



OFFICE OF RACIAL EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE


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MEMORANDUM

July 9, 2024

To: Jennifer Bryant, Director
Office of Management and Budget

From: Tiffany Ward, Director
Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice 

Re: Racial Equity Impact Assessment (REIA) Supplemental Appropriation #25-76 FY25
Senator Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance Fund (State 508) Grant (\$1,995,461)

- I. **FINDING:** Based on available information, Supplemental Appropriation (SA) #25-76, *FY25 Senator Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance Fund Grant* does not appear to alter service offerings that have occurred annually before the Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice (ORESJ) initial review in REIA #22-69 and continued in subsequent supplemental appropriations #23-100 and 24-69. Therefore, the Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice (ORESJ) finding remains unchanged:

Senator Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund (State 508) Grant – is unlikely to advance racial equity and social justice in Montgomery County. Information accompanying this supplemental request provided no evidence of a documented process that considers racial and other disproportionalities in fire and emergency medical risk regarding the distribution and rehabilitation of fire apparatus and capital equipment, and the renovation of facilities used to house apparatus.

- II. **BACKGROUND:** SA #25-76 would appropriate proceeds of the FY25 Maryland Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance (State 508) Fund grant. The fund was established to provide grants to fund renovations of stations, as well as the acquisition of fire and rescue equipment for fire, rescue, and ambulance services in local fire and rescue departments. The supplemental funds will be used for the purchase of apparatus, vehicles, equipment, and upgrades to facilities.

In May 2022, June 2023, and May 2024, ORESJ conducted REIAs on previous disbursements of the Senator Amoss Grant. Given that Supplemental Appropriation #25-76 is also intended to allocate funding from the Senator Amoss Grant, ORESJ's analysis and findings remain unchanged.

Please review ORESJ's previous REIAs on the topic:

- REIA 24-69-FY24 Operating Budget, Senator Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance Fund (State 508) Grant
<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ore/Resources/Files/24-69.pdf>
- REIA#23-100 – FY23 Operating Budget, Senator Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance Fund (State 508) Grant
<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ore/Resources/Files/23-100.pdf>
- REIA #22-69 FY22 Operating Budget, Senator Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance Fund (State 508) Grant
<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ore/Resources/Files/22-69.pdf>

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