



Committee: PHED
Committee Review: Completed
Staff: Carolyn Chen, Legislative Analyst *cgc*
Purpose: To make preliminary decisions – straw vote expected
Keywords: #history #preservation #montgomeryhistory

AGENDA ITEM #15
 May 12, 2021
Worksession

SUBJECT

FY22 Operating Budget: Non-Departmental Account (NDA): Historical Activities

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None

FY22 COUNTY EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

Historical Activities NDA	FY21 Approved	FY22 CE Recommended	Change from FY21 Approved
General Fund	\$150,000	\$150,000	0%
Personnel Costs	\$0 0.0 FTEs	\$0 0.0 FTEs	0% 0.0 FTEs
Operating Costs	\$150,000	\$150,000	0%

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

- PHED Committee recommends approval (3-0) of the FY22 NDA: Historical Activities as submitted by the County Executive.

This report contains:

Staff Report – PHED Committee April 22, 2021
 FY22 CE Recommended Operating Budget: NDA: Historical Activities

Pages ©A
 ©1-2

Alternative format requests for people with disabilities. If you need assistance accessing this report you may [submit alternative format requests](#) to the ADA Compliance Manager. The ADA Compliance Manager can also be reached at 240-777-6197 (TTY 240-777-6196) or at adacompliance@montgomerycountymd.gov



FY22 Operating Budget: Committee Consent Calendar

PHED Committee #8D

April 22, 2021

Department/Office: Non-Departmental Account (NDA): Historical Activities

Staff: Carolyn Chen, Legislative Analyst *cgc*

1. Staff Recommendation

Council staff recommends approval of the FY22 Historical Activities NDA Budget as submitted by the County Executive.

2. Summary of FY22 Recommended Budget

The County Executive's complete FY22 Recommended Operating Budget for Historical Activities NDA is attached at ©1-2.

Historical Activities NDA	FY21 Approved	FY22 CE Recommended	Change from FY21 Approved
General Fund	\$150,000	\$150,000	0%
Personnel Costs	\$0 0.0 FTEs	\$0 0.0 FTEs	0% 0.0 FTEs
Operating Costs	\$150,000	\$150,000	0%

3. Summary of FY22 Recommended Changes/Adjustments

General Fund - Without Service Impact

- Flat funding to the [Montgomery County Historical Society](#) (DBA Montgomery History) to support staff, educational and outreach programs and to maintain its research library and historic collections.

4. Suggested Discussion Items for Fall Overview Session

- Strategic alignment and racial equity and social justice action planning coordination with [Historic Preservation](#) in Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), [Heritage Montgomery](#), [Arts and Humanities Council](#) and Public Libraries.
- State and County investment in Montgomery History's strategic imperative to move artifact and library collections to a modernized facility to increase in-person and virtual access and ensure safety and longevity.
- Capacity strengthening with Department of General Services on County Records Center operations to maintain County Archives for records of historical or evidential value created by government agencies and their associated boards/committees and commissions, civic organizations, and personal papers of influential community leaders.

☀ Grants To Municipalities in Lieu Of Shares Tax

This NDA funds payments required in accordance with State law. The 1968 Session of the General Assembly revised the tax structure to include a County income tax. As part of this restructuring, the shared tax on banks and financial institutions was eliminated, and a provision was adopted which requires counties to pay annually to municipalities the amount (\$28,020) that had been received by the municipalities in FY68.

FY22 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY21 Approved	28,020	0.00
FY22 Recommended	28,020	0.00

☀ Group Insurance Retirees

Group insurance is provided to retired County employees and survivors, as well as retirees of participating outside agencies. Employees hired before January 1, 1987, are eligible upon retirement to pay 20 percent of the premium for health and life insurance for the same number of years (after retirement) that they were eligible to participate in the group insurance plan as an active employee. The County government pays the remaining 80 percent of the premium. Thereafter, these retirees pay 100 percent of the premium. Employees hired before January 1, 1987, are also offered the option at retirement to convert from the 20/80 arrangement to a lifetime cost sharing option.

Employees hired after January 1, 1987, are eligible upon retirement for a lifetime cost sharing option under which the County pays 70 percent of the premium and the retiree pays 30 percent of the premium for life for retirees who were eligible to participate in the County group insurance plan for 15 or more years as active employees. Minimum participation eligibility of five years as an active employee is necessary to be eligible for the lifetime plan. The County will pay 50 percent of the premium for retirees with five years of participation as an active employee. The County contribution to the payment of the premium increases by two percent for each additional year of participation up to the 70 percent maximum.

On March 5, 2002, the County Council approved a one-time opportunity for retirees still under the 20/80 arrangement with an expiration date to elect the lifetime cost sharing arrangement. The new percentage paid by the County for those electing this arrangement ranges from 50 percent to 68 percent, depending upon years of active eligibility under the plan and years since retirement. The cost sharing election process has been completed. The budget does not include employer contributions from participating outside agencies.

FY22 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY21 Approved	47,106,273	0.00
Multi-program adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting multiple programs.	3,512,379	0.00
FY22 Recommended	50,618,652	0.00

☀ Historical Activities

This NDA provides funding for the Historical Society to support the Society's Education Program staff, educational and outreach programs for County residents, and to maintain the Historical Society's research library and museums.

FY22 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY21 Approved	150,000	0.00
FY22 Recommended	150,000	0.00

☀ Homeowners' Association Road Maintenance Reimburse

This NDA provides a partial reimbursement to homeowners' associations (HOAs) for their maintenance of certain privately-owned roadways. The payment is currently restricted to through roadways, accessible to the public, which are one-quarter mile or longer and which provide vehicular access to more than four dwelling units. In FY97, an Executive Regulation was enacted allowing homeowners' associations to request that their roadways be deemed "private maintenance roads." This designation qualifies the HOAs for State reimbursement of their roadway maintenance costs. The County annually submits to the State its estimate of reimbursable miles, including those accepted as private maintenance roads. The State then reimburses the County and, subsequently, the County forwards the funds to HOAs.

FY22 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY21 Approved	62,089	0.00
FY22 Recommended	62,089	0.00

☀ Housing Opportunities Commission

The Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County (HOC) is a public body corporate and politic duly organized under Division II of the Housing and Community Development Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, commonly known as the Housing Authorities Law. The Commission acts as a builder, developer, financier, owner, and manager of housing for people of low- and moderate- (eligible) income. The Commission also provides eligible families and individuals with affordable housing and supportive services.

FY22 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY21 Approved	6,824,693	0.00
Increase Cost: Annualization of Personnel Costs	71,000	0.00
FY22 Recommended	6,895,693	0.00

☀ Inauguration and Transition

The Montgomery County Charter provides for the quadrennial election of a County Executive and County Council. This NDA provides for a ceremony and smooth transition of the County Executive and County Council every four years.

FY22 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY21 Approved	0	0.00
FY22 Recommended	0	0.00

☀ Incubator Programs - Economic Development Partnership

This NDA provides for facility lease payments, program and portfolio management services for the County's Business Innovation Network (BIN) facilities, and program funding for the Business Incubator Without Walls Program (for the Down County area). The BIN consists of three physical locations: the Silver Spring Innovation Center (SSIC) on Georgia Avenue, the