



## OFFICE OF RACIAL EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

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### MEMORANDUM

January 11, 2024

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) Supplemental Appropriation (SA) #24-30  
OEMHS COVID-19 FEMA Contract Support

- I. **FINDING:** Based on available information, Supplemental Appropriation #24-30 OEMHS COVID-19 FEMA Contract Support does not appear to substantively change the reimbursement activities outlined in the prior funding request, Supplemental Appropriation #23-97. Therefore, the Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice's (ORESJ) finding remains unchanged. There is insufficient detail from which to conduct a racial equity analysis or draw conclusions about potential racial equity impacts.
- II. **BACKGROUND:** The purpose of SA #24-30 is to provide additional funding to the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (OEMHS) to support the COVID-19 FEMA public assistance reimbursement process. The County uses contractor support to assist departments with various tasks related to reimbursing COVID-19 response expenses. These tasks include reviewing and compiling documents, working with departments on writing justifications for expenses and reviewing expenses with FEMA. Currently, funds are not budgeted for these activities, but costs are eligible for full reimbursement by FEMA.

As previously indicated, ORESJ has reviewed this supplemental funding request in REIA #23-97 - COVID-19 FEMA Public Assistance Contract Support. Please refer to ORESJ's analysis, which is available here:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ore/Resources/Files/23-97.pdf>

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