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Public Hearing 4-19-2021  
Council Action 5-3-2021  
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Effective Date 5-11-2021

## County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2021 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 6

Bill No. No. 25 - 2021

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT transferring \$500,000 from the General Fund, Contingency Reserve and \$1,175,000 from the Department of Police to the Department of Public Works for unanticipated expenses related to snow removal.

Introduced and read first time April 5, 2021. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order Michelle Howard  
Theo Wimberly, Acting Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on April 14, 2021.

By order Michelle Howard  
Theo Wimberly, Acting Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on May 3, 2021 and Passed , Passed with amendments \_\_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_\_.

By order Michelle Howard  
Theo Wimberly, Acting Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 5 day of May, 2021 at 5:00 a.m./(p.m.)

By order Michelle Howard  
Theo Wimberly, Acting Administrator

Approved by the County Executive May 6, 2021

Calvin Ball  
Calvin Ball, County Executive

NOTE: ~~[[text in brackets]]~~ indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1           **WHEREAS**, Section 609(a) of the Howard County Charter authorizes and  
2 empowers the Howard County Council, only after recommendation of the Executive, to  
3 transfer appropriations between general classifications of expenditures in the current  
4 expense budget within the same fund during the last quarter of the fiscal year; and

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6           **WHEREAS**, Section 610(a) of the Howard County Charter authorizes and  
7 empowers the Howard County Council to make supplementary appropriations from the  
8 unexpended and unencumbered funds set aside for contingencies in the County budget;  
9 and

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11           **WHEREAS**, the County has incurred unanticipated expenses for snow removal  
12 since the budget for Fiscal Year 2021 was adopted; and

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14           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 609(a) of the Howard County Charter, the County  
15 Executive is recommending the transfer of \$1,175,000 from the General Fund, Department  
16 of Police to the Department of Public Works to cover expenses for snow removal; and

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18           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 610(a) of the Howard County Charter, the County  
19 Executive is also requesting the authorization to transfer \$500,000 from the General Fund,  
20 Contingency Reserve to the Department of Public Works to cover expenses for snow  
21 removal; and

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23           **WHEREAS**, the Director of Finance has certified that the appropriation to be  
24 transferred is not encumbered and is available for transfer.

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26       ***Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the***  
27 *following supplementary and transfer of appropriation of funds is authorized and approved*  
28 *for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, as indicated below:*

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30       **Donor Account:**  
31       **General Fund, Contingency Reserve**



BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on May 12, 2021.

Michelle Harrod  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been passed by the yeas and nays of two-thirds of the members of the Council notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the Executive within ten days of its presentation, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, not having been considered on final reading within the time required by Charter, stands failed for want of consideration on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been disapproved by the Executive and having failed on passage upon consideration by the Council stands failed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, the withdrawal of which received a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council, is withdrawn from further consideration on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council





**HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**

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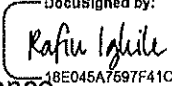
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March 25, 2021

To: Lonnie R. Robbins  
Chief Administrative Officer

From: Rafiu O. Ighile   
Director of Finance

**Re: Funds Certification**

I hereby certify that funds are unencumbered and available for transfer as follows:

<b>FROM:</b>		
1999999999-8888-8888000000-999999999999999999999900-99		
General Fund, Contingency Reserve		\$500,000
1000000000-1500-1520000000-99999999999999999999999900-50		
Department of Police		\$1,175,000
<b>TO:</b>		
1000000000-3100-3122000000-999999999999999999999999999900		
Department of Public Works; Bureau of Highways		\$1,675,000

**Office of the County Auditor  
Auditor's Analysis**

**Council Bill No. 25-2021**

Introduced: April 5, 2021

Auditor: Melanie A. Bishop

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Fiscal Impact:

Because the purpose of this legislation is to transfer some of the Fiscal Year 2021 available appropriation authority to the Department of Public Works (DPW) for actual and projected snow removal expenses, the fiscal impact is \$0.

The Department of Public Works had \$1,963,000 available in FY 2021 for snow removal, which included a \$1 million earmark from available prior year appropriations dedicated for this purpose. Expenditures to date have been approximately \$3 million. An additional \$600,000 of FY 2021 expenditures are projected for salt replenishment and other snow related expenditures.

As of April 9, 2021, the DPW General Fund has \$11.2 million in available appropriations. Based upon spending trends to date and in prior years, our Office believes the available appropriations in this fund will not be sufficient to cover the remaining FY 2021 obligations.

We reviewed the revenue sources for the proposed transfer and determined that the appropriation to be transferred will not be needed by the Department of Police (Business Area 1520) in FY 2021. We have also confirmed that there are appropriations available for transfer in the General Fund Contingency Reserve.

Purpose:

The purpose of this legislation is to transfer a total of \$1,675,000 (\$500,000 from General Fund Contingency Reserve and \$1,175,000 from Department of Police) to DPW to cover expenses related to eight snow events.

Other Comments:

It should be noted that there are transfers from available appropriations to DPW for snow removal expenses most years. There was no need for a transfer in FY 2020 due to the lack of inclement weather, however the transfers made in the previous 5 fiscal years were as follows:

- FY 2019 - \$1.7 million
- FY 2018 - \$900,000
- FY 2017 - 600,000
- FY 2016 - \$2 million
- FY 2015 - \$2.1 million