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**Committee Review:** N/A

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**Purpose:** To receive testimony/final action - vote expected

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AGENDA ITEM #11

June 14, 2022

**Public Hearing/Action**

## SUBJECT

Special Appropriation to the County Government's FY22 Operating Budget, Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County Non-Departmental Account, Business Assistance Program: Arts COVID-19 ARPA Relief Funds, \$2,750,000 (Source of Funds: Federal Funds)

## EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None

## COUNCIL DECISION POINTS

Receive public testimony and consider action.

## DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

This special appropriation designates \$2,750,000 of Federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 [ARPA] funds for business assistance to creative class professionals and arts and humanities organizations to be administered by the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County [AHC MC].

The magnitude of the long-term impact to the arts and humanities sector in Montgomery County is yet to be realized, specifically the capacity and infrastructure of arts and humanities organizations to reopen venues, decreased demand by the public to attend arts-related events and the organizational fiscal health to re-employ creative class professionals.

This special appropriation was introduced to the Council on May 26, 2022.

### **This report contains:**

Introduction to Council Staff Packet w/ Draft Resolution – [May 26, 2022](#).....[Online](#)

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