



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

AGENDA ITEM #7
July 27, 2021
Public Hearing/Action

SUBJECT

Special Appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget; Montgomery County Government; Department of Health and Human Services; DHHS COVID-19 Response: Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development; Neighborhood Revitalization for the Emergency Housing Program; \$2,665,260 (Source of Funds: Grant Funds); Lead Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- Public hearing and action. No Committee recommendation. A motion is required.
- Introduced on July 20, 2021.

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

Montgomery County has been awarded \$2,665,260 from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's Emergency Housing Program. This funding can be used for emergency housing in order to respond to the economic crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Montgomery County will use these funds to support services and operation in emergency shelters, including facility improvements and increased behavioral health services.

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- The COVID-19 pandemic has caused severe income loss and economic distress for many households and individuals in Montgomery County. The County has made significant adjustments to its emergency shelter system, responding to guidance on how best to protect people's health and prevent the spread of COVID-19 and reduce the disease impacts. One of the impacts of the pandemic is the increased need for mental health supports.

Attached:

Special Appropriation Resolution and memo from Executive

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Marc Elrich
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

July 12, 2021

TO: Tom Hucker, President, County Council

FROM: Marc Elrich, County Executive 

SUBJECT: Special Appropriation #22-2 to the FY22 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Department of Health and Human Services
DHHS COVID-19 Response: Maryland Department of Housing and Community
Development, Neighborhood Revitalization for the Emergency Housing Program
\$2,665,260 (Source of Funds: Grant Funds)

I am recommending a special appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in the amount of \$2,665,260 to add a grant awarded by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for \$2,665,260.

Montgomery County was recently awarded funding in the amount of \$2,665,260 from the Maryland DHCD, Neighborhood Revitalization for the Emergency Housing Program (EHP). The EHP was funded under the State RELIEF Act, which provided \$15 million in additional funding for up to 30 days of emergency housing and emergency shelter operations in response to the economic crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The funding will be used to support the homeless continuum of care by providing resources to bolster support services and operations in emergency shelters. The program will be administered by the DHHS and will include funding to increase behavioral health services and make improvements in the shelter facilities.

I recommend that the County Council approve this special appropriation in the amount of \$2,665,260 and specify the source of funds as Grant Funds.

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this action.

ME:dl

Enclosure: Special Appropriation #22-2

c: Raymond L. Crowel, Psy.D., Director, Department of Health and Human Services
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

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Montgomery County Government
Department of Health and Human Services
DHHS COVID-19 Response: Maryland Department of Housing and Community
Development, Neighborhood Revitalization for the Emergency Housing Program
\$2,665,260 (Source of Funds: Grant Funds)

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	\$2,665,260	\$0	\$2,665,260	Grant Funds

3. This increase is needed to provide grant funding to support the homeless continuum of care by providing resources to bolster support services and operations in emergency shelters. The program will be administered by the DHHS and will include funding to increase behavioral health services and make improvements in the shelter facilities.
4. The County Executive has requested a special appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget in the amount of \$2,665,260 for Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, Neighborhood Revitalization for the Emergency Housing Program and specifies that the source of funds will be Grant Funds.
5. The public was notified and a public hearing was held.

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	\$2,665,260	\$0	\$2,665,260	Grant Funds

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.

Selena Mendy Singleton, Esq.
Clerk of the Council