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Staff: Tara Clemons, Legislative Analyst
Purpose: Final action – vote expected
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AGENDA ITEM #8(P)
July 26, 2022
Introduction/Action

SUBJECT

Introduction/Action - Resolution to Amend the FY23 Operating Budget for the Montgomery County Government, Resolution 19-1285, Section G, Fiscal Year 2023 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award Status: The Tree House Child Advocacy Center of Montgomery County, MD, Inc.

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- Introduction/Action
- An amendment to an approved resolution can be introduced and acted upon in the same Council session and does not require the Council to waive its rules of procedure.

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

Resolution 19-1285, Section G authorizes non-competitive contract awards. The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) is recommending an amendment to increase the funding to The Tree House Child Advocacy Center of Montgomery County, MD, Inc. to provide mental health therapy services to sexually and physically abused children. No new appropriation is required.

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- The Tree House Child Advocacy Center of Montgomery County, MD, Inc. is committed to reducing trauma and promoting healing for child and adolescent victims of sexual abuse, physical abuse, and neglect. Services include medical assessments, mental health services, forensic interviewing and victim advocacy services to any victim that lives in the County. The Tree House focuses on uninsured residents and in particular, children who are victims of physical abuse, sexual abuse or neglect.
- No new appropriation is required as the increase will be funded through the State HB669 Grant Funds for Transitional Trauma Therapy Services.

This report contains:

Memo from CAO and Resolution to amend Resolution 19-1285, Section G

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Marc Elrich
County Executive

Richard S. Madaleno
Chief Administrative Officer

MEMORANDUM

July 14, 2022

TO: Gabe Albornoz, President, County Council

FROM: Richard S. Madaleno, Chief Administrative Officer *BSM*

SUBJECT: Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget
Resolution 19-1285, Section G, Fiscal Year 2023 Designation of Entities for
Non-Competitive Contract Award Status: The Tree House Child Advocacy
Center of Montgomery County, MD, Inc.

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting to amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Operating Budget Resolution 19-1285, Section G, and the FY23 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award Status as described below.

DHHS will modify the following award:

Named Entity	Purpose	Original Award	Revised Award
The Tree House Child Advocacy Center of Montgomery County, MD, Inc.	Provides 'one stop' services to sexually and physically abused children.	\$729,851	\$879,851

The Tree House Child Advocacy Center of Montgomery County, MD, Inc. (The Tree House) is dedicated to reducing trauma and promoting healing for child and adolescent victims of sexual abuse, physical abuse, and neglect. Through an innovative collaborative process between the private and public sectors, key professionals come together on behalf of the best interests of victims. This effective early intervention is essential to ensure that an abused child or adolescent develops into a healthy and productive adult, capable of forming trusting and loving relationships. Underpinning the work of “The Tree House” is the belief that the cycle of child abuse can be broken and the knowledge that child abuse and neglect are preventable.

The source of funding is Grant Funds. Funds to support the work to be provided by the entity listed above will come from State HB669 Grant Funds for Transitional Trauma Therapy Services.

I have determined that this action serves a public purpose and is in the public interest. Therefore, I recommend that the Council amend the Miscellaneous Provision in Section G of Resolution 19-1285 for the FY23 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Award.

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Enclosure: Amendment to Section G, FY23 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award

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Jennifer Bryant, Director, Office of Management and Budget
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Resolution No: _____
Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: County Council

SUBJECT: Amendment to Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget Resolution 19-1285, Section G, Fiscal Year 2023 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award Status: The Tree House Child Advocacy Center of Montgomery County, MD, Inc.

Background

1. Section 11B-14 (a) (4) of the Montgomery County Code states that “a contract may be awarded without competition if the Chief Administrative Officer makes a written determination that the contract award serves a public purpose and proposed contractor has been identified in a grant or appropriation resolution approved by the Council.” The result of this action is to amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award status resolution to include the entities listed below.
2. The Chief Administrative Officer has determined that funding for the contracts with this entity serves a public purpose and that such an expense would be in the public interest.
3. The Department of Health and Human Services will fund the additional funding request for the contract with the entity listed below from grant funds in FY 2023.
4. The Department of Health and Human Services will increase the award of a contract with The Tree House Child Advocacy Center of Montgomery County, MD, Inc. by \$150,000 for a revised award amount of \$879,851 for the purpose: “Provides 'one stop' services to sexually and physically abused children.”

ACTION

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

The Council approves an amendment to the Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award and thereby amends Resolution 19-1285, Section G, FY23 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award. The Chief Administrative Officer has recommended this action and stated that this action serves a public purpose and is in the public interest.

The FY23 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award Status resolution is amended to:

Increase the amount of an existing award with The Tree House Child Advocacy Center of Montgomery County, MD, Inc. by \$150,000 for a revised award amount of \$879,851 for the purpose: "Provides 'one stop' services to sexually and physically abused children."

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Judy Rupp
Clerk of the Council