

ORDINANCE NO. 2859

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT OF THE FY2024 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE SALISBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, the Salisbury Fire Department has experienced a significant increase in the use of overtime funds due to sick leave, retirements, resignations, and FMLA leave resulting in a shortage of funds in the Salaries-Overtime account; and

WHEREAS, these overtime funds were used to ensure that emergency personnel were staffing units so that emergency calls for service were being handled appropriately; and

WHEREAS, the Salisbury Fire Department has a Salaries-Overtime Account that is operating at a shortage for the remainder of FY2024; and

WHEREAS, the Salisbury Fire Department has a need for additional funding to ensure safe, effective, and efficient staffing levels and response to emergency calls for the remainder of FY2024; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury received an unexpected disbursement of \$113,732.25 from the underpayment of Medicaid EMS transports as a part of the EMS Supplemental Payment Program (ESPP) and seeks to increase the EMS Medicaid Revenue Account with those funds accordingly; and

WHEREAS, the budget amendment as provided herein must be made upon the recommendation of the Mayor and the approval of four-fifths of the Council of the City of Salisbury.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows:

Section 1. The City of Salisbury's Fiscal Year 2024 General Fund Budget be and is hereby amended as follows:

- (a) Increase the Current Year EMS Medicaid Revenue Account (01000-433219) by \$113,732.25; and
- (b) Increase the Salisbury Fire Department's Salaries/Overtime Account (24035-501021) Salaries/Overtime Account by \$113,732.25.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows:

Section 2. It is the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury that each provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein.

Section 3. It is further the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable under applicable Maryland or federal law, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudged and all other provisions of this Ordinance shall remain and shall be deemed valid and enforceable.

Section 4. The recitals set forth hereinabove are incorporated into this section of the Ordinance as if such recitals were specifically set forth at length in this Section 4.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its final passage.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced and read at a Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury held on the 1st day of April, 2024 and thereafter, a statement of the substance of the Ordinance having been published as required by law, in the meantime, was finally passed by the Council of the City of Salisbury on the 8th day of April, 2024.

ATTEST:



Kimberly R. Nichols, City Clerk



D'Shawn M. Doughty, City Council President

Approved by me, this 10 day of April , 2024.




Randolph J. Taylor, Mayor



City of Salisbury

Memo

To: Andy Kitzrow, City Administrator
From: Rob Frampton, Fire Chief 
Date: 3/18/2024
Subject: Budget Amendment

The Fire Department is requesting the approval of a budget amendment in the amount of \$113,732.25. The City recently received an unexpected disbursement from the EMS Supplemental Payment Program (ESPP) for underpayment from Medicaid, related to EMS services that were provided in 2022 (see attached letter). This unexpected revenue is the direct result of the work of our EMS Clinicians, EMS Assistant Chief, and billing company.

Due to an increase in sick leave, staffing shortages from retirements/resignations, call volume, and FMLA leave the department's Salaries-Overtime account is currently operating at a shortage. The department is requesting that this \$113,732.25 be transferred from the EMS Medicaid Revenue Account to the department's Salaries-Overtime account.

Increase Account 01000-433219 – EMS Medicaid Revenue Account - \$113,732.25
Increase Account 24035-501021 – Salaries/Overtime Account - \$113,732.25

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration in this matter. If there are any additional questions, please feel free to contact me.



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Wes Moore, Governor · Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor · Laura Herrera Scott, M.D., M.P.H., Secretary

3/8/24

Dear Chief Truitt,

Thank you for your agency's participation in the EMS Supplemental Payment Program (ESPP).

In March 2020, as part of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, Congress provided increased Medicaid funding to states during the Public Health Emergency. Upon review, the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) has determined that the ESPP payments for services performed during state fiscal year 2022 were eligible for an additional federal match of 6.2%.

This means, instead of being reimbursed at the standard federal share of 50%, JEMSOPs should have been reimbursed for 56.2% of their certified public expenditures for 2021 and 2022. For example, if a JEMSOP demonstrated \$100,000 in eligible costs in their certified audit, then they would have been reimbursed \$50,000. Based on our analysis, they should have been paid \$56,200.

Please note, this additional federal match is being reduced in a stepwise fashion during calendar year 2023, and will be incorporated into this program year's cost settlement process.

Therefore, MDH will be paying the City of Salisbury \$113,732.25 for SFY2022's services. These amounts will be transferred to your agency in the next 30 business days via the MDH's FMIS system. No further action is required on your part.

Vendor Name: City of Salisbury

Vendor Address: 125 N. Division Street, Salisbury, MD 21842

Vendor ID: 1526000806

Please let us know if you have any questions,

Sharon Neely
Division Chief, Innovation, Research and Development
Maryland Medicaid