municipal taxes. The FY24 recommended budget reflects an increase of 2.7% from FY23 to $172,4163 or 4.6% of the City of Takoma Park's FY23-24 proposed expenditures of ~$1.5M for the library. The Education & Culture Committee held a worksession on April 20, 2023.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Education & Culture Committee members voted (3-0)** to add the following to the Council reconciliation list:

Program	Description	High Priority	👍 1	Priority
Takoma Park Library	FY24 Reimbursement Calculation Increase	+$4,505	1	

This report contains:

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[1] Council Reconciliation List High Priority Categorization as of May 9, 2023 → 1-Required/little choice to fund; 2-Critical for an essential program; 3-Important program or service that deserves to be funded; 4-Room for debate on priority/high priority.

- Maryland State Retirement System: Unfunded accrued liability, as established by the Maryland State Retirement System (MSRS), for employees hired prior to July 1, 1984, who are members of the MSRS (including former Department of Social Services employees hired prior to July 1, 1984), and for those who have retired (all County employees participated in the State Retirement System until 1965.) The County's contribution for this account is determined by State actuaries. Beginning in FY81, the amount due was placed on a 40-year amortization schedule. The funding of the 40-year amortization schedule was completed in FY20.
- State Library Retirement: Accrued liability for retirement costs for three Montgomery County Public Library retirees who are receiving a State retirement benefit. These were County employees prior to 1966 who opted to stay in the State plan. The County no longer receives bills for these costs.

FY24 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY23 Approved	**3,754**	**0.00**
Decrease Cost: Funding Adjustment Due to End of Accrued Liability	(3,754)	0.00
FY24 Recommended	**0**	**0.00**

✳ Takoma Park Library Annual Payments

The annual amount provided in this NDA is a function of County expenditures for the Montgomery County Public Libraries (as a share of property tax-funded spending) and the City of Takoma Park's assessable base. The payment is authorized by Section 2-53 of the Montgomery County Code.

FY24 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY23 Approved	**167,911**	**0.00**
Increase Cost: FY24 Reimbursement Calculation Increase	4,505	0.00
FY24 Recommended	**172,416**	**0.00**

✳ Telecommunications

This NDA provides the operating expenses appropriations for telecommunication charges incurred by departments, including land-line charges and Private Branch Exchange System (PBX) maintenance and support charges. Prior to FY17, the Department of Technology Services charged individual departments and funds for expenses incurred.

FY24 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY23 Approved	**5,356,382**	**0.00**
Add: Cloud Subscription	200,000	0.00
Reduce: Verizon Disconnects	(200,000)	0.00
Decrease Cost: Transition to Hybrid Phone System	(270,256)	0.00
FY24 Recommended	**5,086,126**	**0.00**

✳ UM 3 - Institute for Health Computing

In cooperation with partners in the University of Maryland System, including the University of Maryland College Park, University of Maryland, Baltimore, University of Maryland Medical Center, Universities at Shady Grove, and others, the Institute for Health Computing (UM-IHC) is a planned research facility and academic presence at the North Bethesda Metro