

Resolution No.: 15-1684  
Introduced: October 24, 2006  
Adopted: October 31, 2006

**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:** Special Appropriation #07-158 to the FY07 Operating Budget  
Montgomery County Government  
Arts and Humanities Council Non Departmental Account  
Warren Historic District Restoration, \$25,000

**Background**

1. Section 308 of the Montgomery 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. The County Executive recommends the following FY07 Operating Budget appropriation increase for the Arts and Humanities Council Non Departmental Account:

<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	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	General Fund Reserves

3. This increase is needed to provide funding for Heritage Montgomery for the stabilization of the Loving Charity Hall in the Warren Historic District in Martinsburg.

The Loving Charity Hall was constructed in approximately 1914 and is one of three historic buildings on the Warren Historic District site which also includes the Warren Methodist Episcopal Church and the Martinsburg Negro School. The Loving Charity Hall was associated with a nationwide fraternal benefit society known as the General Grand and Accepted Order of Brothers and Sisters of Love and Charity. The structure also served as the center of community social events and was the site of movies, dances, plays and other social occasions. Because of its age, the Hall has severely deteriorated and is in danger of collapse especially during inclement weather in the coming winter season. These funds are requested to immediately stabilize and preserve the structure while a more in depth assessment is done to fully restore the facility. The stabilization and assessment will be done by Heritage Montgomery.

- 4. The County Executive recommends a special appropriation to the FY07 Operating Budget in the amount of \$25,000 for the Arts and Humanities Council Non Departmental Account and specifies the source of funds as General Fund 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:

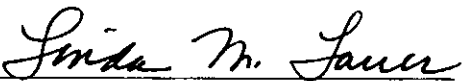
A special appropriation to the FY07 Operating Budget of the Arts and Humanities Council Non Departmental Account is approved as follows:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	General Fund Reserves

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

The Arts and Humanities Council must administer this appropriation and assure that it is used by Heritage Montgomery for the stabilization of the Loving Charity Hall in the Warren Historic District in Martinsburg.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

  
 Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council