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AGENDA ITEM #13
November 15, 2022
Public Hearing/Action

SUBJECT

Supplemental Appropriation #23-22 to the Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget Montgomery County Government, Department of Health and Human Services: American Rescue Plan Act Older Americans Act Title III Grant, \$3,551,720 (Source of Funds: State Grant); and Amendment to the FY23 Operating Budget for the Montgomery County Government Resolution 19-1285, Section G, Designation of Entities for Non Competitive Contract Award Status: Jewish Council for the Aging of Greater Washington, Inc., Access Hears, Inc., Arts for the Aging, Inc., Home Care Partners, Inc., Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc. and The Senior Connection of Montgomery County, Inc.

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None.

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- This supplemental appropriation was introduced on November 1, 2022.
- The HHS Committee held a worksession on November 10, 2022 and recommends approval (2-0, Councilmember Rice was absent).

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

This supplemental appropriation provides funding to implement a State grant that supports social services programs for older residents of Montgomery County. The following organizations Jewish Council for the Aging of Greater Washington, Inc., Access Hears, Inc., Arts for the Aging, Inc., Home Care Partners, Inc., Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc. and The Senior Connection of Montgomery County, Inc. will administer some of the grant programming for the county. The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) has recommended an amendment to Section G of the FY23 Operating Budget resolution to implement this funding (see ©3-5).

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- Councilmembers shared support of the ARPA OAA grant programs and the community organizations that are committed to services and programming that will enhance the lives of County seniors.
- The grant funding will support hearing assistance devices, nutrition, dental services, arts programming for people living in long-term care settings and community-based services. The grant term ends on September 30, 2024
- The CAO has made the determination that implementing this funding through non-competitive contracts with the selected organizations serves a public purpose and is in the public interest.

This report contains:

County Executive transmittal memo

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CAO memo to amend Resolution 19-1285, Section G

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Marc Elrich
County Executive

M E M O R A N D U M

October 27, 2022

TO: Gabe Albornoz, President
Montgomery County Council

FROM: Marc Elrich, County Executive *Marc Elrich*

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #23-22 to the FY23 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Department of Health and Human Services
American Rescue Plan Act Older Americans Act Title III Grant, \$3,551,720
(Source of Funds: State Grant)

I am recommending a supplemental appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in the amount of \$3,551,720 for the American Rescue Plan Act Older Americans Act Title III grant. This appropriation will allow the Area Agency on Aging and Aging and Disability Services to provide services to Montgomery County seniors.

This increase is needed because the Department has received a new grant which will provide a variety of supportive services to senior residents of Montgomery County. Among these are expanded access to transportation to help seniors reengage in community activities following the pandemic; programming to address depression in seniors; arts programming for people living in long-term care settings; affordable and effective hearing assistance devices; nutrition, light chore, and dental services for seniors; respite for family caregivers; and other services.

I recommend that the County Council approve this supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$3,551,720 and specify the source of funds as a State Grant.

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this action.

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Enclosure: Supplemental Appropriation #23-22

cc: Joy Nurmi, Chief of Staff to Council President, Montgomery County Council
Jennifer R. Bryant, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Raymond L. Crowel, Psy.D., Director, Department of Health and Human Services



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE


Marc Elrich
County Executive

Richard S. Madaleno
Chief Administrative Officer

MEMORANDUM

October 27, 2022

TO: Gabe Albornoz, President
Montgomery County Council

FROM: Richard S. Madaleno, Chief Administrative Officer 
Office of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #23-22 to the FY23 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Department of Health and Human Services
American Rescue Plan Act Older Americans Act Title III Grant, \$3,551,720
(Source of Funds: State Grant)

As part of the Supplemental Appropriation #23-22, 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 awards:

Named Entity	Purpose	Original Award	Revised Award
Jewish Council for the Aging of Greater Washington, Inc.	Provides support for the Escorted Transportation Program to meet the transportation needs of low-income older adults and residents with disabilities and to fill the gaps not met by other programs and services.	\$139,760	\$195,760

Jewish Council for the Aging of Greater Washington, Inc. (JCA) helps older adults in the greater Washington, D.C. region maintain independence, dignity, vitality, and self-respect. This

modification adds American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Older Americans Act Title III funds and services to the existing contract with JCA. DHHS believes only this vendor can provide the required services given the procurement and ARPA grant time constraints.

DHHS will add the following new contract awards:

Named Entity	Purpose	Award
Access Hears, Inc.	Provides seniors with education about hearing loss and access to affordable hearing devices.	\$250,000
Arts for the Aging, Inc.	Provides participatory arts programming for isolated and disabled older adults.	\$120,000
Home Care Partners, Inc.	Provides light chore services to seniors on a short-term basis.	\$163,000
Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc.	Provides grants for minor home repairs to senior homeowners participating in the County's Home Sharing program.	\$80,000
The Senior Connection of Montgomery County, Inc.	Provides supportive services fostering social engagement to seniors in Montgomery County.	\$60,320

Access Hears, Inc. provides non-traditional, affordable, and effective evidence-based hearing care solutions to seniors. They designed and implemented this service and are its only provider.

Arts for the Aging, Inc. specializes in providing arts-related programming designed to enrich the lives of seniors living in long-term care facilities.

Home Care Partners, Inc. specializes in providing care, including light chore services, to frail seniors in their homes.

Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc. creates housing and economic security for low- and moderate-income households and provides services that improve the quality of life in communities across Maryland.

The Senior Connection of Montgomery County, Inc. is the largest provider of volunteer escorted and accompanied transportation services to seniors in the County. They have shown a determination to re-engage older adults in group outings in a way no other non-profit appears to be doing post-pandemic.

DHHS believes only these vendors can provide the required services given the procurement and ARPA grant time constraints. The Maryland Department of Aging approved these vendors to perform these services with ARPA grant funds.

The source of funding for the above requests is the American Rescue Plan Act Older Americans Act Title III grant from the Maryland Department of Aging as proposed by Supplemental Appropriation #23-22.

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

cc: Joy Nurmi, Chief of Staff to Council President, Montgomery County Council
Fariba Kassiri, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Office of the County Executive
Jennifer R. Bryant, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Raymond L. Crowel, Psy.D., Director, Department of Health and Human Services
Avinash G. Shetty, Director, Office of Procurement

Resolution No: _____
Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #23-22 to the FY23 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
American Rescue Plan Act Older Americans Act Title III Grant, \$3,551,720
(Source of Funds: State Grant)

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 FY23 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>
\$0	\$3,551,720	\$0	\$3,551,720	State Grant

3. This increase is needed because the Department has received a new grant which will provide a variety of supportive services to senior residents of Montgomery County. Among these are expanded access to transportation to help seniors reengage in community activities following the pandemic; programming to address depression in seniors; arts programming for people living in long-term care settings; affordable and effective hearing assistance devices; nutrition, light chore, and dental services for seniors; respite for family caregivers; and other services.
4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY23 Operating Budget in the amount of \$3,551,720 for American Rescue Plan Act Older Americans Act Title III Grant and specifies that the source of funds will be State Grant.
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:

1. A supplemental appropriation to the FY23 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>
\$0	\$3,551,720	\$0	\$3,551,720	State Grant

2. 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 reflect that DHHS will:

- a. Increase the amount of an existing award with Jewish Council for the Aging of Greater Washington, Inc. by \$56,000 for a revised award amount of \$195,760 for the purpose: "Provides support for the Escorted Transportation Program to meet the transportation needs of low-income older adults and residents with disabilities and fill the gaps not met by other programs and services."
- b. Establish a new contract with Access Hears, Inc. in the amount of \$250,000 for the purpose: "Provides seniors with education about hearing loss and access to affordable hearing devices."

- c. Establish a new contract with Arts for the Aging, Inc. in the amount of \$120,000 for the purpose: "Provides participatory arts programming for isolated and disabled older adults."
- d. Establish a new contract with Home Care Partners, Inc. in the amount of \$163,000 for the purpose: "Provides light chore services to seniors on a short-term basis."
- e. Establish a new contract with Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc. in the amount of \$80,000 for the purpose: "Provides grants for minor home repairs to senior homeowners participating in the County's Home Sharing program."
- f. Establish a new contract with The Senior Connection of Montgomery County, Inc. in the amount of \$60,320 for the purpose: "Provides supportive services fostering social engagement to seniors in Montgomery County."

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Judy Rupp
Clerk of the Council