

Resolution No.: 15-1607
Introduced: August 1, 2006
Adopted: September 19, 2006

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: Council President Leventhal

SUBJECT: Special Appropriation to the FY07 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Arts and Humanities Council Non-Departmental Account
National Philharmonic, \$80,000 (source of funds: General Fund Reserve)

Background

1. Section 308 of the County Charter provides that a special appropriation: (a) may be made at any time after public notice by news release; (b) must state that the special appropriation is necessary to meet an unforeseen disaster or other emergency or to act without delay in the public interest; (c) must specify the revenues necessary to finance it; and (d) must be approved by no fewer than six members of the Council.
2. In December 2004 (FY05), the National Philharmonic provided orchestra concerts at Strathmore Hall to all Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) second grade students. The concerts were free of charge to the students and were funded with funds from MCPS and private sources, including a one-time grant from Discovery Communications to Strathmore Hall. MCPS covered the cost of transporting the students to Strathmore Hall. In FY05, the National Philharmonic received \$250,000 from the County for transition costs to move to Strathmore Hall.
3. For FY06, the National Philharmonic requested \$400,000 from the County. Approximately \$90,000 was to cover the costs to continue to provide orchestra concerts at Strathmore Hall for MCPS second grade students. The Council approved \$250,000 in the FY06 Operating Budget. The National Philharmonic provided second grade concerts in December 2005 with a combination of funds from MCPS, private sources, and \$40,000 from the National Philharmonic's cash reserve. MCPS continued to cover students' transportation costs.
4. For FY07, the National Philharmonic requested \$330,000 from the County. Of this amount, \$40,000 was to help cover the cost of upcoming concerts for MCPS second grade students in November 2006, and \$40,000 was to build an FY07 cash reserve. The Council approved \$250,000.

- 5. On several occasions, representatives from the National Philharmonic and Strathmore Hall have reported that the free National Philharmonic concerts are of great value in introducing second grade students to the performing arts. The Council has agreed that the concerts play an important role in building audiences for arts programs in the County.
- 6. After the FY07 budget was approved, the National Philharmonic informed the Council that without additional funds from the County, it will be unable to provide concerts for MCPS second grade students in FY07. The Council believes that a special appropriation of \$80,000 is necessary to enable the National Philharmonic to present the concerts as planned, and to re-establish a cash reserve for the future.
- 7. Notice of a public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held on September 19, 2006

Action

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

A special appropriation to the FY07 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Government, Arts and Humanities Council Non-Departmental Account, is approved as follows:

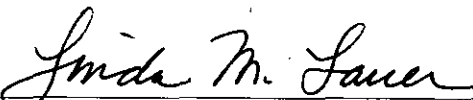
Personnel Costs	Operating Expenses	Capital Outlay	Total Appropriation	Source of Funds
0	\$80,000	0	\$80,000	General Fund Reserve

This special appropriation is necessary to act without delay in the public interest.

The Arts and Humanities Council must administer this appropriation and ensure that it is used by the National Philharmonic as follows:

- \$40,000 for orchestra concerts for MCPS second grade students;
- and
- \$40,000 for cash reserves.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



 Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council