



**Committee:** PS  
**Staff:** Susan J. Farag, Legislative Analyst  
**Purpose:** To receive testimony – no vote expected  
**Keywords:** #MCFRS; #Fire; #SupplementalAppropriation

AGENDA ITEM #7  
March 15, 2022  
**Public Hearing**

## SUBJECT

**Public Hearing** - Supplemental Appropriation #22-62 to the FY22 Operating Budget  
Montgomery County Government  
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service  
General Personnel and Operating Costs, \$13,900,000

## EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None.

## COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

This is a public hearing. The Public Safety Committee is tentatively scheduled to review the item on March 21, 2022.

## DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

The Council will receive testimony on this appropriation that supports general personnel and operating expenditures through the end of the year. Actual expenditures are expected to exceed the budget. Personnel costs are projected to exceed the appropriation due to actual overtime costs being greater than budgeted. Operating expenses are projected to exceed the appropriation mainly due to vehicle maintenance and repair, snow removal, facilities maintenance, wireless communications, and insurance. The source of funds is Undesignated Fire Fund Reserves. This supplemental will reduce Undesignated Fire Fund Reserves by \$13,900,000 and is consistent with the fund balance policy for tax supported reserves.

### **This Resolution Contains:**

County Executive Transmittal Memo  
Draft Resolution

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Marc Elrich  
*County Executive*

MEMORANDUM

February 15, 2022

TO: Gabe Albornoz, President  
Montgomery County Council

FROM: Marc Elrich, County Executive 

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #22-62 to the FY22 Operating Budget  
Montgomery County Government  
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service  
General Personnel and Operating Costs, \$13,900,000

I am recommending a supplemental appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service in the amount of \$13,900,000 for general personnel and operating costs. This appropriation will fund spending through year-end as projected at the end of the second quarter.

This increase is needed to support general personnel and operating expenditures through the end of the year, as actual expenditures are expected to exceed the budget. Personnel costs are projected to exceed the appropriation due to actual overtime costs being greater than budgeted. Operating expenses are projected to exceed the appropriation mainly due to vehicle maintenance and repair, snow removal, facilities maintenance, wireless communications, and insurance.

I recommend that the County Council approve this supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$13,900,000 and specify the source of funds as Undesignated Fire Fund Reserves. This supplemental will reduce Undesignated Fire Fund Reserves by \$13,900,000 and is consistent with the fund balance policy for tax supported reserves.

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this action.

ME:rs

Attachment: Supplemental Appropriation #22-62

cc: Jennifer R. Bryant, Director, Office of Management and Budget  
Scott Goldstein, Chief, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service

Resolution No: \_\_\_\_\_

Introduced: \_\_\_\_\_

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #22-62 to the FY22 Operating Budget  
Montgomery County Government  
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service  
General Personnel and Operating Costs, \$13,900,000

**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 FY22 Operating Budget appropriation increases for the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service:

| <u>Personnel Services</u> | <u>Operating Expenses</u> | <u>Capital Outlay</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Source of Funds</u>         |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| \$9,070,000               | \$4,830,000               | \$0                   | \$13,900,000 | Undesignated Fire Fund Reserve |

3. This increase is needed to support general personnel and operating expenditures through the end of the year, as actual expenditures are expected to exceed budget. Personnel costs are projected to exceed the appropriation due to actual overtime costs being greater than budgeted. Operating expenses are projected to exceed the appropriation mainly due to vehicle maintenance and repair, snow removal, facilities maintenance, wireless communications, and insurance.
4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget in the amount of \$13,900,000 for general personnel and operating costs and specifies that the source of funds will be undesignated fire fund reserves.
5. Notice of public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held.

**Action**

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

A supplemental appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service is approved as follows:

| <u>Personnel<br/>Services</u> | <u>Operating<br/>Expenses</u> | <u>Capital<br/>Outlay</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Source<br/>of Funds</u>        |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| \$9,070,000                   | \$4,830,000                   | \$0                       | \$13,900,000 | Undesignated Fire<br>Fund Reserve |

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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Clerk of the Council