



Committee:
Staff: Susan J. Farag, Legislative Analyst
Purpose: To receive testimony/final action - vote expected
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#SupplementalAppropriation

AGENDA ITEM #14
June 13, 2023
Public Hearing/Action

SUBJECT

Public Hearing/Action - Supplemental Appropriation to the County Government's FY23 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service, FY23 Senator Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance Fund (State 508) Grant, \$1,890,475
(Source of Funds: State Grant)

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None.

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

This supplemental appropriation will fund the acquisition or rehabilitation of apparatus and capital equipment, and the renovation of facilities used to house apparatus.

The Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance (State 508) Fund was established to provide grants for fire, rescue, and ambulance services to promote high-quality service and the continued financial viability of volunteer fire, rescue, and ambulance companies. The grant funds are distributed directly to the County on an annual basis and must be distributed to the Local Fire and Rescue Departments no later than two years after the County receives the funds from the State. Local Fire and Rescue Departments are required to spend or encumber Amoss funds within two years of the date that they receive the funds from the County.

The supplemental appropriation was introduced on May 16, 2023. It did not go before Committee. Council staff recommends approval as submitted.

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Marc Elrich
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

May 2, 2023

TO: Evan Glass, President
Montgomery County Council

FROM: Marc Elrich, County Executive *Marc Elrich*

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #23-100 to the FY23 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
FY23 Senator Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance Fund (State 508) Grant,
\$1,890,475

I am recommending a supplemental appropriation to the FY23 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service in the amount of \$1,890,475 for the Senator Amoss Grant. The appropriation will fund the acquisition or rehabilitation of apparatus and capital equipment, and the renovation of facilities used to house apparatus.

This appropriation is needed to expend the proceeds of the FY23 State of Maryland Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance (State 508) Fund grant. The Amoss Fund was established to provide grants for fire, rescue, and ambulance services to promote high-quality service and the continued financial viability of volunteer fire, rescue, and ambulance companies. This supplemental appropriation represents the priorities established by the County Executive and Fire Chief, in coordination with the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, for the renovation of stations and acquisition of fire and rescue equipment.

I recommend that the County Council approve this supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$1,890,475 and specify the source of funds as State Grant.

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this action.

ME:rs

Enclosure: Supplemental Appropriation #23-100

Resolution No: _____
Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #23-100 to the FY23 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
FY23 Senator Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance Fund (State 508) Grant,
\$1,890,475

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 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.
2. The County Executive has requested the following FY23 Operating Budget appropriation increase for the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service:

<u>Personnel</u> <u>Services</u>	<u>Operating</u> <u>Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source</u> <u>of Funds</u>
\$0	\$1,890,475	\$1,890,475	State Grant

3. This increase is to expend the proceeds of the FY23 State of Maryland Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance (State 508) Fund grant.

4. The Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance (State 508) Fund was established to provide grants for fire, rescue, and ambulance services to promote high-quality service and the continued financial viability of volunteer fire, rescue and ambulance companies. The grant funds are distributed directly to the County on an annual basis and must be distributed to the Local Fire and Rescue Departments no later than two years after the County receives the funds from the State. Local Fire and Rescue Departments are required to spend or encumber Amoss funds within two years of the date that they receive the funds from the County.
5. In accordance with the State Law, grant funds may be used for the acquisition or rehabilitation of apparatus and fire and rescue equipment, and for the renovation of facilities used to house apparatus.
6. In accordance with State procedures, the Fire Chief has consulted with the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association regarding these needs of the Local Fire and Rescue Departments.
7. This supplemental appropriation represents the priorities established by the Fire Chief, in coordination with the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, for the renovation of stations and acquisition of fire and rescue equipment.
8. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY23 Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,890,475 for Senator Amoss Grant and specifies that the source of funds will be the proceeds from the FY23 Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance (State 508) Fund grant.
9. Notice of public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held.

Action

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

1. A supplemental appropriation to the FY23 Operating Budget for the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service is approved as follows:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$1,890,475	\$1,890,475	State Grant

2. Any funds appropriated in this resolution must be spent or encumbered by each Local Fire and Rescue Department to which funds are assigned no later than May 1, 2024. Any funds that an Local Fire and Rescue Department does not encumber or spend by May 1, 2024, automatically revert to the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service on May 2, 2024. The Fire Chief must reallocate any funds reverted under this provision, consistent with applicable State and County laws, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Judy Rupp, Clerk of the Council

MCVFRA AMOSS FUNDS - FY2023 Final MCVFRA/MCFRS Approval

Department	Request From Department <i>Listed in Priority Order</i>	MCVFRA/MCFRS Approved
Bethesda Fire Department	Ambulance Purchase (ongoing)	\$30,000
	Plow for Utility Vehicle (new)	\$6,877
	FS6- Security Camera System (new)	\$38,693
		\$75,570
Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad	Replacement Ambulance for 3-14-4372 (ongoing)	\$107,000
	Apparatus Room Bay Doors (new)	\$75,000
		\$182,000
Burtonsville Volunteer Fire Department	Rescue Squad Replacement (ongoing)	\$145,000
		\$145,000
Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department	Replace Ambulance 3-12-9684 (ongoing)	\$100,000
		\$100,000
Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Volunteer Fire Department	Station 8 - Engine Room Lockers (new)	\$17,800
	Station 8 - Bathroom/General Renovation (new)	\$50,000
		\$67,800
Germantown Volunteer Fire Department	FS29 - Replace Locker Room Lockers (new)	\$39,500
		\$39,500
Glen Echo Fire Department	Replace Tow Vehicle for UTV711 (new)	\$59,200
	Radio for Second Positioning UTV711 (new)	\$7,000
		\$66,200

Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department	Lucas Devices for A724,724B,A712, M712 (new)	\$85,009
	A724B Radio, Equipment, Supplies (new)	\$30,000
	FS24 Replacement	\$1,000
		\$116,009
Hyattstown Volunteer Fire Department	Replace Tanker W709 03-8947 (new)	\$100,000
	Replacement Rescue Engine (ongoing)	\$25,000
		\$125,000
Kensington Volunteer Fire Department	Replacement Duty Chief Vehicle (new)	\$54,708
	Canteen 705 Replacement (ongoing)	\$55,000
	A705A Replacement (ongoing)	\$25,000
		\$134,708
Laytonsville District Volunteer Fire Department	New Engine Tanker 1-20-0108 (ongoing)	\$125,000
		\$125,000
Rockville Volunteer Fire Department	Replace Engine 703 (ongoing)	\$125,000
	FS33 Bathroom Renovation (ongoing)	\$50,000
		\$175,000
Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department	Boat Support Unit 704 (new)	\$71,400
	Boat Support Unit 704 Equipment (new)	\$25,000
		\$96,400
Silver Spring Fire Department	FS16 Renovations (ongoing)	\$78,444
		\$78,444
Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department	Engine Replacement for 111753 (ongoing)	\$79,238
		\$79,238

Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department	Brush Truck Replacement for 6-96-8294 (new)	\$60,000
	FS14 Camera System - Part 2 (ongoing)	\$10,710
	UTV - EMS Unit (new)	\$27,645
		\$98,355
Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad	Rescue Squad Replacement 04-04-5926 (ongoing)	\$150,000
	FY23 Rescue Squad Loan 04-15-2028	\$33,249
		\$183,249
TOTAL Requested		\$1,887,473

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