



Montgomery County FY23 Budget Wrap Up - JCRC secures \$1.85 million dollars

The Montgomery County Council approved its FY23 operating and capital budgets last week. The JCRC proudly secured a total of \$1.85 million dollars for its social service agencies and a security program for faith-based institutions. The Council's priorities included funding for schools, affordable housing, pandemic relief, and health and human services. The JCRC is grateful that the Council provided an additional 2% to nonprofit agencies for a total inflationary increase of 8%.

We successfully advocated for more than \$1 million dollars in the FY23 budget. We secured close to \$950,000 dollars for our non-sectarian social service providers to meet the needs of our most vulnerable residents including the elderly and developmentally disabled, as well as those facing mental health issues and domestic violence. We also secured \$100,000 dollars to support the Bender JCC's construction of an outdoor sports complex for its special needs campers.

Additionally, we thank the Council for increasing its security grant program to \$800,000 dollars for synagogues and other faith-based institutions who are at-risk for hate crimes. Lobbying for security dollars for the Jewish and wider community remains a top priority at the JCRC. We also appreciate that the budget includes a \$250,000 feasibility study for pedestrian projects such as the Kemp Mill bridge.