

Resolution No.: 16-145  
Introduced: April 10, 2007  
Adopted: May 17, 2007

**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 #07-191 to the FY07 Operating Budget  
Montgomery County Government  
Arts and Humanities Council Non-Departmental Account  
Feasibility study, business plan, and conceptual design for Waters House Barn  
Adaptive Restoration, \$60,000

**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 recommended the following FY07 Operating Budget appropriation increase for the Arts and Humanities Council Non-Departmental Account, and specified the source of funds as General Fund Undesignated Reserves.

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

3. This increase is needed to fund a feasibility study, business plan, and conceptual design to convert the historic Waters House Barn into space for a new Montgomery County Conference and Visitors Bureau Visitors Center; exhibit galleries; a storage space for historical collections; and public meeting rooms. The planning process for the renovation needs to begin as soon as possible. During this summer, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) will begin constructing a "green school" (Clarksburg/Damascus Elementary School #8) immediately adjacent to the property, and if timed correctly, the heating/cooling system for the school can be extended to include the barn.
4. Notice of a public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held on April 24, 2007.
5. During Council review of the Executive's request, the Council determined that the feasibility study, business plan, and conceptual design for the adaptive restoration of the Waters House Barn could be accomplished for \$60,000.

**Action**

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

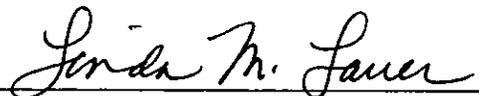
A supplemental appropriation to the FY07 Operating Budget of the Arts and Humanities Council Non-Departmental Account is approved as follows:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$60,000	\$0	\$60,000	General Fund Undesignated Reserves

The Arts and Humanities Council must administer this appropriation and assure that it is used by the Montgomery County Historical Society to fund a feasibility study, business plan, and conceptual design to convert the historic Waters House Barn into space for a new Montgomery County Conference and Visitors Bureau Visitors Center; exhibit galleries; a storage space for historical collections; and public meeting rooms.

The Arts and Humanities Council and the Montgomery County Historical Society must assure that the feasibility study provides to MCPS by August 1, 2007, any information needed to enable MCPS to design the extension of the adjacent elementary school's heating/cooling system to the barn.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

  
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 Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council