

# County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2024 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 3

Resolution No. 30-2024

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Amending the Health Department Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget to receive funding from the State of Maryland.

Title: A RESOLUTION amending the Howard County Health Department Operating Budget, as adopted by Council Resolution No. 70-2023, to account for additional funding received from the State of Maryland; and generally relating to the Health Department Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.

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Introduced and read first time Mar 4, 2024.

By order Michelle Harrod  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on Mar 18, 2024.

By order Michelle Harrod  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn , by the County Council on April, 2024.

Certified By Michelle Harrod  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1           **WHEREAS**, on May 24, 2023, the County Council adopted Council Resolution No. 70-  
2 2023 (“CR70”) that sets forth the Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget for the Howard County  
3 Health Department; and  
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5           **WHEREAS**, since the adoption of CR70, the Health Department has been advised that it  
6 will receive more funding from the State of Maryland in the total amount of \$800,000; and  
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8           **WHEREAS**, increased funding is the result of \$700,000 in indirect costs collected from  
9 State grants which was not accounted for in the Department’s FY24 budget submission; and  
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11           **WHEREAS**, increased funding also accounts for \$100,000 in additional revenue collected  
12 through clinical billing due to increased Medicaid rates; and  
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14           **WHEREAS**, increased funding to the Department will not result in an increase in the total  
15 County general fund expense budget for Fiscal Year 2024 because the additional funds are state  
16 funds.  
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18           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,  
19 Maryland this   1   day of   April  , 2024 that the Howard County Health Department  
20 Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 is amended as follows:

21           Council Resolution No. 70-2023 is amended as follows:

- 22           1.     On page 1, in line 9, strike “\$48,690,006” and substitute “49,490,006”;
- 23           2.     The chart titled “Howard County Health Department Budget Fiscal Year 2024” is  
24                 amended as shown in the attached Exhibit.  
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26           **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,  
27 Maryland that a copy of this Resolution shall be placed in the County Council’s legislative file for  
28 Council Resolution No. 70-2023.

**HOWARD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2024**

**REVENUES**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Revised Appropriation</b>
County Grant	13,033,006		13,033,006
County Collections	1,107,000		1,107,000
State Grant	30,000,000		30,000,000
State Collections	850,000	100,000	950,000
Private and other Revenues	3,050,000		3,050,000
Indirect costs from State Grants	650,000	700,000	1,350,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$48,690,006</b>	<b>800,000</b>	<b>49,490,006</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Revised Appropriation</b>
Personnel Costs	21,800,000	800,000	22,600,000
Contractual Services	19,500,000		19,500,000
Supplies and Materials	5,512,355		5,512,355
Operating Transfer	1,877,651		1,877,651
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$48,690,006</b>		<b>49,490,006</b>





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Maura J. Rossman, M.D., Health Officer

**To:** Brandee Gantz, Chief Administrative Officer  
**From:** Maura J. Rossman, MD, Health Officer, Howard County Health Department  
**Date:** February 16, 2024  
**Subject:** Testimony – Amendment to HCHD FY24 Spending appropriation

Howard County Health Department requests to increase our FY24 spending appropriation by \$800,000 funding which will be provided to us by the Maryland Department of Health (MDH). There are no local funding matches required with this funding. This request is a result of two factors:

- **Indirect Costs.** HCHD collects 10% indirect costs on the majority of our 100+ grants from the State. Indirect costs help cover ‘overhead’ costs of the department. HCHD will received \$700,000 in indirect costs collected from State grants which was not accounted for in our FY24 budget submission last year.
- **Increased in Medicaid Rates.** HCHD will collect an additional \$100,000 in additional revenue collected through clinical billing due to increase in Medicaid rates made effective January 1, 2024. The state approved a 8% increase in Medicaid rates

The total revised appropriation is \$49,490,006

