



**Committee:** Directly to Council  
**Committee Review:** N/A  
**Staff:** Marlene Michaelson, Executive Director  
**Purpose:** To introduce agenda item – no vote expected  
**Keywords:** Coronavirus, COVID-19, Face Coverings

AGENDA ITEM #1.5B  
April 16, 2020  
**Introduction**

## SUBJECT

Special Appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Government, Purchase of Face Coverings and other Personal Protective Equipment, \$500,000 (Source of Funds: General Fund Reserves)

## EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None

## COUNCIL DECISION POINTS

None

## DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

- On April 9, the County's Health Officer issued a Directive requiring employees and customers in grocery stores (including farmers' markets), pharmacies, and large chain retail establishments to wear face coverings.
- The efforts to contain the spread of the disease has resulted in a global shortage of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- This special appropriation is needed so that the County Government can purchase and distribute washable, reusable face coverings and potentially other PPEs to individuals who need them, such as nonprofit service providers (including MCPS meal providers and families), medically vulnerable residents and those in senior living / nursing facilities, child care providers, residents in affordable housing communities, senior citizens, and transit riders. Unused face coverings should be placed in a stockpile for future emergencies.
- The Council is tentatively scheduled to hold a public hearing and take action on April 21, 2020.

### **This report contains:**

Special Appropriation Resolution

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Resolution No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Introduced: \_\_\_\_\_  
Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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Lead sponsor: Councilmembers Riemer and Albornoz

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**SUBJECT:** Special Appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget  
Montgomery County Government  
Purchase of Face Coverings and other Personal Protective Equipment, \$500,000 (Source  
of Funds: General Fund Reserves)

**Background**

1. Section 308 of the County Charter provides that a special appropriation is an appropriation which states that it is necessary to meet an unforeseen disaster or other emergency, or to act without delay in the public interest. Each special appropriation shall be approved by not less than six Councilmembers. The Council may approve a special appropriation at any time after public notice by news release. Each special appropriation shall specify the source of funds to finance it.
2. A new coronavirus disease, named COVID-19, appeared in China in December 2019 and spread extremely quickly. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the disease a pandemic. The April 11, 2020 situation report from the World Health Organization stated that the number of confirmed cases worldwide has exceeded 1.6 million, (approximately 1.5 million more than 1 month earlier). As of April 12, 2020, there were 1,631 cases and 42 deaths in Montgomery County.
3. To slow the spread of the disease, Governor Hogan declared a State of Emergency and has issued several Executive Orders with actions that include, but are not limited to, closing schools, closing senior centers and adult medical day care programs, and limiting the number of people that can gather.
4. On April 9, the County's Health Officer issued a Directive requiring employees and customers in grocery stores (including farmers' markets), pharmacies, and large chain retail establishments to wear face coverings.
5. The efforts to contain the spread of the disease have resulted in a global shortage of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

6. An FY20 Operating Budget special appropriation is requested for Montgomery County Government:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000	General Fund Undesignated Reserve

7. This special appropriation is needed so that the County Government can purchase and distribute washable, reusable face coverings and potentially other PPEs to individuals who need them such as nonprofit service providers (including MCPS meal providers and families), medically vulnerable residents and those in senior living / nursing facilities, child care providers, residents in affordable housing communities, senior citizens, and transit riders. Unused face coverings should be placed in a stockpile for future emergencies.

8. 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 special appropriation to the FY20 Operating Budget for the Montgomery County Government:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000	General Fund Undesignated Reserve

This appropriation is needed to act without delay in the public interest.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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