



**Committee:** Joint  
**Committee Review:** Completed  
**Staff:** Vivian Yao, Legislative Analyst  
**Purpose** To introduce agenda item – no vote expected  
**Keywords:** Out of School Time, OST, Youth Support and Engagement Hubs

AGENDA ITEM #4H  
May 3, 2022  
**Introduction**

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## SUBJECT

Special Appropriation to the County Government's FY22 Operating Budget, Department of Recreation, Youth Development - \$250,000 for After School Youth Support and Engagement Hubs (Source of Funds: Federal Grant) and Amendment to FY22 Operating Budget Resolution 19-872 Section G, FY22 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award Status: Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families.

## EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None

## COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- Introduction only. Public hearing and action are scheduled for May 17, 2022

## DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

- Youth from low-income families face significant challenges as a result of the economic impacts resulting from COVID-19 and social isolation arising from the need to prevent the spread of the virus. Distance learning in public schools and limited opportunities to congregate safely with peers due to COVID-19 prevention measures have increased feelings of alienation and isolation among young people, and impacted engagement of students in school.
- Because of the need for structured positive out-of-school-time activities and youth sports activities by vulnerable County youth, the Council appropriated \$406,000 for the Collaboration Council to support quality youth development activities designed to enhance the academic, social-emotion and overall well-being of youth in four high-needs school clusters/communities in the County. In addition, the funding supported the wrap around family engagement services, mapping of local assets, assessing needs of targeted community, and monitoring, technical assistance, evaluation of subgrantees. This funding lapsed on December 31, 2021, and the Collaboration Council has reported that an additional \$250,000 is needed to support a consistent level of programming through the remainder of Fiscal Year 2022.
- This special appropriation will provide \$250,000 to support the delivery of after-school youth support and engagement hub services in four high-needs school clusters/communities in the

County and associated administrative and technical supports to subgrantees.

- This resolution amends Resolution 19-872, Section G, FY21 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Award Status to fund a contract with the Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families with the purpose to “implement an after-school youth support and engagement program for vulnerable and/or low-income middle and high school youth.” in the amount of \$250,000.

**This report contains:**

Proposed Resolution

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Introduced: \_\_\_\_\_  
Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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Lead Sponsor: Joint Planning, Housing and Economic Development and  
Education and Culture Committee

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**SUBJECT:** Special Appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget  
Montgomery County Government  
Department of Recreation  
Youth Development – After School Youth Support and Engagement Hubs  
\$250,000 (Source of Funds: Federal Grant) and  
Amendment to Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget Resolution 19-872  
Section G, FY22 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive  
Contract Award Status: Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children,  
Youth and Families

**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. On March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared coronavirus COVID-19 a pandemic, and it has spread rapidly throughout the world. As of January 30, 2022, there were 157,268 confirmed cases in Montgomery County. There were 1,855 confirmed deaths and 55 probable deaths in Montgomery County. To slow the spread of the disease, Maryland Governor Hogan declared a State of Emergency on March 5, 2020 and issued Executive Orders that closed schools, closed non-essential business, and required Maryland residents to shelter at home. The disease has disproportionately affected lower-income communities and communities of color in the County.
3. Youth from low-income families face significant challenges as a result of the economic impacts resulting from COVID-19 and social isolation arising from the need to prevent the spread of the virus. Distance learning in public schools and limited opportunities to congregate safely with peers due to COVID-19 prevention measures have increased

feelings of alienation and isolation among young people and impacted engagement of students in schools.

4. Because of the need for structured positive out of school time activities and youth sports activities by vulnerable County youth, the Council appropriated \$406,000 for the Collaboration Council to support quality youth development activities designed to enhance the academic, social-emotion and overall well-being of youth in four high-needs school clusters/communities in the County. In addition, the funding supported the wrap around family engagement services, mapping of local assets, assessing needs of targeted community, and monitoring, technical assistance, evaluation of subgrantees. This funding lapsed on December 31, 2021, and the Collaboration Council has reported that an additional \$250,000 is needed to support a consistent level of programming through the remainder of Fiscal Year 2022.
5. This special appropriation will provide \$250,000 to support the delivery of after-school youth support and engagement hub services in four high-needs school clusters/communities in the County and associated administrative and technical supports to subgrantees.
6. Notice of public hearing was given and a public hearing was held.
7. The County Council declares this request is in the public interest to be acted upon without delay as provided for under special appropriation requirements described in Article 3, Section 308 of the Montgomery County Charter.

### **Action**

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

A special appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Government, Department of Recreation, Youth Development – After School Youth Support and Engagement Hub program is approved as follows:

<u>Personnel Expense</u>	<u>Operating Expense</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000	Federal Grant

The funding appropriated in this resolution must be added to a noncompetitive agreement with the Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families used to implement the After School Youth Support and Engagement Hub program. The Department of Recreation will administer the funds.

The funds appropriated in this special appropriation must be placed in a Recreation Fund account, in which any unspent funds will be re-appropriated in Fiscal Year 2023.

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This appropriation is needed to address a public health emergency and to act without delay in the public interest.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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Judy Rupp  
Clerk of the Council