Resolution No.: 20-878
Introduced: July 15, 2025
Adopted: July 15, 2025

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: County Council

SUBJECT: Petition for state grant of $10,345,000 for the construction, furniture and equipment for the Macklin Tower Library Project on the Rockville Campus of the College

Background

1. The General Assembly of Maryland has enacted various community college construction loan acts that provide state funds to assist the counties in financing the costs of acquiring land and constructing public junior, community, or regional community college buildings and facilities, the costs of which were incurred after the effective dates of the acts.

2. The County Council must file a petition to participate in the financial assistance provided in the acts with the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC).

3. The Board of Trustees of Montgomery Community College proposes undertaking the design of the Macklin Tower Library project on the Rockville Campus of the College in Montgomery County. Upon resolution duly adopted by the Board of Trustees, the Board requests the county council to petition the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) for a grant of $10,345,000 needed to assist the financing of the public community college project which is described in the application for financial assistance.

4. In the FY26 capital budget for Montgomery College, the Board of Trustees proposed undertaking the construction of the Macklin Tower Library project on the Rockville Campus of the College. On May 22, 2025, the county council approved $20,690,000 for this project, contingent on the receipt of $10,345,000 from the state in FY26. The College only needs to petition the state for funds from the community college construction grants program.

5. In April 2025, the state General Assembly and the Governor approved the FY26 state of Maryland capital budget, which included $10,345,000 for the construction, furniture and equipment for the Macklin Tower Library project on the Rockville Campus of the College. However, the Board of Public Works must still approve the specific grant and the necessary contracts. Before this approval, the county council must file a petition to participate in the

financial assistance provided in the acts with the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC). After the commission receives this petition, the commission will recommend to the Board of Public Works that the Board approve the grant and the contracts.

Action

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

1. In accordance with the enactment by the 2025 session of the General Assembly of the FY26 state of Maryland capital budget and approval by the governor, the county petitions the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) for a grant of $10,345,000 from the available funds of the various community college construction loan acts in order to participate in the available financial assistance.

2. If the Maryland State Board of Public Works approves a grant of less than fifty percent (50%) of the estimated total cost for the construction of the Macklin Tower Library project on the Rockville Campus of the College, and the county council has not already agreed to fund the difference as a part of the approved capital improvements program, the College must notify the county executive and the county council by requesting an amendment to the College's capital improvements program. The amendment must show the actual project funding schedule proposed and the council must approve the amendment before the College awards a contract.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Sara R. Tenenbaum
Clerk of the Council

Attachments: Montgomery College Board of Trustees Resolution No. 25-06-082
Collegewide Library Renovations Project PDF #P661901

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE

Agenda Item Number: 9C
June 16, 2025

PETITION FOR FY26 STATE FUNDING, MACKLIN TOWER LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION, FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT, ROCKVILLE CAMPUS

BACKGROUND

On May 22, 2025, the Montgomery County Council appropriated the College's FY26 capital budget, including funds for one state-assisted project, Rockville Macklin Tower Library Construction, Furniture and Equipment. The county executive and the County Council have been informed that the College will petition the state for final approval of funding for this project.

The state and county funding levels for this project are outlined below. The FY26 appropriation for the Rockville Macklin Tower Library construction is $19,970,000 ($9,985,000 in county aid and $9,985,000 through state support). In addition, furniture and equipment of $2,674,000 ($1,337,000 in county aid, and $1,337,000 in state support) were appropriated. The overall project cost (including design) is $26,871,000 split 50/50 between the county and the state. The College only needs to petition the state for funds from the community college construction grants program.

The attached resolution and County Council petition are in the format prescribed by the state and county. In addition, the petition outlines the contingent nature of the council's approval, which requires state approval of the College's projects as part of the FY26 bond bill. With the Board's adoption of this resolution, the request is forwarded to the County Council for action on the state grant petitions. The appropriation in this resolution is based on projected resources for FY26.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees formally request the County Council to petition the state for $10,345,000 for the construction of the Rockville Macklin Tower Library project.

BACKUP INFORMATION

Board Resolution
County Council Resolution
Project Description Form

RESPONSIBLE SENIOR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Collette

RESOURCE PERSON

Ms. Pullen

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE

Resolution Number: **25-06-082** Agenda Item Number: 9C
Adopted on: **6/16/2025** June 16, 2025

Subject: Proposal to Construct a Public Junior/Community College or Additions Thereto, Macklin Tower Library Construction, Furniture and Equipment, Rockville Campus

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland has enacted various community college construction loan acts that provide state funds to assist the various counties in financing the costs of acquiring land and constructing public junior, community, or regional community college buildings and facilities, the costs of which were incurred after the effective dates of the acts; and

WHEREAS, This resolution aligns with all goals contained in Montgomery College's 2023 through 2028 Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of Montgomery Community College proposes undertaking the construction of the Macklin Tower Library project on the Rockville Campus of the College and has determined that the sum of $10,345,000 in state financial assistance available under the loan acts is needed for this purpose; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of Montgomery Community College requests that the Montgomery County Council approve the proposal to undertake the construction, furniture and equipment of the Macklin Tower Library project on the Rockville Campus of the College as set forth in the application for financial assistance; file, as required by the loan acts and contingent on enactment of the FY26 State of Maryland capital budget by the 2025 session of the General Assembly and its approval by the governor, the necessary petition with Maryland Higher Education Commission for a state grant in the amount of $10,345,000, and make available the necessary local funds for completion of the project.

A True Copy.

ATTEST:

Jermaine F. Williams, Secretary-Treasurer
Board of Trustees of
Montgomery Community College

Date: 6.27.25

Collegewide Library Renovations
(P661901)

Category	Montgomery College	**Date Last Modified**	05/20/25
SubCategory	Higher Education	**Administering Agency**	Montgomery College
Planning Area	Countywide	**Status**	Planning Stage

	Total	Thru FY24	Rem FY24	Total 6 Years	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	Beyond 6 Years
EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE ($000s)											
Planning, Design and Supervision	3,417	1,126	2,291	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Construction	35,981	7,990	4,211	23,780	3,954	18,016	1,810	-	-	-	-
Other	3,502	-	828	2,674	-	2,674	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**42,900**	**9,116**	**7,330**	**26,454**	**3,954**	**20,690**	**1,810**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
FUNDING SCHEDULE ($000s)											
G.O. Bonds	21,775	4,558	3,990	13,227	1,977	10,345	905	-	-	-	-
State Aid	21,125	4,558	3,340	13,227	1,977	10,345	905	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	**42,900**	**9,116**	**7,330**	**26,454**	**3,954**	**20,690**	**1,810**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA ($000s)

Appropriation FY 26 Request	20,690	Year First Appropriation	FY20
Cumulative Appropriation	20,466	Last FY's Cost Estimate	42,036
Expenditure / Encumbrances	15,088		
Unencumbered Balance	5,378		

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project provides funding for the renovation of the libraries on two of Montgomery College's campuses, specifically the Rockville Macklin Tower Building, and the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Resource Center. An architecture firm has developed conceptual designs for the two campus libraries, and has identified improvements required to support organizational and service changes, and to modernize the libraries. The main library floors will be hubs of academic life at Montgomery College: dynamic spaces that will be student-centered, technology and service-driven, and will foster innovation. The upper floors will provide students with comfortable and quiet study spaces and smaller, curated collections to support their academic and career goals. Additional goals of this project is to meet the variety of student needs including group study, individual study, and silent study.

LOCATION

Takoma Park/Silver Spring and Rockville Campuses

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

A part1/part 2 document was completed in FY21 for the Takoma Park/Silver Spring library renovation. Design will start in FY22, construction will begin in FY23, and continue in FY24, with completion in FY24. The Rockville library project design began in FY24, construction is programmed from FY25 through FY27, and FFE is programmed for FY26.

COST CHANGE

State aid escalation of 4 percent approved for FY26.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

The Takoma Park/Silver Spring Resource Center was constructed in 1978, and is 45 years old. The Rockville Macklin Tower Building was constructed in 1971 and is 52 years old. These two buildings are outdated, space and service configuration is insufficient, employee workspaces are inadequate to promote collaboration with colleagues, as well as, support student success. In FY16, the Montgomery College Libraries had nearly 670,000 visitors, and ethnographic studies have shown that libraries are one of the places at Montgomery College where students can escape from work and family obligations to get homework and studying done. In addition, Montgomery College's libraries provide students access to technology to be successful in their coursework. In FY16, the Montgomery College library's computers, laptops, and tablets were used approximately 200,000 times by nearly 18,000 unique users. Providing computers, laptops, tablets, software, scanners, internet, and accessible software programs improves college affordability for students who wouldn't otherwise be able to afford those tools. The Montgomery College Libraries increasingly support educational excellence by embedding librarians and information literacy into classes with 7,600 students taught. Other relevant studies and plans include the Libraries Master Plan (2015), Montgomery College Libraries' Ethnographic Studies 2013-2016 (2016), Collegewide Facilities Master Plan (Pending 2023), Libraries Planning Study (6/17), and Libraries Planning Study Germantown Addendum (9/17), and Montgomery College Strategic Plan (7/23).

OTHER

FY25 Appropriation: Total $2,000,000 ($1,000,000 (GO Bonds); and $1,000,000 (State Aid)). FY26 Appropriation: Total $20,690,000 ($10,345,000 (GO

Bonds); and $10,354,000 (State Aid)).

A fund transfer was made to this project: $650,000 from the Planning, Design and Construction project (#P906605)(BOT Resol. #23-06-093, 06/21/23).

FISCAL NOTE

$650,000 transferred from Planning, Design, and Construction project (906605) to Collegewide Library Renovations project (661901) in the FY21-26 CIP (BOT Resolution:21-06-069 adopted on 6/21/2021).

DISCLOSURES

Montgomery College asserts that this project conforms to the requirement of relevant local plans, as required by the Maryland Economic Growth, Resource Protection and Planning Act.