

Resolution No.: 19-93
 Introduced: April 23, 2019
 Adopted: May 7, 2019

**COUNTY COUNCIL
 FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #19-439 to the FY19 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Supplemental for Snow Removal/Wind and Rain Storm Cleanup
Department of Transportation - \$11,584,423
Department of General Services - \$3,641,663

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 FY19 Operating Budget appropriation increases for the Department of Transportation and the Department of General Services:

	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Operating</u>		<u>Source</u>
	<u>Services</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>of Funds</u>
Transportation	\$3,867,052	\$7,717,371	\$11,584,423	General Fund Undesignated Reserves
General Services	\$151,129	\$3,490,534	\$3,641,663	General Fund Undesignated Reserves

- This increase is needed because expenditures for snow removal and storm cleanup exceed the FY19 appropriation of \$6,302,368 (\$3,417,378 in the Department of Transportation and \$2,884,990 in the Storm Removal Non-Departmental Account). After review of actual expenses related to staff overtime, contractual services, and materials usage, a supplemental appropriation is requested.

During the winter of 2018-2019, Montgomery County experienced 13 snow/ice events with a County average total accumulation of approximately 28.4 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 \$19,401,641, of which \$5,739,017 was budgeted.

Wind and rain storm cleanup expenditures to date are \$1,401,814, of which \$563,351 was budgeted.

In addition to expenditures incurred to date, this supplemental appropriation provides \$725,000 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 most of the cleanup historically required from April through September.

4. Subsequently, a review of the Department of General Services contract invoices showed that the request could be reduced by \$150,067. Therefore, the County Executive now recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY19 Operating Budget in the amount of \$15,076,019 for snow removal and wind and rain storm cleanup and specifies that the source of funds will be General Fund Undesignated Reserves.

5. Notice of public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held on May 7, 2019.

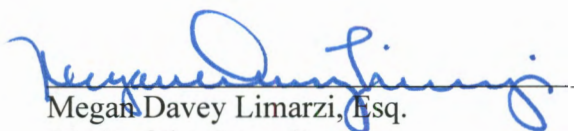
Action

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

A supplemental appropriation to the FY19 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	\$3,867,052	\$7,717,371	\$11,584,423	General Fund Undesignated Reserves
General Services	\$151,129	\$3,340,467	\$3,491,596	General Fund Undesignated Reserves

This is a correct copy of Council action.



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Clerk of the Council