



**Committee:** Directly to Council  
**Committee Review:** N/A  
**Staff:** Nicole Rodriguez-Hernandez, Legislative Analyst  
**Purpose:** To introduce agenda item – no vote expected  
**Keywords:** #MontgomeryCollege

AGENDA ITEM #4A  
November 17, 2020  
**Introduction**

## SUBJECT

Supplemental Appropriation to the FY21 Operating Budget, Montgomery College, \$1,361,801 for the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund (Source of Funds: Federal Grant)

## EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None

## COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Introduction – No Council vote required

## DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

The Council will introduce a supplemental appropriation to the FY21 Operating Budget, Montgomery College, \$1,361,801 for the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Grant. The source of funds is the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act-Coronavirus Relief Fund.

## SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- The Board of Trustees requested this appropriation on October 30, 2020. The County Executive recommended approval on November 4, 2020.
- Montgomery College plans to use the GEER funds to help residents whose employment has been impacted by COVID-19 pursue training (workforce development and continuing professional education programs) that lead to industry-required certification or licensure. A majority of the funds will be used for direct student support such as scholarships for tuition and fees, student vouchers for instruction materials, technology, testing fees, and other employment-related costs. The remainder of the funds will be used for project personnel and other administrative costs.
- The Council is tentatively scheduled to hold a public hearing and consider action on this supplemental appropriation on December 1, 2020.

## This report contains:

County Executive Recommendation (November 4, 2020)  
Draft Supplemental Appropriation Resolution  
Board of Trustees Request (October 30, 2020)

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## OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Marc Elrich  
*County Executive*

### MEMORANDUM

November 4, 2020

TO: Sidney Katz, President, County Council

FROM: Marc Elrich, County Executive 

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #21-497 to the FY21 Operating Budget  
Montgomery College  
Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) funding, \$1,361,801

I am recommending a supplemental appropriation to the FY21 Operating Budget of Montgomery College in the amount of \$1,361,801 for funds disbursed through the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (Maryland GEER) Fund, under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. This appropriation will provide funds to Montgomery College to provide workforce development courses and continuing professional education that lead to government- or industry-required certification or licensure; particularly focusing on individuals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic through the loss of employment.

This supplemental appropriation is needed to provide spending authority for grant funds received from the Maryland GEER Fund. As a grant award, there is no effect on the County's current or future maintenance of effort requirements.

I recommend that the County Council approves this supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$1,361,801 and specify the source of funds as the Maryland GEER Fund.

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this action.

ME:rpm

Attachments: Montgomery College GEER FY21 appropriation request to County Executive and County Council

c: Lisa Mandel-Trupp, Chief of Staff to the Council President  
Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, President, Montgomery College  
Jennifer Bryant, Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget

Resolution No.:  
Introduced: November 17, 2020  
Adopted:

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

**SUBJECT:** Supplemental Appropriation #21-497 to the Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget  
Montgomery College  
Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) funding, \$1,361,801

**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 increases for Montgomery College

<u>Personnel</u> <u>Services</u>	<u>Operating</u> <u>Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source</u> <u>of Funds</u>
\$0	\$1,361,801	\$1,361,801	Maryland GEER Fund

3. This increase is needed to provide spending authority for the use of grant funds disbursed from the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (Maryland GEER) Fund, under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. As a grant award, there is no effect on the County's current or future maintenance of effort requirements.
4. Notice of public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held.

**Action**

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

A supplemental appropriation to the FY21 Operating Budget of the Montgomery College is approved as follows:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$1,361,801	\$1,361,801	Maryland GEER Fund

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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Selena Mendy Singleton, Esq.  
Clerk of the Council

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 30, 2020

The Honorable Marc Elrich  
County Executive  
Executive Office Building  
101 Monroe Street  
Rockville, Maryland 20850

The Honorable Sidney Katz  
President, Montgomery County Council  
100 Maryland Avenue  
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear Mr. Elrich and Mr. Katz:

Montgomery College seeks a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$1,361,801 for the College's FY21 Federal, State, Private Grants, and Contract fund.

Montgomery College qualified for funds under the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund, under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The Governor allocated \$10,000,000 of the Maryland GEER funds for community colleges to provide workforce development courses and continuing professional education that lead to government- or industry-required certification or licensure; particularly focusing on individuals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic through the loss of employment. Montgomery College was awarded \$1,361,801.

Your approval of this request will increase the FY21 Federal, State, Private Grants, and Contract fund appropriation to \$20,143,801. The funding for this request is authorized in the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund authorized by Section 18003(d)(1) of Division B of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

The College will use the majority of the GEER funds for direct student support to help residents whose employment has been impacted by COVID-19 pursue training—workforce development courses and continuing professional education programs—that lead to industry-required certification or licensure. Approximately \$1,160,500 will be used for direct student support such as scholarships for tuition and fees and student vouchers for instructional materials, technology, credentialing testing fees, and other employment-related costs (fingerprinting, background checks, vaccinations, uniforms, etc.). The remainder of the funds will be used for project personnel and other administrative costs.

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The Honorable Sidney Katz  
October 30, 2020  
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With the approval of this appropriation request, the College will proceed to spend the funds provided under the GEER fund, totaling \$1,361,801 to help local residents rebound from this public health crisis.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael J. Knapp". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Michael J. Knapp  
Chair, Board of Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "DeRionne P. Pollard". The signature is cursive and elegant, with a large initial "D".

DeRionne P. Pollard, Ph.D.  
President

Attachment: Montgomery College Board of Trustees Resolution 20-10-084

cc: Ms. Jennifer Bryant, Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget  
Mr. Rafael Murphy, Fiscal & Policy Analyst, Office of Management and Budget  
Ms. Nicole Rodriguez-Hernandez, Legislative Analyst, Montgomery County Council

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE**  
Rockville, Maryland

Agenda Item Number: 6E  
October 19, 2020

**SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST FOR THE FY21 OPERATING FUND  
BUDGET**

**BACKGROUND**

On June 22, 2020, the Board of Trustees adopted a FY21 operating budget in the amount of \$318,347,932. Of this amount, \$18,782,000 was for the Federal, State, Private Grants and Contract fund.

On March 5, 2020, the governor of the state of Maryland proclaimed a state of emergency and health emergency to control and prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus within the state. On June 24, 2020, the governor of the state of Maryland announced the commitment of more than \$45.6 million in additional education funding through the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund, under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The purpose of these funds is to provide local educational agencies, institutions of higher education, and other educational related entities with emergency assistance, as the result of COVID-19. The CARES Act gives governors the flexibility to provide direct funding for educational priorities.

As part of the \$45.6 million, the governor allocated \$10 million of the Maryland GEER funds for community colleges to provide workforce development courses and continuing professional education that lead to government- or industry-required certification or licensure; particularly focusing on individuals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic through loss of employment. The GEER Fund is being administered by the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC). On September 16, 2020, MHEC notified the College that its application for GEER funding was approved and awarded the College \$1,361,801. The College has until September 30, 2021, to expend these funds.

The College will use the majority of GEER funds for direct student support to help residents whose own employment or household employment has been impacted by COVID-19 to help them pursue workforce development courses and continuing professional education that lead to government- or industry-required certification or licensure. Funds will be used for scholarships, ancillary student costs, technology vouchers, and project personnel.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board approve and support a supplemental appropriation request to the Montgomery County Executive and Montgomery County Council in the amount of \$1,361,801 for the FY21 Federal, State, Private Grants and Contract fund. This action will increase the FY21 Federal, State, Private Grants and Contract fund appropriation to \$20,143,801. The funding for this request will be the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund authorized by Section 18003(d)(1) of Division B of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.



BACKUP INFORMATION

Board Resolution

RESPONSIBLE SENIOR ADMINISTRATORS

Ms. Schena

Mr. Sears

RESOURCE PERSONS

Ms. Greaney

Ms. Garvin Aquilino

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE**  
Rockville, Maryland

Resolution Number: **20-10-084**  
Adopted on: **10/19/2020**

Agenda Item Number: 6E  
October 19, 2020

**Subject: Supplemental Appropriation Request for the FY21 Operating Fund Budget**

WHEREAS, On March 5, 2020, the governor of the state of Maryland proclaimed a state of emergency and health emergency to control and prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus within the state; and

WHEREAS, Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, also known as the CARES Act, to address the economic and financial burden for student and educational institutions due to the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States; and

WHEREAS, On June 24, 2020, as part of the CARES Act, the governor of the state of Maryland established the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund; and

WHEREAS, The governor of the state of Maryland allocated \$10 million of the Maryland GEER fund to community colleges to provide workforce development courses and continuing professional education that lead to government or industry required certification or licensure; particularly focusing on individuals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic through loss of employment; and

WHEREAS, The GEER fund is being administered by the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC); and

WHEREAS, On September 16, 2020, MHEC notified the College that its application for GEER funding was approved and awarded the College \$1,361,801; and

WHEREAS, The College has until September 30, 2021 to expend these funds; and

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees approves and supports a supplemental appropriation request to the Montgomery County Executive and Montgomery County Council pursuant to the GEERS fund in the amount of \$1,361,801 for the FY21 Federal, State, Private Grants and Contract fund; and be it further

Resolved, That this action will increase the FY21 Federal, State, Private Grants and Contract fund appropriation to \$20,143,801; and be it further

Resolved, That the functional totals for the FY21 Federal, State, Private Grants and Contract fund will be in the amounts listed in the following table;

	<i><b>Fed/State/Priv Grant</b></i>	<i><b>Supplemental</b></i>	<i><b>Fed/State/Priv Grant</b></i>
Grant & Endowment Expenditure	\$ 18,782,000	\$ 1,361,801	\$ 20,143,801

and be it further

Resolved, That the budgeted source of funds to fund the College's FY21 Federal, State, Private Grants and Contract fund are in the amounts listed in the table below.

	<b><i>Fed/State/Priv Grant</i></b>	<b><i>Supplemental</i></b>	<b><i>Fed/State/Priv Grant</i></b>
Federal Grants	\$ 9,817,000	\$ 1,361,801	\$ 11,178,801
State Contracts & Grants	\$ 5,050,000		\$ 5,050,000
Other	\$ 3,915,000		\$ 3,915,000
Total	\$ 18,782,000	\$ 1,361,801	\$ 20,143,801