




OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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*County Executive*

MEMORANDUM

May 2, 2024

TO: Andrew Friedson, President  
Montgomery County Council

FROM: Marc Elrich, County Executive 

SUBJECT: Amendment to the Recommended FY25 Operating Budget - Maryland  
Vietnamese Mutual Association

My FY25 Recommended Budget included the elimination of a contract with the Maryland Vietnamese Mutual Association (MVMA) for \$87,321. This recommendation was made because the services provided by the partner had shifted from what the County had contracted for (tutoring to students and parent engagement) to responding to an increase in need from older adults. At the time, I believed that the services provided by MVMA could be absorbed through outreach and multilingual services provided by the Office of Eligibility and Support Services (OESS), community hubs that assist elders of various backgrounds with food insecurity, and/or other community resources.

After receiving feedback from the community, and discussions with the organization and individuals who would be impacted by this elimination, I have found that the services provided by MVMA are needed by the community. Specifically, this community partner:

- Supports limited English proficient older adults in accessing benefits and services, including Medicaid, energy assistance, SNAP, and unemployment insurance;
- Translation services;
- Affordable Care Act follow-up; and
- Outreach services related to naturalization.

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For this reason, I am recommending restoring funding for MVMA. I have instructed the Department of Health and Human Services to work with the organization to revise the contract to reflect the services that are being provided.

I appreciate the Council considering this proposed amendment to my FY25 Recommended Operating Budget, as if it was part of the original submission. An updated report on all proposed FY25 amendments is enclosed. Should you have any questions, please reach out to Jennifer Bryant or Joshua Watters in the Office of Management and Budget.

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