


AGENDA ITEM #8
April 23, 2019
Public Hearing

M E M O R A N D U M

April 19, 2019

TO: County Council

FROM: Susan J. Farag, Legislative Analyst 

SUBJECT: **Public Hearing: Supplemental appropriation #19-432 to the FY19 Operating Budget Montgomery County Government Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service FY19 Senator Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund (State 508) Grant, \$1,963,432**

Today the County Council will hold a public hearing on a supplemental appropriation to the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service (MCFRS) FY19 Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,963,432.

The Council introduced a resolution to approve this appropriation on March 26, 2019 (attached at ©2-4). The Executive's transmittal memo is attached at ©1. The Public Safety Committee is tentatively scheduled to review the supplemental appropriation on April 24, 2019.

The Executive's transmittal indicates that the appropriation is needed to expend the proceeds for the Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund Grant and accrued interest. The supplemental appropriation represents the priorities established by the County Executive and Fire Chief, in coordination with the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association for the renovation of stations and acquisition of the fire and rescue equipment.

Senator Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Grant Funds (also known as State 508 Funds) were established to provide grants to local fire departments to renovate stations or acquire fire and rescue equipment. The State awards these funds annually to counties, who then distribute the funds to local fire and rescue departments who expend the funds. Funds can be used for a wide range of facility and equipment related expenses.




OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

MEMORANDUM

Marc Elrich
County Executive

March 7, 2019

TO: Nancy Navarro, President, Montgomery County Council

FROM: Marc Elrich, County Executive 

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #19-432, to the FY19 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
FY19 Senator Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance Fund (State 508) Grant,
\$1,963,432

I am recommending a supplemental appropriation to the FY19 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service in the amount of \$1,963,432 for the Senator Amoss Grant. The appropriation will fund acquisition or rehabilitation of apparatus and capital equipment, and the renovation of facilities used to house apparatus. Funding will be provided by the FY19 Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance (State 508) Grant funds and interested earned.

This appropriation is needed to expend the proceeds of the FY19 State of Maryland Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance (State 508) Fund grant. The Amoss Fund was established to provide grants for fire, rescue, and ambulance services to promote high-quality service and the continued financial viability of volunteer fire, rescue and ambulance companies. This supplemental appropriation represents the priorities established by the County Executive and Fire Chief, in coordination with the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, for the renovation of stations and acquisition of fire and rescue equipment.

I recommend that the County Council approve this supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$1,963,432 and specify the source of funds as State Grant.

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this action.

ME: bm

Attachments: Supplemental Appropriation #19-432

c: Richard Madaleno, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Alexandre A. Espinosa, Director, Department of Finance
Scott Goldstein, Fire Chief, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
Marcine Goodloe, President, Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association
Eric Bernard, Executive Director, Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association
Dominic Del Pozzo, Budget Manager, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
Rachel Silberman, Senior Management and Budget Specialist, Office of Management and Budget
Bruce Meier, Fiscal and Policy Analyst, Office of Management and Budget

Resolution No: _____
Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #19-XXX to the FY19 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
FY19 Senator Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance Fund (State 508) Grant,
\$1,963,432

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 increase for the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$1,963,432	\$1,963,432	State Grant

3. This increase is to expend the proceeds of the FY19 State of Maryland Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance (State 508) Fund grant.

4. The Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance (State 508) Fund was established to provide grants for fire, rescue, and ambulance services to promote high-quality service and the continued financial viability of volunteer fire, rescue and ambulance companies. The grant funds are distributed directly to the County on an annual basis and must be distributed to the Local Fire and Rescue Departments no later than two years after the County receives the funds from the State. Local Fire and Rescue Departments are required to spend or encumber Amoss funds within two years of the date that they receive the funds from the County.
5. In accordance with the State Law, grant funds may be used for the acquisition or rehabilitation of apparatus and fire and rescue equipment, and for the renovation of facilities used to house apparatus.
6. In accordance with State procedures, the Fire Chief has consulted with the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association regarding these needs of the Local Fire and Rescue Departments.
7. This supplemental appropriation represents the priorities established by the Fire Chief, in coordination with the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, for the renovation of stations and acquisition of fire and rescue equipment.
8. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY19 Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,963,432 for Senator Amoss Grant and specifies that the source of funds will be the proceeds from the FY19 Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance (State 508) Fund grant.
9. Notice of public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held.

Action

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

1. A supplemental appropriation to the FY19 Operating Budget for the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service is approved as follows:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$1,963,432	\$1,963,432	State Grant

2. Any funds appropriated in this resolution must be spent or encumbered by each LFRD to which funds are assigned no later than May 1, 2020. Any funds that an LFRD does not encumber or spend by May 1, 2020 automatically revert to the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service on May 2, 2020. The Fire Chief must reallocate any funds reverted under this provision, consistent with applicable State and County laws, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Megan Davey Limarzi, Esq. Clerk of the Council