

MEMORANDUM

July 20, 2021

TO: Health and Human Services Committee
Education and Culture Committee

FROM: Linda McMillan, Senior Legislative Analyst
Vivian Yao, Legislative Analyst
Nicole Hernandez-Rodriguez, Legislative Analyst

SUBJECT: Special Appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget – Department of Health and Human Services (\$2,903,172); Department of Recreation (\$300,000); Community Engagement Cluster (\$330,000); and Montgomery County Public Schools (\$1,585,633) for Newcomers Enhancements and Assistance (Source of Funds: General Fund Reserves)

PURPOSE: Worksession; vote expected

Expected for this session:

County Government:

Dr. Raymond Crowel, Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
JoAnn Barnes, Consultant to DHHS
Gillian Huebner, Consultant to DHHS
Diane Vu, Director, Office of Community Partnerships
Luis Cardona, Administrator, Positive Youth Development (DHHS)
Monica Martin, Administrator, Child/Adolescent School and Community-Based Services, (DHHS)
Deborah Lambert, Senior Policy and Budget Analyst, Office of Management and Budget

Montgomery County Public Schools:

Everett Davis, Acting Associate Superintendent, Office of Teaching, Learning, and Schools – Student & Family Support & Engagement
Ruschelle S. Rueben, Chief of Teaching, Learning, and Schools
Margarita I. Bohorquez, Acting Director, Student, Family, and School Services – International Admissions & Enrollment

Just prior to this agenda item, the Joint Committee will have been briefed on the proposed framework for supporting newly arriving migrant and asylum-seeking children and families

(newcomers). This proposed response model will: (1) Strengthen interagency coordination and create a navigation network; (2) Enhance family and community-based supports; and (3) Strengthen education and school-based services.

On Tuesday, January 20, the Council introduced a special appropriation transmitted by the County Executive to fund this proposal. It is scheduled for public hearing and action on July 27. A spreadsheet detailing the different expenditure components is attached at © 1-8. A summary of the items is in the table below.

MCPS:		
Transition Coordinator for Newcomers	\$130,000	One (1) contract position at MCPS Central Office. Coordinates school-based resources, aligns learning program and works with Navigation Network for newcomers to link students and their family/sponsor to integrated services.
ESOL Transition Counselors	\$766,667	Eight (8) new positions. Increase capacity for direct supports to students. Currently, MCPS has 14 ESOL Transition Counselors.
Elementary SLIFE (Students with Limited or Interrupted Formal Education) Coaches	\$438,966	Six (6) SLIFE Coaches will support several elementary schools to help meet the academic needs of newly arrived students. Work with core teams and teachers and can work as a co-teacher at times to model English language acquisition strategies.
MCPS Professional Development	\$250,000	Multi-tiered professional learning for central office and school teams. Use of culturally-sensitive, trauma informed, and resilience-oriented approaches. MCPS has already budgeted \$100,000 for La Cultura Cura and neurosequential training.
SUBTOTAL MCPS	\$1,585,633	
DHHS:		
Newcomer Coordinator	\$141,167	One (1) new contract position through the Primary Care Coalition. Ensure coordination with existing HHS programs, providers, other agencies and stakeholders. Will serve as primary point of contact for issues related to newly arriving migrants and asylum seekers.
Monitoring and Evaluation	\$60,000	Evaluation services for the first year of the program.

Navigation Network and Case Management Support – Wellness Centers and community	\$240,000	Increase capacity within current DHHS-MCPS school-based/linked partnerships. Identity to double case management capacity at Wellness Centers with target of 10 case managers and 3 support staff to serve 1,375 youth/families.
Navigation Network – Linkages to Learning (LTL) at METS sites with Cluster Programs	\$193,368	Increase LTL case managers by 3 FTEs to serve 6 METS (Multidisciplinary Education, Training, and Support) sites to serve up to 90 additional families. Funding is for 9 months in FY22.
Navigation Network – METS sites with Cluster Programs	\$178,013	Increase capacity to serve 4 METS sites that do not have High School Wellness Centers or LTL. Funding for 2 broker positions for 9 months for FY22.
Navigation Network – Other METS sites and community sites – Mobile Resource Team	\$280,000	Address the urgent need to increase access to mental/behavioral health, medical, legal orientation, family reunification and other supports and referrals through the creation of a multidisciplinary Mobile Resource Team. Will support METS sites without Wellness Centers, LTL, or Cluster Projects.
Communications Support	\$100,000	Integrate communications support to ensure outreach and quality services to newcomers, including indigenous populations. Create announcements about services and the importance of enrolling in school.
Family Reunification Support	\$165,000	Double capacity of current program to serve an additional 50 families (100 total). Children arriving to the U.S. may be reunited with family they have never met or been separated from for years. Reunification is a process that requires preparation, support, and follow-up based on each child's needs and past experiences or trauma. Funding will allow Identity to serve an additional 50 families. Expansion may not occur until October but will be achieved in the first year.
Expand mental and behavioral health supports through LTL and School and Community Based Services (SCYS)	\$350,000	Many children who arrive from northern Central America are vulnerable and have experienced trauma and lifelong poverty. LTL and SCYS therapists provide individual, family, and group therapy in a school-based setting.

Expand Mental and Behavioral Health through Care and Connections for Families (CCF) contract	\$225,000	Funding for 2 FTE (therapist and stabilization worker/case manager through CCF.) Clinical services include individual and group therapy and psychiatric services with medication management. Funding for 9 months for FY22.
Expand Mental and Behavioral Health through DHHS Behavioral Health and Crisis Services Community Mental Health	\$172,500	Two (2) contractual, multilingual clinicians devoted to the Mobile Resource Team. Funding is for 9 months for FY22.
Positive Youth Development – Expand services through Imagination Stage/Oyeme	\$135,000	Fund program for an additional 6 MCPS schools and 360 students, which would double the current program. Oyeme uses evidence-based and culturally sensitive arts programming to address trauma, build resilience and support community and provides a safe space for immigrant youth to share stories.
Positive Youth Development – Annual Youth Conference	\$25,000	Conference for newcomer youth that will reach at least 100 youth and families. Facilitated by DHHS in partnership with MCPS, community partners, and other county agencies.
Health Care – community health workers	\$138,000	Two (2) Community Health Workers through the Primary Care Coalition to be deployed at Rocking Horse Center and other settings to triage and engage families to enroll for Care for Kids and other programs. ORR does not pay for medical care once a child is released from their custody.
Expand Wellness Center hours of operation	\$500,124	Expand access by extending the operating hours of current 5 Wellness Centers by 5 hours per week. (Seneca Valley is expected to open in January 2022) This will help serve youth who are unable to access during regular school hours and CREA day and evening students.
SUBTOTAL DHHS	\$2,903,172	
Office of Community Partnership/Gilchrist Center - Legal Services	\$330,000	Fund legal services coordinator position and add funding for additional legal services needed for children and families/sponsors. All unaccompanied migrant children are placed in deportation proceedings upon release to family/sponsor. Data indicates that 73% of unaccompanied minors with legal representation were allowed to stay compared to 15% without representation. Providers working under current county contracts are at capacity. The legal services coordinator, housed at Gilchrist Center, would coordinate

		referrals, services, and develop/implement a public-private partnership.
Recreation	\$300,000	Increase funding for therapeutic recreation with coaches trained in trauma-informed approaches. Funding will expand Soccer4Change, youth workforce development, and targeted recreational events to meet migrant youth throughout the county. Funds would be used for 1 FTE administrator.
TOTAL FUNDING REQUEST	\$5,118,805	

Council Staff Comments and Recommendations

Council staff recommends approval of the special appropriation as recommended by the Executive as it will provide the funding needed to move forward with this comprehensive framework and work must start as soon as possible, particularly for those portions that need to be in place at the start of the school year (or as close as possible).

Council staff notes that this is also an evolving response, and **it may be that adjustments are needed**. For example, while the budget detail for DHHS provides several specific categories, if there is a need to make adjustments, for example between the different ways case management and mental and behavioral health supports are provided this should be considered. The resolution appropriates \$2.9 million to DHHS so there is the ability to make some changes within those funds. As noted in agenda item #1, the steering committee and workgroups are continuing to work on the system mapping to make the no wrong door approach.

The Council should require a written report no later than October 11, 2021, on the implementation of each component of this framework as of October 1, 2021. The October 1 date should provide sufficient time for progress on contracting and hiring and will be clear regarding what was in place at the start of the school year and what is still being implemented. The Joint Committee may want to schedule a session shortly after October 11 to receive an update. In addition to reporting on each component of the framework, the report should include any relevant data from ORR or other sources to increase understanding about how many migrant children and families have come to the county since January. The report should discuss the language capacity that is available in the new and expanded staff and programs and how the needs are being met for those who primarily speak an indigenous language. It should also include information from Care for Kids and the County Dental Program regarding trends in demand for services.

Attached:

Memo from County Executive	© 1-2
Appropriation Resolution	© 3-5
Spreadsheet with Appropriation Detail	© 6-13




OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Marc Elrich
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

July 15, 2021

TO: Tom Hucker, President, County Council

FROM: Marc Elrich, County Executive 

SUBJECT: Special Appropriation #22-7 to the FY22 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government:
Department of Health and Human Services, \$2,903,172;
Montgomery County Department of Recreation, \$300,000;
Community Engagement Cluster, \$330,000; and
Montgomery County Public Schools, \$1,585,633
Newcomers Enhancements and Assistance (Source of Funds: General Fund
Reserves)

I am recommending a special appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget totaling \$5,118,805 for the following Departments and Agency for Newcomers Enhancements and Assistance:

- Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of \$2,903,172;
- Montgomery County Department of Recreation in the amount of \$300,000;
- Community Engagement Cluster in the amount of \$330,000; and
- Montgomery County Public Schools in the amount of \$1,585,633.

This special appropriation will fund social service, school-based services, mental health support, case management and legal needs for these families and individuals.

This increase is needed to support and fund transitional counselors, elementary coaches for Students with Limited or Interrupted Formal Education, mental health support and case management, expansion of existing Wellness Center services, family reunification and legal screening and representation. I recommend that the County Council approve this special appropriation in the total amount of \$5,118,805 and specify the source of funds as General Fund Reserves.

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this action.

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Enclosure: Special Appropriation #22-7, Newcomers Enhancements and Assistance

cc: Raymond L. Crowel, Psy.D., Director, Department of Health and Human Services
Jennifer Bryant, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Caroline Sturgis, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer

Resolution No: _____

Introduced: _____

Adopted: _____

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

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Community Engagement Cluster, \$330,000; and
Montgomery County Public Schools, \$1,585,633
Newcomers Enhancements and Assistance (Source of Funds: General Fund
Reserves)

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 FY22 Operating Budget appropriation increases for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), the Department of Recreation (MCDR), the Community Engagement Cluster (CEC), and Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS).

<u>Department</u>	<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
DHHS	\$0	\$2,903,172	\$0	\$2,903,172	General Fund Reserves
MCDR	\$57,000	\$243,000	\$0	\$300,000	General Fund Reserves
CEC	\$80,000	\$250,000	\$0	\$330,000	General Fund Reserves
MCPS	\$1,205,633	\$380,000	\$0	\$1,585,633	General Fund Reserves
Total	\$1,342,633	\$3,776,172	\$0	\$5,118,805	

- This increase is needed to support and fund transitional counselors, elementary coaches for Students with Limited or Interrupted Formal Education, mental health support and case management, expansion of existing Wellness Center services, family reunification, and legal screening and representation.
- The County Executive has requested a special appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget in the total amount of \$5,118,805 for Newcomers Enhancements and Assistance and specifies that the source of funds will be General Fund Reserves.
- The public was notified by a news release.

Action

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

- A special appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), the Department of Recreation (MCDR), the Community Engagement Cluster (CEC), and Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) is approved as follows:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
DHHS	\$0	\$2,903,172	\$0	\$2,903,172	General Fund Reserves
MCDR	\$57,000	\$243,000	\$0	\$300,000	General Fund Reserves
CEC	\$80,000	\$250,000	\$0	\$330,000	General Fund Reserves
MCPS	\$1,205,633	\$380,000	\$0	\$1,585,633	General Fund Reserves
Total	\$1,342,633	\$3,776,172	\$0	\$5,118,805	

2. The County Council declares that this action is necessary to act without delay in the public interest and to provide resources for a unified systemic approach to serve newcomers.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Selena Mendy Singleton, Esq.
Clerk of the Council

Newcomers Enhancements and Assistance		July 2021 Full supplemental request				
Objective	Overview	HHS	MCPS	MCDR	OCP/Gilchrist	Description
MCPS						
Transition Counselor for Newcomers	1 contract position at MCPS Central Office		\$ 130,000.00			Coordinates school-based services, aligns learning programs and works with Navigation Network for Newcomers to link students and their families/sponsors to wrap-around supports and integrated services in and out of school, and leads data collection/analysis. Provides counseling, coordinates wrap-around services and academy support for newcomers (Pre-K-12). Provides multilingual and culturally-sensitive supports (acculturation, trauma, etc.)
ESOL Transition Counselors	Total request 8 positions		\$ 766,667.00			The total request is for 8 ETCs. Currently, there are 14 total ETCs. This is an approximate increase of 50%. This would allow us to increase direct support to schools that currently receive support on a referral basis only.
Elementary SLIFE Coaches	Increase coaches by 6		\$ 438,966.00			SLIFE (Students with Limited or Interrupted Formal Education) coaches will support several elementary schools that receive SLIFE students providing additional support in meeting the academic needs of our newly arrived students.. They would serve as coaches and work with core teams and teachers around programming and instruction for students as well as working as a coteacher at times to model English language acquisition strategies and would help provide guidance around building the necessary prerequisite skills to get students performing at the grade level standard.
MCPS Professional development			\$ 250,000.00			Through the use of culturally-sensitive, trauma-informed, and resilience-oriented approaches to ensure that newcomers are ready to learn and engage in the community, funding will be used to create an environment where all students and families feel welcome. The PD will be multi-tiered including professional learning for central office and school teams (admin, main/counseling office, counselors, security and teachers), as well as families. MCPS has already budgeted \$100,000 for La Cultura Cura and neurosequential training.

Newcomers Enhancements and Assistance		July 2021 Full supplemental request				
Objective	Overview	HHS	MCPS	MCDR	OCP/Gilchrist	Description
HHS						
Newcomer Coordinator	1 Coordinator at HHS	\$ 141,167				This is a new position equivalent to an M3. The purpose is to ensure coordination with existing HHS programs and providers and other County agencies and stakeholders. In addition, the position will serve as the primary point of contact on issues related to newly-arriving migrant and asylum-seeking populations with regional, state, and federal partners. The position will be under LHI brokered through the Primary Care Coalition. Start date August 15, 2021. \$110,000 (salary), Fringe Benefit (@28.05%)=\$30,855, and Indirect Cost (@ 8.88%)= \$12,508 TOTAL= \$153,363.
Monitoring and evaluation	Partnership for Evaluation of effectiveness of interventions	\$ 60,000				Evaluation services for first year of program. The M&E work could be contracted with an individual or university.
Navigation Network & Case Management Support - METS sites, Wellness Centers, and community		\$ 240,000				The Navigation Network for Newcomers will proactively link newly arriving migrant and asylum-seeking children and families/sponsors to existing services. The Network will facilitate case management, referral to services, community outreach and communications through culturally competent community- and school-based partners. Increase capacity within current DHHS-MCPS school-based/linked partnerships serving METS sites and the community (Identity to double current case management capacity at HS Wellness Centers, new target of 10 case managers + 3 support staff to reach 1,375 youth/families (\$288,000).
Navigation Network & Case Management Support - METS sites with LTL		\$ 193,368				LTL Family Case Managers link families to needed resources, assist families in applications for appropriate supports and address food, housing, and health care access. They are primarily bilingual (English/Spanish). LTL to increase intensive family case management capacity by 3 FTE to serve 6 METS sites (\$193,368 @ 9 mos for FY22) with capacity to serve up to 90 additional families; current capacity of LTL Family Case Management is 27 Family Case Managers serving over 700 families.
Navigation Network & Case Management Support - METS sites with Cluster Programs		\$ 178,013				Cluster Projects to increase capacity to serve 4 METS sites that do NOT have HSWC/LTL (\$178,013 for 2 brokers @ 9 mos for FY22).

Newcomers Enhancements and Assistance		July 2021 Full supplemental request				
Objective	Overview	HHS	MCPS	MCDR	OCP/Gilchrist	Description
Navigation Network & Case Management Support - Other METS sites and other community sites		\$ 280,000				<p>8 METS sites do not have DHHS-partnered supports. 12 METS sites do not have DHHS-partnered supports that include family case management/care coordination (4 METS sites w/SCYS only have part-time mental health support).</p> <p>There is an urgent need to increase access to multiple supports (mental/behavioral health, medical, legal orientation, family reunification support and other referrals) to METS sites without or with limited HHS-partnered services. A Mobile Resource Team is recommended to deploy to support sites in need of additional culturally-competent and multidisciplinary support. The Team can work with students in school as part of a newcomer orientation program, after school, etc. The Mobile Resource Team will be a multidisciplinary team to support METS sites without Wellness Centers, Linkages to Learning, or access to Cluster Projects. Current contract is thru Dec 2021; a full 6 months of support is also reflected. We should assess the continued need in the fall.</p>
Communications Support	Create public announcements regarding services available and the importance of enrolling newcomers in school.	\$ 100,000				<p>Integrate communications support to ensure outreach and quality service to newcomers, including indigenous populations (\$100,000 to the Communications Shop). Evaluate needs mid-fall in order to make adjustments as necessary. Resources requested will be complemented by other partners involved in ongoing community outreach and navigation (MCPS/SFSE, Catholic Charities, Community Resources). These funds will be the same for a 6 month or full year model.</p>

Newcomers Enhancements and Assistance		July 2021 Full supplemental request				
Objective	Overview	HHS	MCPS	MCDR	OCP/Gilchrist	Description
Family reunification support	Double the capacity of the current Family Reunification contract with Indentity, Inc, reaching 100 families total.	\$ 165,000				Some children arrive to a parent's home in the U.S. after years of separation or to a relative they have never met. Even when a young person is released to a parent, prolonged periods of separation may have strained family relationships. An unaccompanied child's reunification with family and transition to community life is not a single event but a long process requiring preparation, support and follow-up adapted to each child's age, needs, evolving capacities, the cause of separation, past experiences or trauma. Identity currently provides family reunification support to 50 families. With additional funding, Identity can double its capacity in this area, reaching an additional 50 (total 100) families through 6 virtual, non-clinical emotional support group sessions for parents/guardians; 6 virtual family reunification sessions for youth and their parents/guardians; 6 virtual sessions on parenting adolescents on topics such as communication, positive discipline, etc. Even though this program may not be expanded until October, it will reach capacity in the first year.
Mental and behavioral health support through expansion of LtL and SCYS programs		\$ 350,000				Unaccompanied migrant and asylum-seeking children and youth from northern Central America are extraordinarily vulnerable. El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras account for some of the highest rates of murder, femicide and gender-based violence in the world. Many children who leave the region for the United States have experienced a combination of lifelong poverty and severe trauma. LTL and SCYS therapists provide individual, family, and group therapy in the school setting and many have training in addressing the effects of trauma.

Newcomers Enhancements and Assistance		July 2021 Full supplemental request				
Objective	Overview	HHS	MCPS	MCDR	OCP/Gilchrist	Description
Mental and behavioral health support by expanding CCF contract		\$ 225,000				Additional contractual services through CCF, including 2 FTE (therapist plus an in home stabilization worker or case manager) for CCF to provide 1) Clinical Services that include individual and group therapy, psychiatric services with medication management; 2) Case Management Services that provides recreation linkages, school support, community integration activities, housing and food security information. We anticipate 9 months for a full FY22. Current capacity of Care and Connections for Families (CCF) is 2.5 therapists serving approximately 35 clients served per month; 27 clients open simultaneously. Contract total is currently \$529,213.60. Full annual amount for future fiscal years is \$300,000.
Mental and behavioral health support through expansion of BHCS CMH programs		\$ 172,500				\$230,000 for 2 contracted, multilingual behavioral health clinicians devoted to Mobile Resource Team. We anticipate 9 months for a full FY22.
Positive Youth Development	Expand services received from Imagination Stage/Oyeme;	\$ 135,000				Imagination Stage/OYEME currently serves 3 schools (6 classes of 30 ESOL/METS students), reaching 180 students. This is a critical resource in light of the current shortage of bilingual and culturally proficient mental health practitioners. Oyeme uses evidence-based and culturally-sensitive arts programming to address trauma, build resilience, and support community. \$135,000 request would double Oyeme program in MCPS (6 schools/360 students). This program provides a creative arts outlet for young people, utilizing best practice culturally-based, trauma-informed theatre and arts activities to create a sense of community among the participants, and provide a safe space for immigrant youth to share their stories.
Positive Youth Development	Annual Youth Conference	\$ 25,000				Annual youth conference facilitated by DHHS/PYD at \$25,000/year (in partnership with MCPS, Community Partners, and other County Agencies), reaching at least 100 newcomer youth and families. A conference for newcomer youth and families is an important way to facilitate community-building, access to resources, social-emotional wellbeing and youth voice and empowerment.

Newcomers Enhancements and Assistance		July 2021 Full supplemental request				
Objective	Overview	HHS	MCPS	MCDR	OCP/Gilchrist	Description
Health care	2 community health workers at Rocking Horse	\$ 138,000				Poverty and other social determinants of health are associated with adverse physical, developmental, and mental-health-related outcomes. Conditions in unaccompanied children's countries of origin, such as extreme poverty and food insecurity, make it more likely that these minors experience chronic conditions such as malnutrition, obesity, and undiagnosed developmental disorders. HHS/ORR does not pay for medical care once a child is released from its custody, and unaccompanied children face significant barriers to accessing medical services after release. Just six states and the District of Columbia offer health insurance coverage for children under a certain income threshold regardless of immigration status. request includes cost of two Community Health Workers (salary + fringe) through the Primary Care Coalition. The positions can deploy to support families in group programming at Community Hubs and other locations where the Mobile Resource Teams are deployed.
Expand Wellness Center hours of operation	Wellness Centers at Gaithersburg, Northwood, Seneca Valley, Watkins Mill and Wheaton High Schools	\$ 500,124				Wellness Centers currently operate at 5 high school sites during the school day. The Seneca Valley WC is expected to be operational beginning in January 2022. Given that many newcomer youth work during and/or after school hours, they are unable to access the WCs when they are open. CREA day and evening students have not been able to access the wraparound services offered at Wellness Centers. With the increase in evening enrollment, CREA students need consistent access to comprehensive services offered at flexible schedules. In order to better meet the needs of day and evening CREA students, the multiagency taskforce is proposing to expand access to and extend the operating hours of the Wellness Centers. The additional 5 hours per week will allow targeted services and programs for newcomers, including behavioral health and family reunification support, legal orientation, and resource workshops.

Newcomers Enhancements and Assistance		July 2021 Full supplemental request				
Objective	Overview	HHS	MCPS	MCDR	OCP/Gilchrist	Description
OCP/GILCHRIST						
Legal services	Increase existing capacity through philanthropic funds + legal services coordinator at Gilchrist				\$ 330,000	All unaccompanied migrant children/youth are placed in deportation proceedings upon release to families/sponsors. 73 percent of unaccompanied minors who were represented in court were granted permission to stay in the United States, compared to 15 percent of unrepresented children. DHHS currently funds 4 legal service providers that provide both legal screenings and direct legal representation to people in deportation and removal proceedings at a total cost of \$670,000 and a maxed out capacity of 200 cases in total. The legal services coordinator (LSC), housed at Gilchrist, would coordinate referrals to legal service providers and will develop/implement a public-private partnership. This position, while the equivalent to a Program Manager II, Grade 25 is being requested as contractual. The full cost for FY23 would be \$110,000 (\$80,000 for FY22 with the understanding it will take at least 3 months to fill the position). The FTE will also serve as the County's point of contact for the development and oversight of a public-private partnership for immigration legal services. Rational for budget request for additional legal services (\$250,000): Not only are providers at capacity but the current HHS legal immigration funds mentioned above are only for non-citizen residents in removal or deportation proceedings and does not include representation for asylum or other forms of immigration relief. We will also seek matching funds through private sources.

Newcomers Enhancements and Assistance		July 2021 Full supplemental request				
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DEPT OF RECREATION						
Recreation (Seasonal WYs)	Soccer4Change; youth workforce development (coaching)			\$ 300,000		While one-on-one mental health service provision is effective, it is not cost-efficient. It is important to include community-based mental wellness, using non-traditional avenues including therapeutic recreation with coaches trained in trauma-informed approaches. \$300,000 request (\$93,000 career admin 2, \$150,000 operating, \$57,000 seasonal to include hiring youth to support program). This would be sufficient to replicate/expand the successful Soccer4Change program and potentially add youth workforce development opportunities (youth employees hired to support program and/or stipends for work experiences/apprenticeships for undocumented youth); and other specialized targeted recreational events to meet migrant youth throughout the county.
TOTAL July 2021 supplemental		\$ 2,903,172	\$ 1,585,633	\$ 300,000	\$ 330,000	\$ 5,118,805
						Full FY22 Budget With Certain Items Prorated