



**Committee:** Directly to Council  
**Committee Review:** N/A  
**Staff:** Vivian Yao, Legislative Analyst  
**Purpose** To introduce agenda item – no vote expected  
**Keywords:** DHHS

AGENDA ITEM #18F  
July 12, 2022  
**Introduction**

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## **SUBJECT**

Supplemental Appropriation #23-1 to the FY23 Operating Budget Montgomery County Government Department of Health and Human Services Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment for Montgomery County Emergency Departments, \$785,400 (Source of Funds: Grant Funds)

## **EXPECTED ATTENDEES**

None

## **COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

- Introduction. Public Hearing and Action are scheduled for July 26, 2022.

## **DESCRIPTION/ISSUE**

The Supplemental Appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) of \$785,400 will support substance use disorder (SUD) screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment (SBIRT) services at two Adventist Healthcare, Inc. hospitals. The services will include universal screening for SUD for all patients who enter the Emergency Department, Opioid Survivors Outreach for patients who have recently experienced an overdose, and Hospital Based Buprenorphine Induction for emergency room patients, and linkage to continued Medication Assisted Treatment services upon discharge.

## **SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS**

- The funding increase is needed to provide SBIRT services at the only two hospitals in Montgomery County that have not received this start-up funding.
- This project operates at both a prevention and SUD intervention level and is an evidence-based treatment approach for SUD.
- The State of Maryland funds this grant through the Behavioral Health Administration.

**This report contains:**

Memo from the County Executive  
Appropriation Resolution

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Marc Elrich  
*County Executive*

MEMORANDUM

July 5, 2022

TO: Gabe Albornoz, President  
Montgomery County Council

FROM: Marc Elrich, County Executive 

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #23-1 to the FY23 Operating Budget  
Montgomery County Government  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment for Montgomery County  
Emergency Departments, \$785,400 (Source of Funds: Grant Funds)

I am recommending a Supplemental Appropriation to the FY23 Operating Budget of the Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of \$785,400 for Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) services at two Adventist Healthcare, Inc. hospitals. These are the only two hospitals in Montgomery County that have not received this start-up funding for SBIRT services at their Emergency Departments.

This increase is needed to implement universal screening for substance use disorder (SUD) for all patients who enter the Emergency Department. Additionally, the project includes the Opioid Survivors Outreach program, which seeks to engage patients who have recently experienced an overdose, and Hospital Based Buprenorphine Induction, which looks to provide buprenorphine services while patients are in the Emergency Department. It also links them to continued Medication Assisted Treatment services once discharged. The program targets all persons admitted into the Emergency Department in Montgomery County, Maryland. This project operates at a prevention and SUD intervention level and is an evidence-based treatment approach for SUD. The State of Maryland funds this grant through the Behavioral Health Administration.

The non-competitive contract for Adventist Healthcare, Inc. is already included in Section G of Resolution 19-1285 that the Council approved for FY23.

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and Referral to Treatment for Montgomery County Emergency Departments

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I recommend that the County Council approve this Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of \$785,400 and specify the source of funds as Grant Funds.

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this action.

ME:dl

Enclosure: Supplemental Appropriation #23-1

cc: Raymond L. Crowel, Psy.D., Director, Department of Health and Human Services  
Jennifer R. Bryant, Director, Office of Management and Budget

Resolution No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Introduced: \_\_\_\_\_  
Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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

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Montgomery County Government  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment for Montgomery County  
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**Background**

1. Section 307 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that any supplemental appropriation shall be recommended by the County Executive who shall specify the source of funds to finance it. The Council shall hold a public hearing on each proposed supplemental appropriation after at least one week’s notice. A supplemental appropriation that would comply with, avail the County of, or put into effect a grant or a Federal, State or County law or regulation, or one that is approved after January 1 of any fiscal year, requires an affirmative vote of five Councilmembers. A supplemental appropriation for any other purpose that is approved before January 1 of any fiscal year requires an affirmative vote of six Councilmembers. The Council may, in a single action, approve more than one supplemental appropriation. The Executive may disapprove or reduce a supplemental appropriation, and the Council may reapprove the appropriation, as if it were an item in the annual budget.
2. The County Executive has requested the following FY23 Operating Budget appropriation increases for the Department of Health and Human Services:

<u>Personnel</u> <u>Services</u>	<u>Operating</u> <u>Expenses</u>	<u>Capital</u> <u>Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source</u> <u>of Funds</u>
\$0	\$785,400	\$0	\$785,400	Grant Funds

3. This increase is needed for Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) services at two Adventist Healthcare, Inc. hospitals. These are the only two hospitals in Montgomery County that have not received this start-up funding for SBIRT services at their Emergency Departments. This increase is needed to implement universal screening for substance use disorder (SUD) for all patients who enter the Emergency Department. Additionally, the project includes Opioid Survivors Outreach program, which seeks to engage patients who have recently experienced an overdose, and Hospital Based Buprenorphine Induction, which looks to provide buprenorphine services while patients are in the Emergency Department and link them to continued Medication Assisted Treatment services once discharged. The program targets all persons admitted into the Emergency Department in Montgomery County, Maryland. This project operates at both a prevention and SUD intervention level and is an evidence-based treatment approach for SUD. The State of Maryland funds this grant through the Behavioral Health Administration. The State of Maryland funds this grant through the Behavioral Health Administration.
4. Notice of public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held.

**Action**

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

A supplemental appropriation to the FY23 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	\$785,400	\$0	\$785,400	Grant Funds

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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Judy Rupp  
Clerk of the Council