Resolution No.: 19-684
Introduced: November 17, 2020
Adopted: December 8, 2020

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: County Council

SUBJECT: Special Appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Department of Recreation
Youth Development – After School Youth Support and Engagement Hubs
$406,000 (Source of Funds: General Fund Reserves) and
Amendment to Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget Resolution 19-472
Section G, FY21 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive
Contract Award Status: Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families

Background

1. Section 308 of the 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. Youth from low-income families face significant challenges as a result of the economic impacts resulting from COVID-19 and social isolation arising from the need to prevent the spread of the virus. Continued distance learning in public schools and limited opportunities to congregate safely with peers due to COVID-19 prevention measures have increased feelings of alienation and isolation among young people and impacted engagement of students in school.

3. There is a need for structured positive youth development and social emotional learning services for vulnerable County youth. This appropriation will support a pilot program designed to increase accessibility to quality youth programs focused on the positive development of and their academic, social-emotion and overall well-being. As part of this process, the Collaboration Council will map local assets, perform community needs assessments in specific high-need school clusters in collaboration with MCPS, and coordinate sustainable supports and partnerships to ensure that youth and families are connected and supported.

4. The funding will support:

- the operation of two 12 week sessions of an after school engagement hub pilot in each of four high needs school clusters/communities in the County.
- Wrap around family engagement services; and
- Coordination, monitoring, technical assistance, evaluation and reporting of the program.

5. Notice of public hearing was given and a public hearing was held.

6. The County Council declares this request is in the public interest to be acted upon without delay as provided for under special appropriation requirements described in Article 3, Section 308 of the Montgomery County Charter.

Action

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

A special appropriation to the FY21 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Government, Department of Recreation, Youth Development – After School Youth Support and Engagement Hub program is approved as follows:

Personnel Expense	Operating Expense	Capital Outlay	Source TOTALof Funds
$0	$406,000	$0	General Fund Reserves

The funding appropriated in this resolution must be added to a noncompetitive agreement with the Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families used to implement the After School Youth Support and Engagement Hub program. The Department of Recreation will administer the funds.

This resolution amends Resolution 19-472, Section G, FY21 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Award Status to fund a contract with the Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families with the purpose to "implement an after school youth support and engagement program vulnerable and/or low-income middle and high school youth." in the amount of $406,000.

This appropriation is needed to address a public health emergency and to act without delay in the public interest.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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Clerk of the Council