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Committee Review: N/A
Staff: Keith Levchenko, Senior Legislative Analyst
Purpose: To receive testimony/final action - vote expected
Keywords: #DEP and Climate Planning and Department of Defense Resiliency Grant

AGENDA ITEM #7
October 20, 2020
Public Hearing/Action

SUBJECT

Supplemental Appropriation to the County Government's FY21 Operating Budget, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) - \$372,079 for Naval Support Activity -Bethesda - Military Installation Resiliency Review Grant (Source of Funds: Federal Grant)

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

- Patty Bubar, Deputy Director, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
- Frank Dawson, Chief, Watershed Management Division, DEP
- Miranda Reed, Planning Specialist, Watershed Management Division, DEP
- Dan Sheridan, Design Section Chief, Division of Transportation Engineering, Department of Transportation
- Richard Harris, Fiscal and Policy Analyst, Office of Management and Budget

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

- On September 23, 2020, the County Council received a request from the County Executive for an FY21 supplemental appropriation for \$372,079 to fund a climate planning resiliency study for Naval Support Activity (NSA) – Bethesda which is home to the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and Uniformed Services University.
- This grant, from the Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment's Military Installation Sustainability Program, will provide funding for DEP to hire a consultant to complete the resiliency study for the community around the NSA – Bethesda and will make recommendations on how to minimize impacts from flooding. The County's Department of Transportation and Department of General Services will also partner in this work. The study is expected to begin this fall and take 12 months.
- The grant will cover the full cost of the engineering study. The County is providing a \$41,358 match in the form of in-kind existing staff resources. No additional local funding is required.
- DEP has noted that the primary area of investigation includes the Stoney Creek subwatershed (Rock Creek) and the Naval Support Activity – Bethesda property. A secondary, high-level analysis of transportation resources will extend outside the primary area of investigation, bounded to the north by I-495, to the south, by MD 410, to the east by MD 185, and to the west by MD 187 (see map attached on ©5).

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- According to DEP, the study will recommend potential water resources, transportation, and power grid resiliency projects. Agencies will evaluate these projects for inclusion in future programming.
- Future projects recommended in the study may be eligible for FEMA Building Resiliency Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC), National Fish and Wildlife Foundation National Coastal Resilience Fund, and Maryland Department of Natural Resources Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund funding.

COUNCIL STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- Council Staff recommends approval of the supplemental appropriation request as transmitted by the County Executive.

This report contains:

- September 23, 2020 Transmittal from the County Executive
 - Transmittal Letter ©1-2
 - Draft Resolution ©3-4
 - Area of Investigation Map ©5

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

Marc Elrich
County Executive

M E M O R A N D U M

September 23, 2020

TO: Sidney Katz, President, County Council

FROM: Marc Elrich, County Executive 

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #21-491 to the FY21 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Department of Environmental Protection
Naval Support Activity-Bethesda-Military Installation Resiliency Review Grant, \$372,079

I am recommending a supplemental appropriation to the FY21 Operating Budget of the Department of Environmental Protection in the amount of \$372,079 for the Naval Support Activity-Bethesda - Military Installation Resiliency Review Grant. This appropriation will fund a climate resiliency planning study for Naval Support Activity (NSA)- Bethesda, home to the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and the Uniformed Services University. The Department of Defense (DoD) Military Resiliency Review Grant supports local planning and community development decisions/activities that directly impact the military mission.

This increase in appropriation is needed to provide spending authority to the County for a grant from the DoD Office of Economic Adjustment's Military Installation Sustainability program for the NSA- Bethesda, which is a 250-acre military installation. The County is receiving \$372,079 in federal funding to hire a consultant to complete a resiliency planning study for the community around the NSA Bethesda and will make recommendations on opportunities to minimize impacts from flooding. Through this grant, DoD will partner with Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Transportation, and Department of General Services.

I recommend that the County Council approve this supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$372,079 and specify the source of funds as Federal Funds.

Sidney Katz, President, County Council
September 23, 2020
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I appreciate your prompt consideration of this action.

ME:rh:pb

Attachment: Supplemental Appropriation #21-491

cc: Adriana Hochberg, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer
Adam Ortiz, Director, Department of Environmental Protection
Patrice Bubar, Deputy Director, Department of Environmental Protection
Chris Conklin, Director, Department of Transportation
David Dise, Director, Department of General Services
Jennifer Bryant, Acting Director, 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 #21-491 to the FY21 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Department of Environmental Protection
Naval Support Activity-Bethesda-Military Installation Resiliency Review Grant,
\$372,079 (Source of Funds: Federal Grant)

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 the Department of Environmental Protection:

<u>Personnel</u> <u>Services</u>	<u>Operating</u> <u>Expenses</u>	<u>Capital</u> <u>Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source</u> <u>of Funds</u>
\$12,116	\$359,963	\$0	\$372,079	Federal Funds

3. This increase in appropriation is needed because the County was awarded a grant from the DoD Office of Economic Adjustment’s Military Installation Sustainability program for the NSA– Bethesda, which is a 250-acre military installation and is home to the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and the Uniformed Services University. The County is receiving \$372,079 in federal funding to hire a consultant to complete a resiliency planning study for the community around the NSA Bethesda and will make recommendations on opportunities to minimize impacts from flooding. Through this grant, DoD will partner with Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Transportation, and Department of General Services.
4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY21 Operating Budget in the amount of \$372,079 for Naval Support Activity-Bethesda-Military Installation Resiliency Review Grant and specifies that the source of funds will be federal funds.
5. Notice of public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held on October 20, 2020.

Action

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

A supplemental appropriation to the FY21 Operating Budget of the Department of Environmental Protection is approved as follows:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$12,116	\$359,963	\$0	\$372,079	Federal Funds

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Selena Mendy Singleton, Esq.
Clerk of the Council

