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AGENDA ITEM #14
April 6, 2021
Public Hearing/Action

SUBJECT

Public Hearing and Action – Supplemental Appropriation #21-515 to the FY21 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
FY21 Senator Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance Fund (State 508) Grant, \$2,041,846

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None.

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

This item was introduced on March 16, 2021 and was not referred to Committee. The list of grant allocations by Local Fire and Rescue Department (LFRD) is attached at ©5. Council staff recommends approval as submitted.

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

The appropriation will fund acquisition of apparatus, capital equipment, and the renovation of facilities used to house apparatus. Funding will be provided by the FY21 Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance (State 508) Grant Funds and interest earned.

This appropriation is needed to expend the proceeds of the FY21 State of Maryland Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance (State 508) Grant Fund. 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.

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

Marc Elrich
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

March 8, 2021

TO: Tom Hucker, President, County Council

FROM: Marc Elrich, County Executive 

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #21-515 to the FY21 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
FY21 Senator Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance Fund (State 508) Grant - \$2,041,846

I am recommending a supplemental appropriation to the FY21 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service in the amount of \$2,041,846 for the Senator Amoss Grant. The appropriation will fund acquisition of apparatus, capital equipment and the renovation of facilities used to house apparatus. Funding will be provided by the FY21 Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance (State 508) Grant Funds and interest earned.

This appropriation is needed to expend the proceeds of the FY21 State of Maryland Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance (State 508) Grant Fund. 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 \$2,041,846 and specify the source of funds as State Grant.

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this action.

Attachment: Supplemental Appropriation #21-515

c: Caroline Sturgis, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer
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Stanley 'Buddy' Sutton, President, Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association
Eric Bernard, Executive Director, Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association
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Resolution No: _____
Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #21-515 to the FY21 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
FY21 Senator Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance Fund (State 508) Grant,
\$2,041,846

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 FY21 Operating Budget appropriation increase for the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$2,041,846	\$2,041,846	State Grant

3. This increase is to expend the proceeds of the FY21 State of Maryland Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance (State 508) Grant Fund.

4. The Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance (State 508) Grant 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 FY21 Operating Budget in the amount of \$2,041,846 for the Senator Amoss Grant and specifies that the source of funds will be the proceeds from the FY21 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 FY21 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	\$2,041,846	\$2,041,846	State Grant

2. Any funds appropriated in this resolution must be spent or encumbered by each LFRD to which funds are assigned no later than May 1, 2022. Any funds that an LFRD does not encumber or spend by May 1, 2022 automatically revert to the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service on May 2, 2022. 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.

Selena Mendy Singleton, Esq.
Clerk of the Council

FY21 Amoss Grant Allocations

LFRD Name	Apparatus	Support Vehicles	Equipment	Facilities	Total:	Project Description
Bethesda FD - FY21	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 61,335.00	\$ 111,335.00	Ambulance; Dormitory/locker room renovation
Bethesda-CC RS - FY21	\$ 53,500.00	\$ 42,661.00	\$ 36,110.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 167,271.00	Ambulance replacement; Command vehicle; command platform, Radios/repeaters; bathroom renovations
Burtonsville VFD - FY21	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 55,697.00	\$ -	\$ 155,697.00	Rescue Squad replacement; hydraulic rescue tools; battery fans for rescue squad
Cabin John Park VFD - FY21	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	Engine replacement
Gaithersburg/WG FD - FY21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 91,200.00	\$ 104,200.00	Station remodel; station camera upgrades; replacement AED
Germantown VFD - FY21	\$ -	\$ 44,232.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 44,232.00	Command vehicle replacement
Glen Echo VFD - FY21	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 78,000.00	Ambulance replacement; AED device
Hillandale VFD - FY21	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00	Command vehicle replacement
Hyattstown VFD - FY21	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ 130,000.00	Replace rescue engine; equipment for rescue engine
Kensington VFD - FY21	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 92,831.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 142,831.00	Ambulance; canteen replacement
Laytonsville VFD - FY21	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 132,000.00	Tanker/engine replacement; Bay door replacement
Rockville VFD - FY21	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 69,600.00	\$ 169,600.00	Engine; tools; dayroom renovation
Sandy Spring VFD - FY21	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 159,000.00	Tanker refurbishment; protective membrane for engine room floor; gear washer and dryer
Silver Spring VFD - FY21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 123,288.50	\$ 123,288.50	Station renovation
Takoma Park VFD - FY21	\$ 123,288.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 123,288.50	Engine
Upper Montgomery VFD - FY21	\$ 8,572.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 114,282.00	\$ 122,854.00	Rescue support; building addition, security camera system; fuel tank
Wheaton Volunteer RS - FY21	\$ 78,249.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 118,249.00	Ambulance; Rescue Squad loan; FAU vehicle replacement; Command vehicle replacement
Total	\$ 1,038,609.50	\$ 279,724.00	\$ 168,807.00	\$ 554,705.50	\$ 2,041,846.00	
Grand Total	\$ 2,041,846.00					