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Staff: Tara Clemons Johnson, Legislative Analyst
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AGENDA ITEM #17
March 28, 2023
Public Hearing/Action

SUBJECT

Supplemental Appropriation #23-66 to the FY23 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Government Department of Health and Human Services - Statewide Integrated Health Improvement Strategy (SIHIS) Eliminating Disparities in Maternal Health Initiative-Home Visiting Expansion, \$214,004 (Source of Funds: State Grant)

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None.

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- This special appropriation was introduced on March 14, 2023
- The HHS committee held a worksession on March 16, 2023 and unanimously recommended approval of the \$214,004 supplemental appropriation for the Maternal Home Visiting Expansion Grant (Babies Born Healthy enhancement).

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

This appropriation will expand the existing home visiting services in Montgomery County by augmenting the Babies Born Healthy Program (BBH). BBH is an initiative of the Maryland Department of Health, started in response to Maryland's high disparities in infant mortality rates. The Montgomery County BBH program provides care coordination services to help pregnant women at the highest risk for adverse pregnancy outcomes connect with resources and help them stay healthy through their pregnancies.

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- On February 28, 2023, the County Executive transmitted Supplemental Appropriation #23-66 for consideration to the County Council.
- This funding will support one term full time Program Specialist/Lactation Health Educator position and one half time term Community Health Nurse position. The comprehensive resourcing program will deliver targeted services to pregnant women and their families at high risk of severe maternal morbidity, racial and ethnic disparities.
- The Committee acknowledged this grant will increase the number of African American/Black women who can be served through Babies Born Healthy, noting that African American/Black women have higher rates of poor birth outcomes regardless of income or socioeconomic status.

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County Executive transmittal memo

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Marc Elrich
County Executive

M E M O R A N D U M

February 28, 2023

TO: Evan Glass, President
Montgomery County Council

FROM: Marc Elrich, County Executive 

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation # 23-66 to the FY23 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Department of Health and Human Services
Statewide Integrated Health Improvement Strategy (SIHIS) Eliminating Disparities in
Maternal Health Initiative-HomeVisiting Expansion (\$214,004)

I am recommending a supplemental appropriation to the FY23 Operating Budget, for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in the amount of \$214,004 for the SIHIS Eliminating Disparities in Maternal Health Initiative - HomeVisiting Expansion grant. This appropriation objective is to expand the existing home visiting services in Montgomery County by augmenting the Babies Born Healthy Program.

This increase is needed because DHHS received grant funds from the Maryland Department of Health, SIHIS Eliminating Disparities in Maternal Health Initiative - HomeVisiting Expansion grant. Grant funding will be used to create one full-time term Program Specialist/Lactation Health Educator position and one half-time term Community Health Nurse position. The comprehensive resourcing program will deliver targeted services to pregnant women and their families at high risk of severe maternal morbidity and racial and ethnic disparities. The source of funding is grant funds from the Maryland Department of Health, SIHIS Eliminating Disparities in Maternal Health Initiative-HomeVisiting Expansion Grant.

I recommend that the County Council approve this supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$214,004 and specify the source of funds as Maryland Department of Health, SIHIS Eliminating Disparities in Maternal Health Initiative-HomeVisiting Expansion Grant.

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Thank you for your consideration of this action.

ME:dp

Enclosure: Supplemental Appropriation #23-66

cc: Earl Stoddard, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Office of the County Executive
James Bridgers, Acting Director, Department of Health and Human Services
Jennifer 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
Statewide Integrated Health Improvement Strategy (SIHIS) Eliminating Disparities in
Maternal Health Initiative-HomeVisiting Expansion Grant (\$214,004)

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 six Councilmembers. A supplemental appropriation for any other purpose that is approved before January 1 of any fiscal year requires an affirmative vote of seven 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 FY23 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>
\$143,841	\$70,163	\$0.00	\$214,004	State Funds

3. This increase is needed because DHHS received grant funds from Maryland Department of Health, SIHIS Eliminating Disparities in Maternal Health Initiative – HomeVisiting Expansion grant. Grant funding will be used to create one term full time Program Specialist/Lactation Health Educator position and one half time term Community Health Nurse position. The comprehensive resourcing program will deliver targeted services to pregnant women and their families at high risk of severe maternal morbidity, racial and ethnic disparities.
4. The County Executive has requested a supplemental appropriation to the FY23 Operating Budget in the amount of \$214,004 for the SIHIS Eliminating Disparities in Maternal Health Initiative-HomeVisiting Expansion grant and specifies that the source of funds will be Maryland Department of Health, SIHIS Eliminating Disparities in Maternal Health Initiative-HomeVisiting Expansion Grant.
5. The public was notified by a news release.

Action

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

1. A supplemental appropriation to the FY23 Operating Budget of the Department of Health and Human Services is approved as follows:

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\$143,841	\$70,163	\$0.00	\$214,004	State Funds

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Judy Rupp, Clerk of the Council