

**MEMORANDUM**

March 22, 2019

TO: County Council

FROM: <sup>CH</sup> Craig Howard, Senior Legislative Analyst

SUBJECT: **Public Hearing/Action – Supplemental Appropriation to the FY19 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Public Schools, \$1,350,000 for the Striving Readers’ Comprehensive Literacy Grant (Source of Funds: State Grant)**

PURPOSE: Hold a public hearing and consider action

The County Council will hold a public hearing and consider action on a supplemental appropriation to the FY19 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), \$1,350,000 for the Striving Readers’ Comprehensive Literacy Grant. The source of funds is the Maryland State Department of Education.

The County Executive recommends approval of this appropriation (©1), and a draft appropriation resolution is attached at ©2-3. The Board of Education requested this appropriation on January 8, 2019 (transmittal attached on ©4-6). The Council introduced this supplemental appropriation on March 12. As a grant award, there is no effect on the County’s current or future maintenance of effort requirements.

This grant will help support MCPS, in conjunction with Montgomery County Public Libraries, to provide families impacted by poverty in Montgomery County with resources and tools to build a literacy-rich environment before their children enter kindergarten.

**Council staff recommends approval.**



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

Marc Elrich  
County Executive

## MEMORANDUM

February 28, 2019

**TO:** Nancy Navarro, President, County Council

**FROM:** Marc Elrich, County Executive *ME*

**SUBJECT:** Supplemental Appropriation #19-435 to the FY19 Operating Budget  
Montgomery County Public Schools  
Striving Readers' Comprehensive Literacy Grant, \$1,350,000

I am recommending a supplemental appropriation to the FY19 Operating Budget of Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) in the amount of \$1,350,000 for the Striving Readers' Comprehensive Literacy Grant. This appropriation will provide families in Montgomery County, particularly those impacted by poverty, with resources and tools to build a literacy-rich environment before their children enter kindergarten.

This supplemental appropriation is needed to provide spending authority for grant funds received from the Maryland State Department of Education. 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 approve this supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$1,350,000 and specify the source of funds as Maryland State Department of Education Striving Readers' Comprehensive Literacy Grant.

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this action.

ME:brm

Attachments

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: Supplemental Appropriation #19-435 to the FY19 Operating Budget  
Montgomery County Public Schools  
Striving Readers' Comprehensive Literacy Grant, \$1,350,000**

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 FY19 Operating Budget appropriation increases for Montgomery County Public Schools

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$1,350,000	\$0	\$1,350,000	Grant

3. This increase is needed to provide spending authority for the use of grant funds received from the Maryland State Department of Education. As a grant award, there is no effect on the County's current or future maintenance of effort requirements.
4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY19 Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,350,000 for the Striving Readers' Comprehensive Literacy Grant and specifies that the source of funds will be grant funds from the Maryland State Department of Education.
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 FY19 Operating Budget of Montgomery County Public Schools is approved as follows:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$1,350,000	\$0	\$1,350,000	Grant

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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Megan Davey Limarzi, Esq.  
Clerk of the Council

Office of the Superintendent of Schools  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Rockville, Maryland

January 11, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Marc Elrich, County Executive  
The Honorable Nancy Navarro, President,  
Montgomery County Council

From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Transmittal of Board of Education Agenda Item #11.14

Recommended Fiscal Year 2019 Supplemental Appropriation for Striving Readers'  
Comprehensive Literacy Grant

BOE Meeting Date: January 8, 2019

Amount: \$1,350,000

Type of Action: Approval

JRS:ND:jp

Attachment

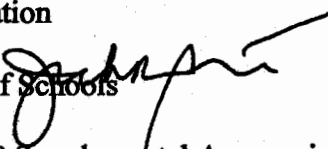
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Ms. Diamond  
Montgomery County Office of Management and Budget

Office of the Superintendent of Schools  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Rockville, Maryland

January 8, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools 

Subject: Recommended Fiscal Year 2019 Supplemental Appropriation for Striving Readers' Comprehensive Literacy Grant

**Recommendation in Brief**

Authorization is requested to receive and expend, subject to County Council approval, a Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 supplemental appropriation of \$1,350,000 for a grant from the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) for the Striving Readers' Comprehensive Literacy (SRCL) Program. A Notice of Grant Award (NOGA) in the amount of \$700,000 for FY 2019 has been received from MSDE. A second NOGA in the amount of \$650,000 for the same program for FY 2019 is forthcoming. As the size of the grant award exceeds the funding amount limitation of the provision, an authorization of supplemental appropriation is needed.

This is a two-year grant as follows:

FY 2019 =	\$1,350,000
FY 2020 =	650,000
Total =	\$ 2,000,000

**Background**

Montgomery County Public School (MCPS) began to implement new literacy curriculum in 2009 and with the adoption of the Common Core State Standards in 2010, there were missed opportunities to provide our youngest learners with the foundational skills required to master literacy and access complex text across content areas. Findings from an external audit of the MCPS Curriculum 2.0 in March 2018 revealed our curriculum does not include the necessary component to adequately address foundational skills. Building foundational literacy skills begins at birth and the Striving Readers' Comprehensive Literacy Grant will help support MCPS, in conjunction with Montgomery County Public Libraries, to provide families in Montgomery County, particularly those impacted by poverty, with resources and tools to build a literacy-rich environment before their children enter kindergarten.

**Support of Board of Education Mission**

The SRCL grant is supported by the District Implementation Plan for the Strategic Priorities—Strengthen the Foundation for Academic Success by focusing on instruction in literacy to ensure that all students have the literacy skills needed to be college and career ready and efforts to improve performance and outcomes for students receiving special education and English for Speakers of Other Languages services. The grant funds will enable MCPS to intensify efforts to improve performance and outcomes for students living in poverty and those receiving special education and ESOL services.

**Use of Funds**

Funds will be used to provide for:

- Professional Part-time Salaries
- Associated employee benefits
- Stipends
- Substitutes
- Contractual Services
- Instructional Materials

**Recommended Resolution**

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools has received a FY 2019 Notice of Grant Award in the amount of \$700,000, and a letter from Cecilia J. Roe, Director of Instructional Assessment, Professional Learning, Title IIA & English/Language Arts, Maryland State Department of Education, notifying us of the forthcoming Notice of Grant Award in the amount of \$650,000, now therefore be it

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to receive and expend, subject to the receipt of the Notice of Grant Award in the amounts of \$700,000 and an additional \$650,000 from the Maryland State Department of Education, for a total supplemental appropriation of \$1,350,000 for the Striving Readers' Comprehensive Literacy Grant, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the county executive and County Council for approval.

JRS:ND:jp