Resolution No.: 20-124

Introduced: March 28, 2023 Adopted: April 18, 2023

## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #23-80 to the FY23 Operating Budget

Montgomery County Government

Department of Health and Human Services

Maryland Department of Health, Local Health Department Health Disparities,

\$489,572

## **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.

Personnel Services	Operating Expenses	Capital <u>Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	Source of Funds
\$0	\$489,572	\$0	\$489,572	State Grant

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3. This increase is needed because DHHS received grant funds from the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) Local Health Department Health Disparities Grant. The grant will be used to 1) hire one full-time contractual Human Service Specialist IV and one consultant to design and implement a Health Equity Plan (HEP) to address COVID-19 health disparities among Montgomery County racial and ethnic minority populations experiencing or at-risk of chronic diseases, including diabetes and its comorbidities, hypertension, heart disease, and associated SDoH. 2) hire one part-time Human Service Specialist contractor to lead efforts to form a workgroup to plan, build and implement cross-sectoral partnerships to develop recommendations to address transportation barriers for ethnic minority populations and rural communities. 3) hire one full-time contractual Community Health Worker to work with local county dental offices and their patients to address the impact of COVID-19 related racial and ethnic disparities on chronic disease prevention and disease management, and associated SDoH.

- 4. The County Executive has requested a supplemental appropriation to the FY23 Operating Budget in the amount of \$489,572 for the Local Health Department Health Disparities Grant and specifies the source of funds as a State Grant.
- 5. The public was notified by a news release.

## **Action**

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

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

Personnel Services	Operating Expenses	Capital <u>Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	Source of Funds
\$0	\$489,572	\$0	\$489,572	State Grant

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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