



Montgomery County Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Wrap-Up

On May 24, the Montgomery County Council reached unanimous agreement on the Fiscal Year 2019 operating budget. The JCRC is proud that we were able to secure over \$1.2 million in funds from the County that are focused on safety net services, security for Jewish institutions, and many other important services that our partner agencies help provide to substantially improve the lives of our fellow residents throughout the community. All of these programs and projects represent the opportunity for further strengthening our private-public partnership with Montgomery County.

Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Highlights

Security Funding

- \$20,000 for the Bender Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington for security enhancements and renovations to the front entrance vestibule and lobby.
- \$20,000 for the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School for security enhancements at the lower school campus to renovate then entry vestibule at the main entrance.

Social Services Funding

- Bender Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington
 - \$25,000 for the Camp JCC Inclusion program that helps to offset the cost of lift-equipped buses to transport campers with disabilities to and from camp, as well as on fieldtrips.
 - \$40,000 for the Selma Sweetbaum Satellite program that provides over 5,000 lunches to more than 300 mostly frail, female, and otherwise isolated seniors averaging over 85 years old with lunches to help them get the daily nutritional requirements.
- Jewish Council for the Aging
 - \$75,000 for the *JCA 50+ Employment Expo* that brings together prospective Montgomery County-based employers, career consultants, educational resources and technical experts to help older jobseekers secure employment in today's competitive job market, which is typically apathetic or even hostile to mid-life and older jobseekers.
 - \$40,000 for *The Career Gateway!* Employment training program, which is a 30-hour comprehensive employment-training course for jobless older workers in the County that addresses the gap in employment assistance programs for unemployed adults age 50 and older.
 - \$50,000 for the Interages Mentoring and Tutoring Programs that offer intergenerational programs for economically disadvantaged students, recent

immigrant and English as a Second Language (ESOL) students and/or those with limited English proficiency.

- \$40,000 for the Kensington Club for Early Stage Memory Loss to expand to an additional site that offers individuals with early-stage memory loss an enriched therapeutic program.
- Jewish Social Service Agency
 - \$40,000 for a Full-time Senior Services Case Manager for frail seniors to assist in providing culturally competent, trauma-informed care to all seniors in Montgomery County.
 - \$30,000 for a Job Developer/Employment Specialist specializing in serving persons with disabilities including autism, providing training, support and employment services.
 - \$55,000 for a Full-time social worker specializing in early childhood.
 - \$35,000 for a Full-time social worker specializing in treatment of children and adolescents.
- Charles E. Smith Life Communities (CESLC)
 - \$50,000 for the CESLC to help with general operating support for the ElderSAFE Center's activities that provides temporary shelter, holistic care, and community referrals to vulnerable adults who are 60+ and are victims of abuse (physical, sexual, psychological, and financial) and/or neglect.
 - \$80,000 for the CESLC to help update its physical plants needs and ensure the full safety of the residents and patients. Specifically, the funds will go to the Ring House to replace the outdated generator and increase generator capacity to near 100%.
- Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse
 - \$55,000 for a Clinical Program that provides free, confidential services that include a helpline, individual and group counseling, alternative therapies (e.g. yoga, art, poetry), safety planning, financial planning, case management, legal resources, and financial assistance for clients unable to meet basic needs.
 - \$55,000 for a Teen and Young Adult Clinician that serves teen and young adult victims of abuse in our community, assisting both new and current clients that require additional services to achieve safety.
 - \$65,000 for a Legal Access program that provides legal information and resources to clients to help them navigate the often intimidating and costly legal system. The Director does not provide legal advice or representation. Instead, the Director builds an attorney coalition with individual attorneys and organizations in the area who are interested in providing pro-bono, low-bono and/or fee-based representation to JCADA clients.
 - \$30,000 for a Prevention Counselor who will be partnering with the Montgomery County Public Schools to facilitate *AWARE*® workshops, which provides age-appropriate experiential and interactive workshops for youth and young adults in 6th grade through college. The counselor will also see teen (ages 14-18) victims or witnesses of domestic and dating abuse who come forward as a result of participating in a workshop at a MCPS or who are referred to JCADA by the Montgomery County Family Justice Center.

- Jewish Foundation for Group Homes – \$75,000 for group home renovations to address structural/accessibility issues.
- Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy - \$75,000 for the school to help with repairs and replacement of seven sections of the school’s roof that is deteriorating and at the stage will they must be replaced for safety of the community.
- Maryland Israel Development Center – \$40,000 for the Maryland Israel Development Center’s work that promotes bilateral trade and investment between Maryland and Israel to help create jobs in both communities.
- Sunflower Bakery
 - \$44,450 for the bakery’s pastry arts employment training program, which is a 26-week program that includes ten weeks of curriculum-based instruction including soft skills training, eight weeks (20 hours per week) supervised on-the-job training and employee development classes including interpersonal communication, self-advocacy, personal hygiene, Servsafe, resume building and interviewing skills, and an eight week (20 hours per week) paid in-house internship.
 - \$150,000 to allow Sunflower to move their operations from a 1200 square foot production kitchen to a new 3000 square foot warehouse in Rockville. The new facility will allow Sunflower to meet its growing programmatic and production needs, and allow for a dedicated training kitchen, expanded production kitchen, classrooms for employment readiness training, student break area, retail space, and offices for student interviews, evaluations, and meetings.