



Committee: Directly to Council
Committee Review: N/A
Staff: Vivian Yao, Legislative Analyst
Purpose: To receive testimony/final action - vote expected
Keywords: Head Start, ARP

AGENDA ITEM #13
July 27, 2021
Public Hearing/Action

SUBJECT

Special Appropriation to the County Government's FY22 Operating Budget, Department of Health and Human Services, Head Start Programs - \$970,360 (Source of Funds: Head Start American Rescue Plan)

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- The resolution was introduced on July 20, 2021.
- There is no Committee recommendation. A motion is required.

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

This special appropriation will provide grant funding to support the expansion of Head Start and Early Head Start programming through summer programs or as extensions of the program year.

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- Head Start programs are currently serving one-third fewer children than before the pandemic began. The funding will help support services for eligible children and their families who did not enroll last year or did not engage in a full program year due to uncertainties caused by the pandemic.
- March 2021, the Office of Head Start allocated \$195,028 for COVID-19 support. On May 4, 2021, the Montgomery County Head Start received notice of award for an additional \$775,332 for a total of \$970,360 in COVID Relief Funding.
- The Source of Funds is federal Head Start American Rescue Plan funding.

This report contains:

Proposed Resolution

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Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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

SUBJECT: Special Appropriation #22-5 to the FY22 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Department of Health and Human Services
FY22 American Rescue Plan Funding Increase for Head Start Programs
\$970,360 (Source of Funds: Head Start American Rescue Plan)

Background

1. 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 FY22 Operating Budget appropriation increases for the Department of Health and Human Services:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$970,360	\$0	\$970,360	Head Start American Rescue Plan Funding

3. This increase is needed because the Federal Office of Head Start strongly encourages grantees to prioritize additional weeks of Head Start and Early Head Start programming with this funding, through summer programs or as extensions of the program year. Head Start programs are currently serving one-third fewer children than before the pandemic began. With ARP funding, programs have an opportunity to reach eligible children and families who did not enroll last year, or who did not engage in a full program year due to the many uncertainties caused by the pandemic.
4. In March 2021, the Office of Head Start allocated \$195,028 for COVID-19 support. On May 4, 2021, Montgomery County Head Start received a notice of award for an additional \$775,332 for a total of \$970,360 in COVID Relief Funding. The funding will be added to the current FY22 Head Start base budget.

5. The County Executive has requested a special appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget in the amount of \$970,360 for FY22 American Rescue Plan Funding Increase for Head Start Programs and specifies that the source of funds will be Head Start American Rescue Plan.
6. The public was notified by a news release.

Action

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

1. A special appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget of the Department of Health and Human Services is approved as follows:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$970,360	\$0	\$970,360	Head Start American Rescue Plan Funding

2. The County Council declares that this action is necessary to act in response to a public health or safety emergency and to act without delay in the public interest.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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Clerk of the Council