

Resolution No.: 16-301  
Introduced: July 31, 2007  
Adopted: September 25, 2007

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive and  
Council Vice President Knapp, Council President Praisner, Councilmember Floreen and  
Councilmember Leventhal

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**SUBJECT:** Special Appropriation #08-209 to the FY08 Operating Budget  
Montgomery County Government  
Department of Finance  
Economic Development Fund (EDF)  
Emergency Assistance Program, \$1,500,000

**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 has requested the following FY08 Operating Budget appropriation increase for the Department of Finance, Economic Development Fund:

<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	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$1,500,000	General Fund Undesignated Reserves

3. The increase in appropriation is needed to address the adverse economic impact of the 2007 drought on the County's agricultural community.
4. The Emergency Assistance Program will be administered by the Department of Economic Development's Agricultural Services Division, and the funds will be disbursed through the Economic Development Fund. The Department's Emergency Assistance Program Document (October 1, 1999) outlines the program's eligibility requirements and operating procedures.

- 5. The County Executive has requested a special appropriation to the FY08 Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,500,000 to fund an Emergency Assistance Program to address the adverse economic impact of the 2007 drought on the County's agricultural community and specifies that the source of funds will be General Fund Undesignated Reserves.
- 6. The public was notified by a news release.

Action


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

- 1. A special appropriation to the FY08 Operating Budget of the Department of Finance, Economic Development Fund 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	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$1,500,000	General Fund Undesignated Reserves

- 2. The County Council declares that this action is necessary to act without delay in the public interest, and that this appropriation is needed to meet the emergency.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

  
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 Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council