



## OFFICE OF RACIAL EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

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### MEMORANDUM

February 8, 2022

To: Jennifer Bryant, Director  
Office of Management and Budget

From: Tiffany Ward, Director  
Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice

Re: Racial Equity Impact Assessment (REIA) for Supplemental Appropriation #22-57 Loan Repayment

- I. **FINDING:** The Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice (ORESJ)'s findings regarding Supplemental Appropriation # 22-57 Loan Repayment are inconclusive. While ORESJ recognizes the racial equity and social justice impacts of the County's affordable housing challenges, details about the process and outcomes related to the CIP project funded with this supplemental appropriation are limited; therefore ORESJ is unable to determine to what extent the activities under this project will address the immediate and or structural challenges impacting low-income people, who are disproportionately people of color, in the County and their ability to access affordable quality housing.
- II. **BACKGROUND:** The purpose of Supplemental Appropriation #22-57 is to allocate funds for use in the activities of CIP project # (P760100). The goal of this CIP project is to acquire or renovate properties—or work with partners—to increase the County's affordable housing inventory. A portion of the units under this program must be available to households with incomes that are at or below the eligible income level for the Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit (MPDU) Program.

ORESJ has documented and explained many of the historical and contemporary racial inequities shaping housing insecurity and homelessness in the US and Montgomery County in the following Racial Equity Impact Assessments (REIAs):

1. Special Appropriation #22-527 Covid-19 Rental Relief:  
<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ore/Resources/Files/21-527.pdf>
2. Special Appropriation #22-10 Assistance in Community Integration Services Pilot:  
<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ore/Resources/Files/22-10.pdf>
3. Supplemental Appropriation #22-31 Nebel Street Shelter:  
<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ore/Resources/Files/22-31.pdf>

ORESJ recommends considering these REIAs in understanding the extent to which activities under this CIP project are likely to advance racial equity and social justice in the County.

cc: Ken Hartman, Director, Office of Strategic Partnership, Office of the County Executive