



Committee: Directly to Council
Committee Review: N/A
Staff: Linda McMillan, Senior Legislative Analyst
Purpose: To receive testimony – no vote expected
Keywords: DHHS, FEMA

AGENDA ITEM #5
March 8, 2022
Public Hearing

SUBJECT

Special Appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget; Montgomery County Government; Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS); FEMA Emergency Protective Measures Grant; \$7,821,000 (Source of Funds: State Funds); Lead Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- Public hearing only. Action is scheduled for March 15, 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 support the administration of vaccinations. This funding will support the acquisition of equipment, supplies, and the hiring of medical staff to administer COVID-19 vaccines.

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- The Emergency Protective Measures, Vaccine Administration is a grant from the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), that is provided to the County through the Maryland Department of Health.
- The February 23, 2022, DHHS Pulse Report says that as of February 19, 2022, at least 95% of the total County population has received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine; 85% of the total population has received at least two doses of vaccine; 52% of the fully vaccinated population has received a booster/additional dose; and 75% of fully vaccinated residents aged 65 and older has received a booster/additional dose.

Attached:

Memo from County Executive © 1
Appropriation Resolution © 2-3

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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 #22-48 to the FY22 Operating
Budget Montgomery County Government
Department of Health and Human Services
FEMA Emergency Protective Measures Grant
\$7,821,000 (Source of Funds: State Funds)

I am recommending a special appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in the amount of \$7,821,000 for a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Emergency Protective Measures grant provided to the County via the Maryland Department of Health. This appropriation will fund the acquisition of equipment, supplies, and the hiring of medical staff to administer COVID-19 vaccines.

This increase is to support the Department of Health and Human Services with safely and effectively administering COVID-19 vaccinations to residents. The funding will be used to engage community partners to promote, administer, and manage COVID-19 vaccines.

I recommend that the County Council approve this special appropriation in the amount \$7,821,000 and specify the source of funds as State Funds.

ME:ll

Attachment: Special Appropriation #22-48

cc: Dr. 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

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

SUBJECT: Special Appropriation #22-48 to the FY22 Operating Budget Montgomery County Government
Department of Health and Human Services
FEMA Emergency Protective Measures Grant
\$7,821,000 (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	\$7,821,000	\$0	\$7,821,000	State Funds

3. This increase is to support the Department of Health and Human services with safely and effectively administering COVID-19 vaccinations to residents. The funding will support the acquisition of the equipment, supplies, and the hiring of medical staff to administer COVID-19 vaccines.
4. The source of funding for this appropriation is from the Maryland Department of Health, Prevention and Health Promotion Administration. The Emergency Protective Measures, Vaccine Administration is a public assistance grant funded through the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

5. Notice of 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 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	\$7,821,000	\$0	\$7,821,000	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