

Resolution No.:	<u>18-1117</u>
Introduced:	<u>May 1, 2018</u>
Adopted:	<u>May 15, 2018</u>

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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Lead Sponsor: Council President

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**SUBJECT:** Special Appropriation to the FY18 Operating Budget  
Montgomery County Government  
Legislative Branch Communications Outreach Nondepartmental Account, \$750,000  
(Cable Fund)

**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 Council recommends a \$750,000 special appropriation from the Cable Fund in FY18. This appropriation is needed to fund procurement of professional services for the design, replacement and upgrade of the technology infrastructure serving the Council's 3rd Floor Hearing Room (3CHR) and Conference Room (3CCR) that supports the Council's essential legislative processes. Both rooms are connected to two County Cable Montgomery broadcast rooms and provide live streaming to County viewers.
3. This project will be denoted as the Council Office Building 3rd Floor Audio, Video and Technology Refresh Project. Most existing audio, video and other technology was installed in 2009 and is well beyond the end of its lifecycle, is no longer supported by the vendor, and replacement parts or repairs are not available on the secondary market. System failures have been sudden and catastrophic, forcing the Council to use other rooms while makeshift measures are implemented and rebroadcasting content for capture to the web portal. Furthermore, new failures could be sudden and catastrophic and would cause significant disruption to the legislative processes supported by this technology.
4. Notice of public hearing was given and a public hearing was held.

**Action**

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

The FY18 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Government is amended and a special appropriation of \$750,000 for the Legislative Branch Communications Outreach Nondepartmental Account is approved. The source of funds is the Cable Fund. 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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Clerk of the Council