



Committee: Directly to Council
Committee Review: N/A
Staff: Linda McMillan, Senior Legislative Analyst
Purpose: To receive testimony/final action - vote expected
Keywords: COVID-19; CARES

AGENDA ITEM #14
June 23, 2020
Public Hearing/Action

SUBJECT

Special Appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget; Montgomery County Government; Department of Health and Human Services; Federal Older Americans CARES and Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Grants; \$2,622,961 (Source of Funds: Federal Grants). Lead Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the County Executive.

EXPECTED ATTENDEE

Dr. Odile Brunetto, Chief, Aging and Disability Services, Department of Health and Human Services

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- Public Hearing and Action. This special appropriation was introduced on June 16, 2020.

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

The COVID-19 public health crisis has disproportionately impacted older adults. Many have lost jobs or income. Senior Centers and many programs providing nutrition and other support services have had to close their physical locations and/or significantly change their service models. The Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) Senior Nutrition Program in coordination with the Department of Recreation is serving more meals and additional funding is needed.

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- The County will receive \$628,453 from the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) and \$1,994,508 from Title III of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act for services outlined in the Older Americans Act for nutrition services, supportive services, and family caregiver support service. DHHS plans to use the full amount for the senior nutrition program.

Attached:

CE memo and Special Appropriation Resolution

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Marc Elrich
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

June 10, 2020

TO: Sidney Katz, President, County Council

FROM: Marc Elrich, County Executive

SUBJECT: Special Appropriation #20-468 to the FY20 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Department of Health and Human Services
Federal Older Americans CARES and Families First Coronavirus Response Act
(FFCRA) Grants, \$2,622,961

I am recommending a special appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget of the Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of \$2,622,961. This funding is from two different grants we are receiving from the Federal government. The County will receive \$628,453 from funds appropriated by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act and \$1,994,508 from funds appropriated by Title III of the CARES Act for services outlined in the Older Americans Act. These funds will provide nutrition services, supportive services, and family caregiver support services to older Americans during the State's Major Disaster Declaration.

This increase is needed as older Americans are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, and additional support is needed for senior nutrition and supportive services because of the public health emergency. The Senior Nutrition Program is serving more meals as a result of the closure of County senior centers and the postponement of congregate meal services to reduce the need for those most impacted by the COVID-19 virus to leave their homes.

I recommend that the County Council approve this special appropriation in the amount of \$2,622,961 and specify the source of funds as grant funds.

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this action.

ME:dl

Attachment: Special Appropriation #20-468

cc: Raymond L. Crowel, Psy.D., Director, Department of Health and Human Services
Richard S. Madaleno, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Lisa Mandel-Trupp, Chief of Staff, Council President's Office

Resolution No: _____
Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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

SUBJECT: Special Appropriation #20-468 to the FY20 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Department of Health and Human Services
Federal Older Americans Cares & Families First Coronavirus Response Act
Grants, \$2,622,961 (Source of Funds: Federal Grant Funds)

Background

1. Section 308 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that a special appropriation: (a) may be made at any time after public notice by news release; (b) must state that the special appropriation is necessary to meet an unforeseen disaster or other emergency or to act without delay in the public interest; (c) must specify the revenues necessary to finance it; and (d) must be approved by no fewer than six members of the Council.
2. The County Executive has requested the following FY20 Operating Budget appropriation increases for the Department of Health and Human Services:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$2,622,961	\$0	\$2,622,961	Federal Grant Funds

3. This increase is needed because senior nutrition and supportive services have expanded in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, Statewide stay-at-home order, and the related closure of County Senior Centers and postponements of congregate meal services. The Senior Nutrition Program is serving more meals as a result, reducing the need for those most impacted by the COVID-19 virus to leave their homes.
4. The County Executive has requested a special appropriation to the FY20 Operating Budget in the amount of \$628,453 for the Families First Coronavirus Response Act Grant and in the amount of \$1,994,508 for the Federal Older Americans Act CARES Act Title III Grant for a total of \$2,622,961
5. Notice of a public hearing was given and a public hearing was held.

Action

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

1. A special appropriation to the FY20 Operating Budget of the Department of Health and Human Services is approved as follows:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$2,622,961	\$0	\$2,622,961	Federal Grant Funds

2. The funds appropriated in the special appropriation must be placed in a Grant Fund account in which any unspent funds will be re-appropriated in FY 2021.
3. The County Council declares that this action is necessary to meet an unforeseen disaster or other emergency and that this appropriation is needed to meet the emergency.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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Clerk of the Council