

Committee: Directly to Council Committee Review: N/A Staff: Linda McMillan, Senior Legislative Analyst Purpose: To receive testimony/final action - vote expected Keywords: COVID-19; vaccine; FEMA

### SUBJECT

Special Appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget; Montgomery County Government; Department of Health and Human Services; FEMA Emergency Protective Measures Grant: \$6,704,931; (Source of Funds: Maryland Department of Health, FEMA Grant); Lead Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

### **EXPECTED ATTENDEES**

None

# **COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

- This Special Appropriation was introduced on May 27, 2021.
- No Committee recommendation. A motion is required.

# **DESCRIPTION/ISSUE**

The State of Maryland and Montgomery County are employing multiple strategies to vaccinate all eligible people with one of the COVID-19 vaccines. As of June 10, 2021, 677,112 or 64.4% of County residents had received one dose of vaccine and 586,430 or 55.8% had received their full dose schedule. The County has a joint county/state mass vaccination site, County Health Department clinics, partnerships with community-based health providers, and support from the State equity team. This funding from the FEMA Emergency Protective Measures Grant will support the County's personnel and operating costs of administering vaccines.

# SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

• Funds support personnel, operating, storing, and distributing vaccines, and emergency medical care associated with vaccine administration.

### Attached:

Special Appropriation Resolution and CE memo

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Marc Elrich County Executive

### MEMORANDUM

### May 19, 2021

TO: Tom Hucker, President, County Council

FROM: Marc Elrich, County Executive

SUBJECT: Special Appropriation #21-528 to the FY21 Operating Budget Montgomery County Government Department of Health and Human Services FEMA Emergency Protective Measures, \$6,704,931

I am recommending a special appropriation to the FY21 Operating Budget of the Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of \$6,704,931 to implement services in accordance with the FEMA Emergency Protective Measures Grant that the County has received from the Maryland Department of Health. This appropriation will fund the purchasing of vaccine related equipment and supplies, and the administration of the COVID-19 vaccines safely and effectively to County residents.

This increase is needed to support COVID-19 vaccine administration in Montgomery County. The funds will support personnel costs, costs associated with using facilities to administer the COVID-19 vaccines, storing and distributing vaccines, and emergency medical care associated with vaccine administration.

I recommend that you approve this special appropriation in the amount of \$6,704,931 and specify the source of funds as Maryland Department of Health, FEMA Emergency Protective Measures Grant.

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this action.

ME:11

Enclosure: Special Appropriation #21-528

cc: Richard S. Madaleno, Chief Administrative Officer Fariba Kassiri, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Raymond L. Crowel, Psy.D., Director, DHHS Travis Gayles, M.D., PhD., Chief Public Health Services, DHHS Jennifer R. Bryant, Director, Office of Management and Budget

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

# COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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

SUBJECT: <u>Special Appropriation #21-528 to the FY21 Operating Budget</u> <u>Montgomery County Government</u> <u>Department of Health and Human Services</u> <u>FEMA Emergency Protective Measures Grant, \$6,704,931 (Source of Funds:</u> <u>Maryland Department of Health, FEMA Grant)</u>

### **Background**

- Section 308 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that a special appropriation: (a) may be made at any time after public notice by news release; (b) must state that the special appropriation is necessary to meet an unforeseen disaster or other emergency or to act without delay in the public interest; (c) must specify the revenues necessary to finance it; and (d) must be approved by no fewer than six members of the Council.
- 2. The County Executive has requested the following FY21 Operating Budget appropriation increases for the Department of Health and Human Services.

Personnel	Operating	Capital	<u>Total</u>	Source
Services	Expenses	<u>Outlay</u>		of Funds
\$231,563	\$6,473,368	\$0	\$6,704,931	Maryland Department of Health, FEMA Emergency Protective Measures Grant

- 3. This increase is needed to support the cost of administering COVID-19 vaccines in Montgomery County. The funds support personnel costs, costs associated with using facilities to administer the COVID-19 vaccines, storing and distributing vaccines, and emergency medical care associated with vaccine administration
- 4. The County Executive has requested a special appropriation to the FY21 Operating Budget in the amount of \$6,704,931 for the purposes outlined above and specifies that the source of funds will be Maryland Department of Health, FEMA Emergency Protective Measures Grant funds.
- 5. The public was notified by a news release and a public hearing was held.

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### Action

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

1. A special appropriation to the FY21 Operating Budget of the Department of Health and Human Services is approved as follows:

Personnel	Operating	Capital	Total	Source
Services	Expenses	<u>Outlay</u>		<u>of Funds</u>
\$231,563	\$6,473,368	\$0	\$6,704,931	Maryland Department of Health, FEMA Emergency Protective Measures Grant

2. The County Council declares that this action is necessary to meet an unforeseen disaster or other emergency and that this appropriation is needed to meet the emergency.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Selena Mendy Singleton, Esq. Clerk of the Council