

Resolution No.: 19-1452
Introduced: November 1, 2022
Adopted: November 15, 2022

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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

SUBJECT: Special Appropriation #23-17 to the FY23 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Department of Health and Human Services
\$1,793,442 (Source of Funds: General Fund: Undesignated Reserves)
Newcomers Enhancements and Assistance

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	\$1,593,442	\$0	\$1,593,442	General Fund: Undesignated Reserves

3. This increase is needed to support the ongoing unanticipated influx of migrant families and unaccompanied youth and to build a system to provide the necessary structure and emergency assistance for newcomers who plan to remain in Montgomery County. As work continues with the newcomers, it is evident that there is a need for an investment in strategic planning, expanded multilingual and multicultural case management, increased in-home and community based behavioral health and crisis stabilization services, emergency assistance, and food security. This request addresses the immediate needs of newcomers and helps to strategically develop long-term processes and align resources to support newly arriving migrant youth and families.
4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY23 Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,593,442 for the Department of Health and Human Services and specifies the source of the funds will be General Fund: Undesignated Reserves.
5. Councilmember Nancy Navarro proposed providing an additional \$200,000 in funding through this appropriation for a competitive grant program to support and strengthen culturally and linguistically proficient service delivery to bolster the systemic response. These grants will support smaller emerging organizations that fill specific service needs in the community.
6. Notice of public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held.

Action

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

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	\$1,793,442	\$0	\$1,793,442	General Fund: Undesignated Reserves

2. A total of \$200,000 of this appropriation will allow for competitive grants to be provided through the Department of Health and Human Services, in cooperation with the Office of Grants Management. These funds will provide grants to small and emerging organizations in the County to support and strengthen service delivery to new migrant populations.

Allowable purposes for the grants include culturally and linguistically proficient direct service delivery to migrant individuals and families, as well as technical assistance and training for provider organizations that will strengthen the organization's capability to respond to needs for services.

3. 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.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Judy Rupp, Clerk of the Council