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AGENDA ITEM #5P
November 9, 2021
Introduction/Action

SUBJECT

Introduction/Action of 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: Imagination Stage, Inc., Montgomery Recovery Services, Inc. d/b/a Clinic Web Services, and Reingold LINK, LLC, d/b/a LINK Strategic Partners

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- Introduction/Action.
- An amendment to an approved resolution can be introduced and acted upon in the same Council session and does not require the Council to waive its rules of procedure.

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

Resolution 19-872, Section G authorizes non-competitive contract awards. The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) is recommending amendments to allow the Department of Health and Human Services to add a contract with Imagination Stage for bilingual and culturally proficient mental health focused recreational services; add to the current contract with Montgomery Recovery Services to support Medication Assisted Treatment programs; and add a contract with LINK Strategic Partners to provide strategic communications for the Ending the HIV Epidemic Plan. No new appropriation is required.

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- Funding for Imagination Stage was included in the special appropriation approved by the Council for services for Newcomers/newly arriving migrant and asylum seeking children.
- Funding for Montgomery Recovery Services will come from existing General Fund appropriation to allow continuation of services from the current vendor of about 20 years.
- Funding for the communication strategy for the Ending the HIV Epidemic comes from a Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant awarded to the District of Columbia for three priority area jurisdictions, the District of Columbia, Prince George's County, and Montgomery County. The D.C. Department of Health has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with Montgomery County DHHS as a sub-recipient to support activities to meet the national Ending HIV Epidemic goal of reducing new HIV diagnoses by 90% by 2030. Funding supports the expansion of County workforce to identify and link to care and support services persons living with HIV who are not in care and not aware of their HIV status. In addition, funds are spent on ad placements (ride-on, metro rail, bikeshare,

social media) to support a first ever mixed media sexual health and HIV care and prevention campaign to support a healthier community.

Attached:

Memo from Chief Administrative Officer and
Resolution to amend Resolution 19-872, Section G

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Marc Elrich
County Executive

Richard S. Madaleno
Chief Administrative Officer

MEMORANDUM

November 2, 2021

TO: Tom Hucker, President
Montgomery County Council

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

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 to add the awards as described below:

Named Entity	Purpose	Award
Imagination Stage, Inc.	To provide bilingual and culturally proficient mental health focused recreational activities.	\$135,000
Montgomery Recovery Services, Inc., d/b/a Clinic Web Services	To provide a solution to automate dosing of Methadone to clients in support of the County's Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program.	\$5,500
Reingold LINK, LLC d/b/a LINK Strategic Partners	To provide for the development and implementation of strategic communications for Montgomery County's Ending the HIV Epidemic Plan.	\$600,000

Imagination Stage, Inc. is able to meet the demand for bilingual and culturally appropriate recreational activities to support the mental health of youth in the community to address trauma and build resiliency. The source of funding for this service is Montgomery County Council Resolution No. 19-968 adopted July 27, 2021, which provides for a Special Appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget for Newcomers Enhancements and Assistance.

Montgomery Recovery Services, Inc. d/b/a Clinic Web Services provides software to automate the dosing of Methadone dispersed to clients in the County's Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program. This provider has been serving the County for approximately 20 years. The staff at the MAT program is familiar with the product and a significant savings to the County would be lost if the County was unable to continue to use these services on a non-competitive basis. The source of funding for this service is general funds from existing appropriations.

The Ending the HIV Epidemic involves a five-year funding commitment through FY25. Funding for this initiative comes to the County from the Maryland Department of Health and the District of Columbia Department of Health. Reingold LINK, LLC d/b/a LINK Strategic Partners was designated by the D.C. Department of Health as the provider to support an ongoing sexual health awareness campaign. The source of funding for this service is the grant from the D.C. Department of Health.

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 FY22 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Award.

RM:dp

Enclosure: Amendment to Section G, FY22 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award

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Resolution No: _____
Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: County Council

SUBJECT: Amendment to Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget Resolution 19-872, Section G, Fiscal Year 2022 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award Status: Imagination Stage, Inc.; Montgomery Recovery Services, Inc., d/b/a Clinic Web Services; Reingold LINK, LLC d/b/a LINK Strategic Partners

Background

1. Section 11B-14 (a) (4) of the Montgomery County Code states that “a contract may be awarded without competition if the Chief Administrative Officer makes a written determination that the contract award serves a public purpose and proposed contractor has been identified in a grant or appropriation resolution approved by the Council.” The result of this action is to amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award status resolution to include the entities listed below.
2. The Chief Administrative Officer has determined that funding for the contracts with these entities serves a public purpose and that such an expense would be in the public interest.
3. The Department of Health and Human Services will fund the contracts with the entities listed below from existing appropriations in FY 2022.
4. The Department of Health and Human Services will add an award to Imagination Stage, Inc., in the amount of \$135,000 for the purpose: “To provide bilingual and culturally proficient mental health focused recreational activities.”
5. The Department of Health and Human Services will add an award to Montgomery Recovery Services, Inc. d/b/a Clinic Web Services in the amount of \$5,500 for the purpose: “To provide a solution to automate dosing of Methadone to clients in support of the County’s Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program.”
6. The Department of Health and Human Services will add an award to Reingold LINK, LLC d/b/a LINK Strategic Partners in the amount of \$600,000 for the purpose: “To provide for the development and implementation of strategic communications for Montgomery County’s Ending the HIV Epidemic Plan.”

ACTION

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

The Council approves an amendment to the Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award and thereby amends Resolution 19-872, Section G, FY22 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award. The Chief Administrative Officer has recommended this action and stated that this action serves a public purpose and is in the public interest.

The FY22 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award Status resolution is amended to:

1. Add an award to Imagination Stage, Inc., in the amount of \$135,000 for the purpose: “To provide bilingual and culturally proficient mental health focused recreational activities.”
2. Add an award to Montgomery Recovery Services, Inc., d/b/a Clinic Web Services in the amount of \$5,500 for the purpose: “To provide a solution to automate dosing of Methadone to clients in support of the County’s Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program.”
3. Add an award to Reingold LINK d/b/a LINK Strategic Partners in the amount of \$600,000 for the purpose: “To provide for the development and implementation of strategic communications for Montgomery County’s Ending the HIV Epidemic Plan.”

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Selena Mendy Singleton, Esq.
Clerk of the Council