

Resolution No.:	<u>19-700</u>
Introduced:	<u>December 15, 2020</u>
Adopted:	<u>December 15, 2020</u>

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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Lead Sponsor: County Council

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**SUBJECT:** Amendment to Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget  
Resolution 19-472, Section G, Fiscal Year 2021 Designation of Entities for  
Non-Competitive Contract Award Status: FIRN, Inc, and HIAS, Inc.

**Background**

1. Section 11B-14 (a) (4) of the Montgomery County Code states that “a contract may be awarded without competition if the Chief Administrative Officer makes a written determination that the contract award serves a public purpose and proposed contractor has been identified in a grant or appropriation resolution approved by the Council.” The result of this action is to amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award status resolution to include the entities listed below.
2. The Chief Administrative Officer has determined that funding for these contracts with this entity serves a public purpose and that such an expense would be in the public interest.
3. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will fund the contracts from existing appropriation.
4. The Department of Health and Human Services will establish a new contract with FIRN, Inc, and will amend the awarded contract with HIAS, Inc., increasing the existing contract amount as stated in the Amended FY21 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award.

**Action**

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

The Council approves an amendment to the Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award and thereby amends Resolution 19-472, Section G, FY21 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award. The Chief Administrative Officer has recommended this action and stated that it serves a public purpose and is in the public interest.

The FY21 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award Status resolution is amended to:

Establish a new contract with FIRN, Inc in the amount of \$77,932.39 for the purpose of providing legal screening and representation of Montgomery County residents in deportation or removal proceedings.

Increase the amount of the existing contract with HIAS, Inc. in the amount of \$106,090 to \$191,641 to provide addition legal services. The purpose of this contract is to provide legal screenings and representation of Montgomery County residents in deportation or removal proceedings.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

  
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