

Resolution No.: 17-781  
 Introduced: May 14, 2013  
 Adopted: June 11, 2013

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
 FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

**SUBJECT:** Supplemental Appropriation #13-356 to the FY13 Operating Budget  
Montgomery County Government  
Snow Removal/Wind and Rain Storm Cleanup  
Department of Transportation – \$11,594,055  
Department of General Services – \$3,554,450

**Background**

- 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.
- The County Executive has requested the following FY13 Operating Budget appropriation increases for the Department of Transportation and the Department of General Services:

	<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
Transportation	\$4,357,615	\$7,236,440	\$11,594,055	General Fund Undesignated Reserves
General Services	\$747,463	\$2,806,987	\$3,554,450	General Fund Undesignated Reserves

- This increase is needed because expenditures for snow removal and wind and rain storm cleanup exceed the total FY13 appropriation of \$9,156,979 (\$3,271,989 in the Department of Transportation and \$5,884,990 in the Non-Departmental Account). After review of actual expenses related to staff overtime, contractual services, and materials usage a supplemental appropriation is requested.

- a. During the winter of 2012-2013, Montgomery County experienced 12 snow/ice events with total accumulation of approximately 6.4 inches. While some of the events did not result in plowing, both County and contractual personnel were required to report and/or be on standby and equipment was ready and made available based on weather forecasts. The total cost associated with snow removal operations was \$10,834,483, of which \$2,731,933 was budgeted.
  - b. Wind and rain storm cleanup expenditures to date are \$12,671,001, of which \$540,056 was budgeted.
  - c. In addition to expenditures incurred to date, this supplemental appropriation request includes \$800,000 to cover anticipated wind and rain storm cleanup costs through the end of the fiscal year. Damage from wind and rain storms is unpredictable, with the bulk of the cleanup historically required from April through September.
  - d. The County has received a \$6,486,189 reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and a further estimated reimbursement of \$1,700,000 is anticipated.
4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY13 Operating Budget in the amount of \$15,148,505 for snow removal and wind and rain storm cleanup and specifies that the source of funds as General Fund Undesignated Reserves.
5. Notice of public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held.

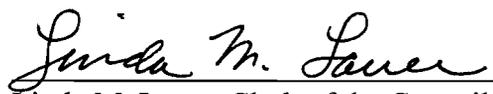
**Action**

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

A supplemental appropriation to the FY13 Operating Budget of the Department of Transportation and the Department of General Services is approved as follows:

	<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
Transportation	\$4,357,615	\$7,236,440	\$11,594,055	General Fund Undesignated Reserves and Federal Aid
General Services	\$747,463	\$2,806,987	\$3,554,450	General Fund Undesignated Reserves and Federal Aid

This is a correct copy of Council action.

  
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 Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council