



Committee: Directly to Council
Committee Review: N/A
Staff: Linda McMillan, Sr. Legislative Analyst
Purpose: To receive testimony/final action - vote expected
Keywords: ACCESS Harm Reduction; STEER

AGENDA ITEM #6
October 29, 2019
Public Hearing/Action

SUBJECT

Supplemental Appropriation to the FY20 Operating Budget; Montgomery County Government; Department of Health and Human Services; ACCESS Harm Reduction Grant; \$239,492 (Source of Funds: State Grant)

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

Dr. Raymond Crowel, Director, Department of Health and Human Services
Deborah Lambert, Office of Management and Budget

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- Vote following public hearing.
- The Chairs of the Health and Human Services Committee and Public Safety Committee have agreed that this supplemental should be forwarded to the Council for action without a Joint Committee worksession to expedite the approval of funding for programs that address the opioid crisis and because the supplemental is fully supported by State funds. A motion is required as there is no Joint Committee recommendation before the Council.

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

The County has been awarded a \$239,492 grant to support efforts to address opioid and other drug addiction through the Leave Behind program (a naloxone and urgent follow-up program), STEER (Stop, Triage, Engage, Educate, and Rehabilitation) program which deflects people from the criminal justice system through treatment and intervenes after overdose, and training in the use of Narcan/Naloxone.

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- In FY19, the STEER program had 444 client referrals. 272 (61.2%) completed screening, and 175 (64.3% of those screened) received a treatment referral. 101 people (57.7% of those screened) engaged in treatment.
- Fire and Rescue Services reports that as of 9/30/19, the Leave Behind program has helped 66 people receive Leave Behind Narcan kits and/or STEER support. The Mobile Integrated Health Initiative (MIH) program is assisting with logistics and oversight of the Leave Behind initiative, alongside HHS, STEER and Maryland Treatment Centers. In order to enhance the distribution of Narcan to a wider target population, STEER is planning to take responsibility for the storage and distribution of Narcan without MIH's involvement. MIH continues to provide real time alerts of opioid overdoses to STEER but, under the proposed process, STEER can extend distribution of

Narcan kits to victims of overdose and their families/loved ones, regardless of whether the victim accepts a ride to the hospital.

- The Department of Health and Human Services has provided the following summary on the use of the funds.

Grant budget items	FY20 Budget	Purposes
Special Payments Payroll	24,803	Salary for 1 Fire and Rescue personnel 5 -8 hours a week - Leave Behind Program
Contractual Ser-Salaries & Fringe	154,581	Narcan Trainer, STEER Peer, and Syringe Exchange Consultant
Training	15,000	Training for Syringe Exchange Program
Educational Supplies	20,000	Handouts and Know the Risk information
Medicine, Drugs & Chemicals	7,628	Deterra or Dispose RX
Medical Supplies	10,000	Accessories for Narcan Kits (gloves, bags, face shields, etc.)
Office Supplies	5,000	Supplies needed to assist with training and outreach
Indirect Cost	2,480	Indirect Costs
Total	239,492	

- The Leave Behind Program was funded by Opioid Intervention Team Grant in FY19. For FY20 the State advised that the program should be funded by this Harm Reduction Grant. The FY20 amount is \$24,803.
- The FY20 budget for Maryland Treatment Center contract for STEER program is \$286,200. It is funded by General Substance Use Services grant and Federal Substance Use Service grant.
- Narcan Training was funded by the General Services Grant in FY19. For FY20 the state advised that the program should be funded by this Harm Reduction Grant. The FY20 amount is \$98,290.

This report contains:

Memo from County Executive

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Resolution to approve Supplemental Appropriation

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October 18, 2019 Press Release

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Link to "Know the RisksMC" County opioid information website:

<https://montgomerycountymd.gov/opioids/>

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

Marc Elrich
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

September 27, 2019

TO: Nancy Navarro, President, County Council

FROM: Marc Elrich, County Executive *Marc Elrich*

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #20-446 to the FY20 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Department of Health and Human Services
ACCESS Harm Reduction Grant, \$239,492

I am recommending a Supplemental Appropriation to the FY20 Operating Budget of the Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of \$239,492 for the ACCESS Harm Reduction Grant from the State.

This increase will support the Leave Behind program, STEER (Stop, Triage, Engage, Educate, and Rehabilitate) program, and support the continued efforts with Narcan/Naloxone trainings.

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this action.

ME:lp

Attachment: Supplemental Appropriation #20-446

c: Raymond L. Crowl, Psy.D., Director, Department of Health and Human Services
Richard S. Madaleno, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Caroline Sturgis, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer
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Resolution No: _____
Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #20-446 to the Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Department of Health and Human Services
Grant Title: ACCESS Harm Reduction Grant, \$239,492

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 FY20 Operating Budget appropriation increases for the Department of Health and Human Services:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$24,803	\$214,689	\$0	\$239,492	State Grant

3. This increase is needed to fund the ACCESS Harm Reduction Grant to support the Leave Behind program, build capacity of STEER (Stop, Triage, Engage, Educate and Rehabilitate) program, and support the continued efforts with Narcan/Naloxone Training.
4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY20 Operating Budget in the amount of \$239,492 for the ACCESS Harm Reduction Grant awarded by the Maryland Department of Health, Prevention and Health Promotion Administration.
5. 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 FY20 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>
\$24,803	\$214,689	\$0	\$239,492	State Grant

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Mary Anne Paradise, Acting Clerk of the Council

The Latest on the Opioid Crisis in Montgomery County; Efforts Include Expanded Naloxone Training and Streamlined Treatment Options

For Immediate Release: Friday, October 18, 2019

County Executive Marc Elrich was joined today by the County's Opioid Intervention Team (OIT) to provide an update on progress the County has made in addressing the opioid crisis in Montgomery County. Members of the OIT included Co-chairs Department of Health and Human Services Director Raymond Crowel and Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Director Earl Stoddard; as well as Fire Chief Scott Goldstein, Acting Police Chief Marcus Jones, State's Attorney John J. McCarthy, and County Sheriff Darren Popkin. Both County and community-based providers and advocates serve on the OIT.

Latest data shows that there have been 49 overdose deaths to-date this year and 320 non-fatal overdoses since January. In Sept. 2019, there were seven overdose deaths and 38 lives saved through the use of Naloxone, an overdose reversal drug.

"Montgomery County, along with every county in Maryland, has too many overdose deaths and individuals who are addicted," said Elrich. "We need to tackle the problem from many angles and the OIT has directed resources towards prevention, education, and treatment. No family should experience the overdose death of a loved one."

A key component of the local effort has been focused on making Naloxone readily available in the community. During fiscal year 2019 (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019), more than 1,500 residents attended free Naloxone training and nearly 2,500 free Naloxone kits, which include two doses, were distributed through classes and community events. A calendar of training events is available [online](#).

Engaging individuals who are addicted, at the time of an overdose, is a key strategy to increase the possibility that they will seek treatment. The County's STEER (Stop, Engage, Educate and Rehabilitate) team is staffed by peer recovery specialists who respond to hospital emergency rooms and other community locations at the time of an overdose. They are available 24/7. The goal is to work with the individual who overdosed and give them one-on-one help to get into treatment. STEER was launched in July 2018, and 444 individuals (through June 2019) were referred for help. Peer recovery specialists continue to build partnerships with hospital staff and strengthen referral mechanisms.

"MCFRS is honored to be an integral partner in the Montgomery County approach and team to support our community with this critical public health issue," said Goldstein. "We provide near, real-time incident information to Health and Human Services on suspected overdose calls which enables the STEER program counselors to engage and help the patient and the impacted family."

"Having experienced 18 overdoses that required Narcan revival, my willingness to become unbroken had to be present and the resources readily available," said Jacqueline Fleming, a recovering opioid user.

"The opiate epidemic is a public health crisis that should be addressed as such, addressing public education, early intervention and long-term treatment for those suffering from addiction," said McCarthy.

A new website—KnowTheRisksMC.org—includes information on treatment options and support groups, as well as information about safe prescription drug disposal and the latest County data.

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