



Committee: Directly to Council
Committee Review: N/A
Staff: Linda McMillan, Senior Legislative Analyst
Purpose: To introduce agenda item – no vote expected
Keywords: DHHS, Vaccination

AGENDA ITEM #4(A)
March 8, 2022
Introduction

SUBJECT

Special Appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget; Montgomery County Government; Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS); COVID Mass Vaccination CARES Grant; \$2,109,404; (Source of Funds: State Funds); Lead Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- Introduction Only. Public hearing and action are scheduled for March 22, 2022.

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

Montgomery County continues to support the vaccination of County residents against COVID-19 through clinics and special health initiatives. Ongoing funding is needed to continue to expand existing infrastructure and ongoing efforts to increase vaccinations, reduce hesitancy, and reach minority residents with culturally and linguistically appropriate services to reduce disparities.

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- The COVID Mass Vaccination CARES Grant is awarded to the County by the Maryland Department of Health's Prevention and Health Promotion Administration. The source of funding to the State is the Federal Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- The February 23, 2022, DHHS Pulse Report says that as of February 19, 2022, at least 85% of the total population has received at least two doses of vaccine; and 52% of the fully vaccinated population has received a booster. However, the first dose rate for non-Hispanic Black residents continues to be lower than for non-Hispanic Whites and there are several census tracts, primarily in the east county and Gaithersburg/Germantown area that have below average first dose rates.

Attached:

Memo from County Executive
Appropriation Resolution

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Marc Elrich
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

February 15, 2022

TO: Gabe Albornoz, President
Montgomery County Council

FROM: Marc Elrich, County Executive 

SUBJECT: Special Appropriation #22-50 to the FY22 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Department of Health and Human Services
COVID Mass Vaccination CARES Grant
\$2,109,404 (Source of Funds: State Funds)

I am recommending a special appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in the amount of \$2,109,404 for COVID Mass Vaccination CARES grant. This appropriation will fund COVID-19 vaccination implementation activities. The source of funding for this appropriation is from the Maryland Department of Health, Prevention and Health Promotion Administration. This grant is funded through the Federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

This increase is needed to support the administering of COVID-19 vaccines in Montgomery County. The funds will further expand existing infrastructure, engage in partnerships, and implement strategies to reach affected populations, such as those who are vaccine hesitant, those who are in racial and ethnic minority populations, and those living in rural communities.

I recommend that the County Council approve this special appropriation in the amount \$2,109,404 and specify the source of funds as State funds.

ME:ll

Attachment: Special Appropriation #22-50

c: Raymond L. Crowel, Psy.D., Director, Department of Health and Human Services
Jennifer R. Bryant, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Earl Stoddard, PhD, MPH, CEM, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer

Resolution No: _____
Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Special Appropriation #22-50 to the FY22 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Department of Health and Human Services
COVID Mass Vaccination CARES Grant
\$2,109,404 (Source of Funds: State Funds)

Background

1. Section 308 of the Montgomery 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. The County Executive has requested the following FY22 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	\$2,109,404	\$0	\$2,109,404	State Funds

3. This increase is needed to support the administering of COVID-19 vaccines in Montgomery County. The funds will further expand existing infrastructure, engage in partnerships, and implement strategies to reach affected populations, such as those who are vaccine hesitant, those who are in racial and ethnic minority populations, and those living in rural communities
4. The source of funding for this appropriation is from the Maryland Department of Health, Prevention and Health Promotion Administration. This grant is funded through the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The funds will assist the county with safely and effectively administer COVID-19 vaccines to residents.

5. The public was notified by a news release.

Action

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

1. A special appropriation to the FY22 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	\$2,109,404	\$0	\$2,109,404	State Funds

2. 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.

Selena Mendy Singleton, Esq.
Clerk of the Council