

GO ITEM #3
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Worksession

MEMORANDUM

April 30, 2019

TO: Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee

FROM: Amanda Mihill, Legislative Attorney *AMihill*

SUBJECT: **Worksession:** FY20 Operating Budget for the Charter Review Commission NDA

PURPOSE: Review and make recommendations on the FY20 Operating Budget for the Charter Review Commission

Those expected for this worksession:

- Naeem Mia, Fiscal and Policy Analyst, Office of Management and Budget

The Executive's recommendation for the Charter Review Commission Non-Departmental Account is attached at ©1.

Overview

The Montgomery County Charter requires the Charter Review Commission to report to the County Council in May of every even numbered year. Expenses for the Commission vary from year to year, with higher expenses in years in which a report is required. Since the current Commission will complete its report in FY20, the Executive recommends total expenditures of \$1,150 for this NDA in FY20, an increase of \$1,000 from FY19.

Council staff recommendation

Approve the Executive's recommended budget as submitted. The funding increase is warranted because the Charter requires the Commission to issue a report during FY20.

FY20 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY19 Approved	5,356,943	0.00
FY20 Recommended	5,356,943	0.00

Boards, Committees and Commissions

There are approximately 75 boards, committees, and commissions, created by law or resolution, which serve the County for a variety of purposes. These funds provide for the reimbursement of certain expenses incurred by eligible members of boards, committees, or commissions while on official business and/or for expenses related to the establishment of any new boards, committees, or commissions.

FY20 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY19 Approved	22,950	0.00
FY20 Recommended	22,950	0.00

Charter Review Commission

Section 509 of the County Charter requires that a Charter Review Commission be appointed by the County Council every four years, within six months of the Council assuming office, for the purpose of reviewing the Charter for notetual amendments. The Commission shall report at least once to the Council on the Commission's activities within one year after appointment. Commission reports shall be submitted no later than May 1 of every even-numbered year. The reports shall contain recommendations concerning proposed Charter amendments, if any. This NDA provides for the expenses of the Commission.

FY20 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY19 Approved	150	0.00
Increase Cost: Charter Review Commission - Biennial Workload Adjustment	1,000	0.00
FY20 Recommended	1,150	0.00

Children's Opportunity Fund

The Children's Opportunity Fund (COF) NDA was established in partnership with the Greater Washington Community Foundation in May 2016. COF provides funding to support policy priorities that address the social determinants that impact the achievement gap for vulnerable children and the barriers faced by their families.

The Fund is supported by a Leadership Working Group made up of the County Executive, the Montgomery County Public School (MCPS) Superintendent, a member of the Board of Education, and a member of the County Council. This Leadership Working Group is staffed by the Executive Director/Consultant of COF and will advise the Fund's Steering Committee as to the policy priorities relating to children at risk of not succeeding in school, for the purpose of advising and guiding the Steering Committee in making recommendations for the Fund. The Steering Committee makes the award decisions.

The Steering Committee is comprised of the Director of the Department of Recreation, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, the MCPS Chief Academic Officer, the Executive Director of the Collaboration Council, the Executive Director of the Greater Washington Community Foundation, and the Director/Consultant to the Fund who was hired by the Greater Washington Community Foundation and serves as an ex-officio member. Evaluation and data driven decision-making is critical to the work of the Fund. The Fund will direct resources to County inter-agency and cross system collaborations, promote public-private partnerships, and identify new funding sources in collaboration with the Community Foundation to aggressively close the achievement gap in Montgomery County and impact the social-economic determinants that affect outcomes for children and their families.

FY20 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY19 Approved	375,000	0.00
FY20 Recommended	375,000	0.00

Community Grants: County Executive

This NDA provides one-time grants directly to organizations in the community. These community organizations are critical to an effective