

Resolution No.:	<u>19-1451</u>
Introduced:	<u>November 1, 2022</u>
Adopted:	<u>November 15, 2022</u>

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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

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**SUBJECT:** Special Appropriation #23-19 to the FY23 Operating Budget  
Montgomery County Government  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Youth Harm Reduction Initiative, \$853,699  
(Source of Funds: General Fund: Undesignated Reserves)

**Background**

1. Section 308 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that a special appropriation is an appropriation which states that it is necessary to meet an unforeseen disaster or other emergency, or to act without delay in the public interest. Each special appropriation shall be approved by not less than six Councilmembers. The Council may approve a special appropriation at any time after public notice by news release. Each special appropriation shall specify the source of funds to finance it.
2. The County Executive has requested the following FY23 Operating Budget appropriation increase for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

<u>Personal Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$853,699	\$0	\$853,699	General Fund: Undesignated Reserves

3. In the past year, Montgomery County has seen an increase in gun violence and aggravated assaults. Simultaneously, the County has experienced an increase in youth victimization and an increase in the number of youths under seventeen in possession of weapons. Strategic engagement, prevention, and awareness is needed to progress the County toward consistent violence prevention. We need to create programs that would provide employment opportunities for youth, mentorship, peer-to-peer community engagement, and mental health awareness. The community and government providers need to be educated on the root causes of violence to aid in a collective understanding which will allow for more meaningful connections with youth.
4. The County Executive recommends a special appropriation to the FY23 Operating Budget in the amount of \$853,699 for the Department of Health and Human Services and specifies the source of the funds will be General Fund: Undesignated Reserves.
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:

1. A special appropriation to the FY23 Operating Budget for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) 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	\$853,699	\$0	\$853,699	General Fund: Undesignated Reserves

2. The County Council declares that this action is necessary to act without delay in the public interest, and that this appropriation is needed to meet the emergency.
3. The Council approves an amendment to the Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award and thereby amends Resolution 19-1285, Section G, FY23 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 FY23 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award Status resolution is amended to reflect that DHHS will:

- a. Increase the amount of an existing award with 480 Club, LLC by \$160,425 for a revised award amount of \$187,425 for the purpose: “Provides for programming that includes skills and drills training and physical fitness training to promote and develop healthy living through physical fitness and making health choices.”
- b. Increase the amount of an existing award with Florence Crittenton Services of Greater Washington, Inc. by \$400,000 for a revised award of \$495,400 for the purpose: “Provide for a positive youth development program to empower vulnerable teen girls to overcome obstacles to achieve academic and personal success.”
- c. Increase the amount of an existing award with Identity, Inc. by \$55,362 for a revised award amount of \$465,317 for the revised purpose: “Provides positive youth development programming for at-risk students and the creation of youth outreach group(s) focusing on targeted peer engagement and resource sharing in Germantown, Montgomery Village, and Gaithersburg.”
- d. Increase the amount of an existing award with Identity, Inc. by \$7,912 for a revised award amount of \$96,904 for the revised purpose: “Provides support for the expansion of mental health counseling services to community mental health groups, high need youth, and low-income families in the Latino community who are in the Identity out-of-school-time programs.”
- e. Increase the amount of an existing award with The BUILD Program Corporation by \$50,000 for a revised award of \$91,377 for the revised purpose: “Provides for crisis intervention, gang intervention, capacity building, and community strengthening for County community providers and community leaders to address the community violence spikes in the Upcounty area.”

This is a correct copy of Council action.

  
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Judy K. Rupp  
Clerk of the Council