

Resolution No.: 20-1101  
 Introduced: February 3, 2026  
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**COUNTY COUNCIL  
 FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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

**SUBJECT:** Supplemental Appropriation #26-25 to the FY26 Operating Budget  
Montgomery County Government:  
Department of Health and Human Services, \$2,200,000; and  
Department of Technology and Business Solutions, \$800,000,  
Community Connect Portal Continued Development  
(Source of Funds: General Fund Undesignated Reserves)

**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 FY26 Operating Budget appropriation increases for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Department of Technology and Enterprise Business Solutions (TEBS):

<u>Department</u>	<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
DHHS	\$0	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000	General Fund Undesignated Reserves
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TEBS	\$0	\$800,000	\$800,000	Undesignated Reserves General Fund
TOTAL	\$0	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	Undesignated Reserves

3. This increase is needed because it expands and enhances the Community Connect program, improving efficiency, streamlining services, and broadening resident access. Of this amount, \$2,200,000 will support the Department of Health and Human Services’ ongoing platform development, replacing paper-based processes with a secure digital system. The remaining \$800,000 will fund a six-month feasibility study led by the Department of Technology and Enterprise Business Solutions to evaluate the potential for Countywide implementation of the platform, including assessments of infrastructure capacity, cybersecurity, system integration, cost-effectiveness and return on investment.
4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY26 Operating Budget in the amount of \$3,000,000 for Community Connect Portal Continued Development and specifies that the source of funds will be General Fund Undesignated Reserves.
5. The joint Government Operations & Fiscal Policy and Health & Human Services Committee reviewed the Executive’s request on April 10, 2026. The joint Committee unanimously recommended approving the request for the Department of Health and Human Services and excluding the request for the Department of Technology and Business Enterprise Solutions.
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:

A supplemental appropriation to the FY26 Operating Budget of the Department of Health and Human Services is approved as follows:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
DHHS	\$0	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000	General Fund Undesignated Reserves
TOTAL	\$0	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000	General Fund Undesignated Reserves

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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Sara R. Tenenbaum  
Clerk of the Council