

Resolution No.: 20-201
Introduced: May 16, 2023
Adopted: June 13, 2023

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #23-102 to the FY23 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Department of Health and Human Services
Emergency Rental Assistance Program 2, \$6,000,000 (Source of Funds: State Grant)

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 (DHHS):

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	State Grant

3. This increase is needed to provide financial support for County residents facing hardships resulting from the COVID-19 crisis. Congress appropriated \$21.5 billion for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program 2 to assist households that are unable to pay rent or

utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The State of Maryland received direct funds and the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development is awarding an additional \$6,000,000 on top of the \$6,488,000 already provided to Montgomery County as a sub-grantee. Specifically, the Department of Treasury requires that funds be used to provide rental and utility assistance to low-income County residents with a priority given to households with income below 50% Area Median Income (AMI) and unemployed for more than 90 days. The program will be administered by DHHS.

4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY23 Operating Budget of the Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of \$6,000,000 for Emergency Rental Assistance Program 2 and specifies that the source of funds will be State Grant.
5. Notice of public hearing was given and a public hearing was held.

Action

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

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

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	State Grant

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Sara R. Tenenbaum
Clerk of the Council