

Resolution No.:	<u>20-647</u>
Introduced:	<u>October 8, 2024</u>
Adopted:	<u>October 29, 2024</u>

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: The Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund
Loan to assist Bioreliance Corp. retention and expansion in
Montgomery County (\$1,000,000).

Background

1. The County Executive endorses a conditional loan of \$1,000,000 to Bioreliance Corporation (“Bioreliance”) from the State of Maryland under the Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund (“MEDAAF”), which is codified as Md. Code Ann., Econ. Dev. Section 5-301-5-349.
2. MEDAAF provides conditional grant/loans to businesses engaged in eligible industries locating to or expanding in a “priority funding area” in the State of Maryland. Proceeds from the grant/loan may be used by the borrower to reimburse for the acquisition or construction of buildings or real estate, and acquisition, construction and installation of machinery, equipment, furnishings, fixtures, leasehold improvements, site improvements, or infrastructure improvements.
3. The County executed a conditional grant of \$100,000 from the County’s Economic Development Fund (“EDF”) to assist Bioreliance’s expansion in the County (the “County Match”) on June 17, 2024. This conditional grant is funded from the current EDF fund balance.
4. Through this grant Montgomery County has met the requirement of financing a part of the costs of the project which is equal to at least 10 percent of the financial assistance to be provided from MEDAAF as required by the Section 5-319(d) of the Economic Development Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.
5. The State will disburse the MEDAAF loan to Bioreliance upon the State entering a MEDAAF Agreement with the company. The County is not a party to this MEDAAF Agreement.
6. Bioreliance provides biological testing, product characterization, biomanufacturing

services, and toxicology services to pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical companies that range from early pre-clinical development to licensed production. Bioreliance has been operating in Montgomery County for 26 years, and presently operates from 5 locations in Rockville that total 187,901 square feet of space.

7. Bioreliance plans to consolidate all but one of its current Montgomery County locations into a 250,000 square foot office and research and development facility. The project will incur \$125,000,000 million in capital expenditure, retain 715 jobs in Montgomery County, and create 205 new jobs in the County over a six-year period. The average salary for these new hires will be \$92,829.
8. Md. Code Ann., Econ. Dev. Section 5-319(d) requires the governing body of the jurisdiction in which the project is located to endorse, by a formal resolution, the granting of the MEDAAF loan for the project.
9. The County has determined that granting the MEDAAF loan for the project is in the best interest of the citizens of the County.
10. The County Executive requests that the Council adopt this formal resolution approving the MEDAAF loan for the project.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

The County Council hereby endorses the State's grant of a \$1,000,000 MEDAAF loan to support and defray Bioreliance Corporation's costs in connection with its retention and expansion in Montgomery County.

This Resolution is effective upon its adoption in accordance with applicable law.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Sara R. Tenenbaum
Clerk of the Council