



**Committee:** Directly to Council  
**Committee Review:** N/A  
**Staff:** Craig Howard, Deputy Director  
**Purpose:** To receive testimony – no vote expected

AGENDA ITEM #3B  
January 11, 2022  
**Introduction**

## SUBJECT

Special Appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Government, Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, \$586,500 for the National Capital Area Law Enforcement Information Sharing Program (Source of Funds: Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments)

## EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None

## DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

The County Council will introduce a special appropriation.

## SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- The County Executive recommended this special appropriation on December 13, 2021 to continue funding for the National Capital Area Law Enforcement Information Sharing Program (NCR LInX).
- The proposed appropriation will fund contractors to run the program and maintain and support the server system.
- For several years, the Montgomery County Police Department has run the NCR LInX program and the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security has managed the finances through a grant provided by the federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS).
- DHS is no longer providing grant funding for this program, and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments will now provide the funding.
- The Council is tentatively scheduled to hold a public hearing and consider action on this special appropriation on January 18, 2022.

### **This report contains:**

County Executive Transmittal (December 13, 2021)

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Draft Special Appropriation Resolution

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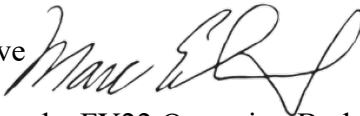
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Marc Elrich  
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

December 13, 2021

TO: Gabe Albornoz, President  
County Council

FROM: Marc Elrich, County Executive 

SUBJECT: Special Appropriation 22-25 to the FY22 Operating Budget  
Montgomery County Government  
Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security  
NCR LInX Program –MWCOG funds, \$586,500

I am recommending a special appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget of the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (OEMHS) in the amount of \$586,500 for continued funding of the National Capital Area Law Enforcement Information Sharing Program. This appropriation will fund contractors to run the program, maintain and support the server system. A special appropriation is requested because the funds to support this program are no longer provided by Homeland Security Grant funds.

For 15 years, the Police Department has run the NCR LInX program to facilitate information exchange between law enforcement agencies in the NCR. OEMHS has managed the finances for nearly 10 years through a Homeland Security grant. The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) will now provide the needed funds. This increase is necessary because the current source of funding will end on December 31, 2021.

I recommend that the County Council approve this special appropriation in the amount of \$586,500 and specify the source of funds as MWCOG funds.

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this action.

ME:tm

Attachment: Special Appropriation 22-25

Resolution No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Introduced: \_\_\_\_\_  
Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

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SUBJECT: Special Appropriation 22-25 to the FY22 Operating Budget  
Montgomery County Government  
Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security  
Metropolitan Washington Council of Government Funding, \$586,500

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 Executive has requested the following FY22 Operating Budget appropriation increases for the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$586,500	\$0	\$586,500	MWCOG Grant Funds

3. This increase is needed because the current source of funding will end on December 31, 2021. MWCOG will be the new funding source for this program. For 15 years, the Police Department has run the NCR LInX program to facilitate information exchange between law enforcement agencies in the NCR. OEMHS has managed the finances for nearly 10 years through a Homeland Security grant.
4. The County Executive has requested a special appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget in the amount of \$586,500 for NCR LInX Program and specifies that the source of funds will be MWCOG grant funds.
5. The public was notified by a news release.

Action

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

1. A special appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget of the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security is approved as follows:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$586,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$586,500</b>	<b>MWCOG Grant Funds</b>

2. Any fund appropriated in this resolution must not be spent for any purpose until two days after the Council has received from the County Executive a copy of the grant award letter from the Federal or state government which provides all funds to be spent.
3. The County Council declares that this action is necessary to 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