



Committee: Directly to Council
Committee Review: N/A
Staff: Linda McMillan, Senior Legislative Analyst
Purpose: To introduce agenda item – no vote expected
Keywords: Epidemiology, grant

AGENDA ITEM #2(B)
December 7, 2021
Introduction

SUBJECT

Supplemental Appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget; Montgomery County Government; Department of Health and Human Services; The Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Enhancing Detection Expansion (ELC ED) Grant; \$4,222,924 (Source of Funds: Grant Funds) Lead Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the County Council

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- Introduction only. Public Hearing and Action are scheduled for December 14, 2021.

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

COVID-19, the disease caused by the Coronavirus, continues to impact the health of the County. Funding is needed to continue the Department of Health and Human Services' efforts to detect and respond to emerging or re-emerging infectious diseases. This grant is awarded by the Maryland Department of Health and funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- Funds will be used to strengthen laboratory testing and laboratory data to enhance investigation, response, and prevention for COVID-19.
- Funds will support outreach, tracing, testing, and surveillance that are a part of Por Nuestra Salud y Bienestar, African American Health Program COVID Response, and Asian American Health Initiative.

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Marc Elrich
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

November 19, 2021

TO: Tom Hucker, President
County Council

FROM: Marc Elrich, County Executive 

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #22-19 to the FY 22 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Department of Health and Human Services
The Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Enhancing Detection Expansion (ELC ED)
Grant, \$4,222,924

I am recommending a supplemental appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in the amount of \$4,222,924 for the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Enhancing Detection Expansion (ELC ED) Grant. These grant funds are from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention via the Maryland Department of Health. This appropriation will be used to enhance the capacity of DHHS to detect, respond, prevent and control known emerging, or re-emerging, infectious diseases.

This increase is needed to support the response to COVID-19 and SARS- CoV2 through testing and epidemiologic surveillance related activities. The funds will be used to collect data through contact tracers and support outreach and educational projects focused on reaching underserved communities.

I recommend that the County Council approve this supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$4,222,924 and specify the source of funds as grant funds.

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this action.

ME:ll

Enclosure: Supplemental Appropriation # 22-19

cc: Dr. Raymond L. Crowel, Psy.D., Director, Department of Health and Human Services
Jennifer R. Bryant, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Earl Stoddard, PhD, MPH, CEM, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer

Resolution No: _____
Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #22-19 to the FY22 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Department of Health and Human Services
Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Enhancing Detection Expansion (ELC ED)
Grant, \$4,222,924

Background

1. Section 307 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that any supplemental appropriation shall be recommended by the County Executive who shall specify the source of funds to finance it. The Council shall hold a public hearing on each proposed supplemental appropriation after at least one week’s notice. A supplemental appropriation that would comply with, avail the County of, or put into effect a grant or a Federal, State or County law or regulation, or one that is approved after January 1 of any fiscal year, requires an affirmative vote of five Councilmembers. A supplemental appropriation for any other purpose that is approved before January 1 of any fiscal year requires an affirmative vote of six Councilmembers. The Council may, in a single action, approve more than one supplemental appropriation. The Executive may disapprove or reduce a supplemental appropriation, and the Council may reapprove the appropriation, as if it were an item in the annual budget.
2. The County Executive has requested the following FY22 Operating Budget appropriation increase 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	\$4,222,924	\$0	\$4,222,924	Grant Funds

3. This increase is needed to increase the capacity of the Department of Health and Human Services to detect, respond, and prevent known emerging, or re-emerging, infectious diseases.
4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget in the amount of \$4,222,924 to support testing and epidemiologic surveillance related activities.
5. Notice of public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held.

Action

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

A supplemental 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	\$4,222,924	\$0	\$4,222,924	Grant Funds

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Selena Mendy Singleton, Esq.,
Clerk of the Council