

Resolution No: 15-1255
Introduced: November 22, 2005
Adopted: December 13, 2005

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #06-61 to the FY06 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Non-Departmental Account – Working Families Income Supplement
Montgomery County Earned Income Tax Credit Program, \$1,150,000

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 recommends the following FY06 Operating Budget appropriation increases:

<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	\$1,150,000	\$0	\$1,150,000	General Fund Undesignated Reserves

3. This increase is needed to ensure that our most vulnerable county residents, notably seniors, the disabled and low-income residents, have the resources to heat their homes. To accomplish this, I believe that an expanded, additional local tax credit should be available to families struggling to make ends meet. This supplemental would provide \$50 per eligible household, plus the postage and administrative costs charged by the State Comptroller to issue checks.
4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY06 Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,150,000 for Montgomery County Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Program in the Working Families Income Supplement Non-Departmental Account and specifies that the source of funds will be General Fund Undesignated Reserves.
5. Notice of public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held.

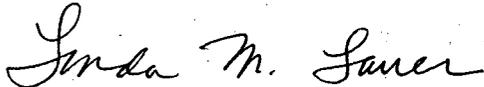
Action

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

A supplemental appropriation to the FY06 Operating Budget of the Non-Departmental Account – Working Families Income Supplement 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	\$1,150,000	\$0	\$1,150,000	General Fund Undesignated Reserves

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

OPERATING BUDGET
SUPPLEMENTAL OR SPECIAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST SUMMARY

1. Please fill in the following table:

Agency	Montgomery County Government
Department	Non-Departmental Account – Working Families Income Supplement
Fund (County Government only)	General Fund Undesignated Reserves
Fiscal year	FY2006
Supplemental or Special	Supplemental
Operating or Capital budget	Operating

2. What is the amount and source of funding?

Source of funding (Please list sources)	Amount
General Fund Undesignated Reserves	\$1,150,000
Total request	\$1,150,000

3. Is the request one-time or continuing? If continuing and funded by a grant, what will you do when the grant ends?

One time request.

4. Please provide a brief description, justification, expected outcomes, and how the outcomes will be measured.

Increased funding will provide resources so that our most vulnerable residents have the resources to fund their homes. Without these funds, it is anticipated that more residents would experience hardship, need more emergency assistance and possibly experience more illnesses with insufficient home heating fuel.

5. Please explain why you did not request this during the annual budget process.

Energy costs that increased significantly during late summer/early fall were unanticipated, as are the now record high forecasted natural gas and home heating oil costs for this winter. As such, these were not considered during the annual budget process.

6. For your agency, what is the current fiscal year budget for the relevant fund and what is the latest estimate? (do not fill out if the appropriation is funded entirely by a non-County grant)

Budget for current fiscal year for the relevant fund	\$1,035,738,190
+ Supplemental/special appropriations already approved	\$8,927,550
= Revised budget for current fiscal year	\$1,044,665,740
Latest estimate of spending for current year	\$1,044,665,740

7. County Government only: For your department or fund, whichever is applicable, what is the current fiscal year budget and what is the latest estimate? (do not fill out if the appropriation is funded entirely by a non-County grant)

Budget for current fiscal year for the department (NDAs tax supported):	\$92,860,860
+ Supplemental/special appropriations already approved	0
= Revised budget for current fiscal year	\$92,860,860
Latest estimate of spending for current year	\$92,860,860