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AGENDA ITEM #7
July 14, 2020
Public Hearing

SUBJECT

Special Appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget; Montgomery County Government; Department of Health and Human Services; Support Payments to Organizations Directly Serving Developmentally Disabled Persons; \$371,761 (Source of Funds: General Fund Reserves) Lead Sponsor: Health and Human Services Committee

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- Introduced July 7, 2020.
- The Health and Human Services met on June 11, 2020 and recommends approval of this special appropriation.

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

As a part of its May 21, 2020 approval of the FY 2021 Operating Budget for the Montgomery County Government, the Council appropriated \$17.56 million to provide support payments to eligible organizations that provide direct services to people with developmental disabilities including residential, community supported living arrangements, day habilitation, or supportive employment. This support is commonly referred to as the “DD Supplement.” At its budget worksession, the Council acknowledged that this amount was not adjusted for six new eligible organizations and that it would review this issue. The estimate for a continuity of services budget that accounts for these new organizations requires \$371,761 in additional funding.

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- The Health and Human Services Committee reviewed this issue on June 11, 2020 and recommends approval of a special appropriation for \$371,761.
- The Executive’s Recovery Framework includes a workgroup in the Department of Health and Human Services that will make recommendations about the needs of organizations serving developmentally disabled persons that will address continued COVID-19 testing for residents and staff, contact tracing, equipment and supplies, and financial stability. The Health and Human Services Committee will review these recommendations when they are available. The Committee will also continue to work with the Executive branch and provider organizations on the structure for future support payments. Support is needed because the state rate paid by the

Developmental Disabilities Administration is not sufficient for the cost of operating in Montgomery County.

Attached:

Special Appropriation Resolution

pages 1-2

Link to June 11, 2020 HHS Committee staff report:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2020/20200611/20200611_HHS2.pdf

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**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead sponsor: Health and Human Services Committee

SUBJECT: Special Appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Department of Health and Human Services
Support Payment to Organizations Directly Serving Developmentally
Disabled Persons
\$371,761 (Source of Funds: General Fund Reserves)

Background

1. Section 308 of the County Charter provides that a special appropriation is an appropriation which states that it is necessary to meet an unforeseen disaster or other emergency, or to act without delay in the public interest. Each special appropriation shall be approved by not less than six Councilmembers. The Council may approve a special appropriation at any time after public notice by news release. Each special appropriation shall specify the source of funds to finance it.
2. On May 21, 2020 the Council approved Resolution 19-472, Approval of and Appropriation for the FY 2021 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Government. As a part of this action, the Council appropriated \$17,562,175 to provide a payment to eligible organizations providing direct services to clients of residential, community supported living arrangements, day habilitation, or supportive employment through the Developmental Disabilities Administration. The Council also approved in Section G of Resolution 19-472 a list of eligible organizations.
3. Due to the COVID-19 health emergency, the Council adopted a continuity of services framework for the initial approval of the FY 2021 Operating Budget. The Council's May 21 appropriation was the same dollar amount as that approved for FY 2020 and did not fully account for inclusion of six new eligible organizations. The Council said it intended to review the need for additional support for these organizations.
4. On June 11, 2020 the Council's Health and Human Services Committee received information that an additional \$371,761 is needed to provide a continuity of services

funding levels that includes the six new eligible organizations. The Health and Human Services Committee recommends the Council approve a special appropriation for \$371,761 to provide a re-estimated continuity of services budget for this support payment. The source of funds is General Fund Reserves.

5. Public notice of this special appropriation was provided and a public hearing was held.

Action

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

A special appropriation to the FY21 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Government, in the amount of \$371,761 is approved as follows:

	<u>Personnel Expense</u>	<u>Operating Expense</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
Department of Health and Human Services	\$0	\$371,761	\$371,761	General Fund Reserves

These funds must be used by the Department of Health and Human Services to increase the total amount of funding available to provide a support payments to eligible organizations that are funded through the Developmental Disabilities Administration and listed in Section G of Resolution 19-472.

This appropriation is needed to act without delay in the public interest.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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