



Committee: ECON

Committee Review: At a future date

Staff: Bilal Ali, Legislative Analyst

Purpose: To introduce agenda item – no vote expected

AGENDA ITEM #11E

March 18, 2025

Briefing

SUBJECT

To introduce Supplemental Appropriation #25-66 to the FY25 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Government, Office of the County Executive, UM3 - Institute for Health Computing Non-Departmental Account, \$3,000,000 (Source of Funds: Federal Grant)

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- N/A

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

- This appropriation is needed to provide a 'pass-through' of a Federal Congressionally Directed Spending/Community Project Funding (CDS/CPF) Grant requested by the County for the benefit and use of the UM - Institute for Health Computing (IHC) to allow IHC to purchase advanced computational equipment.
- The equipment will significantly enhance the speed and breadth of analysis IHC can provide in supporting its research in the County and in supporting local and regional health, technology and innovation companies.
- The ECON Committee will review the supplemental appropriation on April 10th, 2025.

This report contains:

County Executive's Memo

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Resolution

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Marc Elrich
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

March 12, 2025

TO: Kate Stewart, President
Montgomery County Council

FROM: Marc Elrich, County Executive 

RE: Supplemental Appropriation #25-66 to the FY25 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Office of the County Executive
UM 3 - Institute for Health Computing Non-Departmental Account, \$3,000,000
(Federal Grant)

I am recommending a supplemental appropriation to the FY25 Operating Budget of the UM 3 – Institute for Health Computing Non-Departmental Account in the amount of \$3,000,000. This appropriation is needed to provide a ‘pass-through’ of a Federal Congressionally Directed Spending/Community Project Funding (CDS/CPF) Grant requested by the County for the benefit and use of the University of Maryland Institute for Health Computing (IHC).

The funds will allow the IHC to purchase advanced computational equipment. The equipment will significantly enhance the speed and breadth of analysis the IHC can provide in supporting its research in the County and in supporting local and regional health, technology and innovation companies. IHC has hired over 70 research and support staff at its North Bethesda location and expects that with these funds it will be able to expand the number of employees to at least 100 within a year. Thus, it will also be able to increase the number of internships onsite and the number of local and regional companies served.

On November 11, 2022, the County signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the three IHC academic partners that, in addition to the mutual financial commitments from the County and the Universities over the ensuing six years, included an intention by the County to seek a Federal earmark for \$3,000,000. The County was successful in its efforts to procure the requested Federal grant and drew down those funds from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in December 2024. The terms of the Federal grant provide that the funds

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can only be used for the purchase of advanced computational equipment for the benefit of the IHC in Montgomery County.

I recommend that the County Council approve this supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$3,000,000 and specify the source as Federal Grant.

Should you have any questions, please contact Thomas Lewis in the Office of the County Executive at 240-585-0123.

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this action.

ME/tl

Enclosure: Supplemental Appropriation #25-66

cc: Cecily Thorne, Chief of Staff to the Council President, Montgomery County Council
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Jennifer R. Bryant, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Mike Coveyou, Director, Department of Finance
Nancy B. Feldman, Chief, Division of Fiscal Management, Department of Finance
Dennis Hetman, Fiscal Manager, Department of Finance

Resolution: _____
Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #25-66 to the FY25 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Office of the County Executive
UM 3 - Institute for Health Computing Non-Departmental Account, \$3,000,000
(Federal Grant)

Background

1. 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 six Councilmembers. A supplemental appropriation for any other purpose that is approved before January 1 of any fiscal year requires an affirmative vote of seven 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.
2. The County Executive has requested the following FY25 Operating Budget appropriation increases for the Grant Fund:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	Federal Grant

3. This appropriation is needed to provide a 'pass-through' of a Federal Congressionally Directed Spending/Community Project Funding (CDS/CPF) Grant requested by the County for the benefit and use of the UM - Institute for Health Computing (IHC) to allow IHC to purchase advanced computational equipment. The equipment will significantly enhance the speed and breadth of analysis IHC can provide in supporting its research in the County and in supporting local and regional health, technology and innovation companies.

4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY25 Operating Budget for the UM 3 - Institute for Health Computing Non-Departmental Account in the amount of \$3,000,000 and specifies that the source of funds will be Federal Grant.
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 FY25 Operating Budget of the Office of the County Executive is approved as follows:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	Federal Grant

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Sara R. Tenenbaum
Clerk of the Council