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Staff: Linda McMillan, Senior Legislative Analyst
Purpose: To receive testimony/final action - vote expected
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AGENDA ITEM #9
July 27, 2021
Public Hearing/Action

SUBJECT

Special Appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget; Montgomery County Government; COVID-19 Human Services and Community Assistance Non-Departmental Account (NDA); \$1,701,800 (Source of Funds: Federal Grant (American Rescue Plan Act)); African American Health Program COVID Response; Lead Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the County Council

Resolution to Amend the FY22 Operating Budget for the Montgomery County Government, Resolution 19-872, Section G, Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award Status: The National Center for Children and Families, Inc.

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- Council staff recommends an amendment to the action section of the resolution that says: The County will seek reimbursement from FEMA for any eligible costs and will seek and allocate other grant resources that may appropriately fund the activities of the African American Health Program COVID Response Program. The County has very recently been awarded funds through the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Enhancing Detection Expansion grant that may be able to fund some components of the AAHP COVID Response Program which would then allow reallocation of the ARPA funds.
- No Committee recommendation. A motion is required. The motion should be for approval as amended if the Council agrees with the staff recommended amendment.

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

COVID-19, the disease caused by the Coronavirus, has disproportionately impacted communities of color nationally and locally. The African American and Black population has experienced higher death rates than other demographic groups. The African American Health Program has undertaken a culturally appropriate, comprehensive strategy to address these disparities. This funding will continue providing this targeted response. Major components of the program are communication and education, COVID testing and vaccination, coordination of a Black Physician Partnership, clinical follow-up, financial help with co-pays and medications, and support to address food insecurity. The County will pursue FEMA reimbursement for all costs to the extent that those costs are eligible for reimbursement.

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- Activities of the AAHP Targeted COVID-19 Response Program included pop-up testing and vaccination events, development of an in-home vaccination program, distribution of food bags and boxes to households that have tested positive, distribution of COVID safety and prevention kits.
- The Program's Joint Partnership Team has launched new mental health services and supports that will be delivered by Black, licensed mental health professionals, and has developed culturally specific marketing/information materials.
- The Joint Partnership Team is undertaking strategies to increase vaccination rates among unvaccinated Black residents in Montgomery County.

Attached:

Special Appropriation Resolution

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Memo from CAO recommending non-competitive contract award

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(action for the non-competitive award amendment is included in the special appropriation resolution)

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Resolution No: _____
Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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

SUBJECT: Special Appropriation #22-3 to the FY22 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
COVID-19 Human Services and Community Assistance Non-Departmental
Account (NDA); \$1,701,809
(Source of Funds: Grant (American Rescue Plan Act))
African American Health Program COVID Response
and
Resolution to Amend the FY22 Operating Budget for the Montgomery County
Government, Resolution 19-872, Section G, Designation of Entities for Non-
Competitive Contract Award Status: The National Center for Children and
Families, Inc.

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 COVID-19 Human Services and Community Assistance Non-Departmental Account (NDA):

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$1,701,809	\$0	\$1,701,809	General Fund Reserves

3. This increase is needed to continue providing a targeted emergency response related to the disparate impact of COVID-19 on African American and Black residents because of the underlying conditions that are driving the cases and disparities in death rates. The African American Health Program COVID Response will continue implementing strategies that address critical needs for community outreach, communications, and education, mental health supports and services, support of a Black Physician Partnership, and funds to address food insecurity for African American and Black residents. The County will pursue FEMA reimbursement for all costs to the extent that those costs are eligible for reimbursement.
4. The County Executive has requested a special appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,701,809 for the African American Health Program COVID Response and specifies that the source of funds will be General Fund Reserves.
5. The County Council has determined that the source of funds for this special appropriation will be Federal Grant (American Rescue Plan Act).
6. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will add a contract with The National Center for Children and Families, Inc. by the amount of this appropriation to continue implementing this program. The Chief Administrative Officer has determined that funding for the contract with this entity for this purpose serves a public purpose and that such an expense would be in the public interest.
7. 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 COVID-19 Human Services and Community Assistance Non-Departmental Account (NDA) 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	\$1,701,809	\$0	\$1,701,809	Federal Grant (American Rescue Plan Act)

2. The County will seek reimbursement from FEMA for any eligible costs and will seek and allocate other grant resources that may appropriately fund the activities of the African American Health Program COVID Response Program.
3. This resolution amends Resolution 19-872, Section G, FY22 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Award Status to add a new contract with The National Center for Children and Families, Inc. for the purpose to “Implement the African American Health Program COVID Response Program” in the amount of \$1,701,809.

4. 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



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Marc Elrich
County Executive

Richard S. Madaleno
Chief Administrative Officer

MEMORANDUM

July 13, 2021

TO: Tom Hucker, Council President

FROM: Richard S. Madaleno, Chief Administrative Officer *RSM*

SUBJECT: Decision Memorandum - Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget Resolution 19-872, Section G, Fiscal Year 2022 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award Status

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting to amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Operating Budget Resolution 19-872, Section G, and the FY22 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award Status as described below.

DHHS will add a new contract with The National Center for Children and Families, Inc. for the purpose to “Implement the African American Health Program Executive Committee Targeted COVID Response Program” in the amount of \$1,701,809.

I have determined that this action serves a public purpose and is in the public interest. Therefore, I recommend that the Council amend the Miscellaneous Provision in Section G of Resolution 19-872 for the FY 2022 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award.

RSM:dl

Enclosure: Amendment to Section G, FY 2022 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award Status

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