Resolution No.: 20-879
Introduced: July 15, 2025
Adopted: July 15, 2025

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: County Council

SUBJECT: Petition for state grant of $57,417,500 for the construction of the Student Services Center Project on the Germantown 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 construction of the Germantown Student Services Center project on the Germantown 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 $57,417,500 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 Student Services Center project on the Germantown Campus of the College. On May 22, 2025, the county council approved $114,835,000 for this project, contingent on the receipt of $57,417,500 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 $57,417,500 for the construction of the Student Services Center project on the Germantown 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 $57,417,500 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 Student Services Center project on the Germantown 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. 25-06-083
Germantown Student Services Center Project PDF #P076612

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE

Agenda Item Number: 9D
June 16, 2025

PETITION FOR FY26 STATE FUNDING, STUDENT SERVICES CENTER DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION, GERMANTOWN CAMPUS

BACKGROUND

On May 22, 2025, the Montgomery County Council appropriated the College's FY26 capital budget, including funds for one state-assisted project, Germantown Student Services Center Design and Construction. 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 Germantown Student Services Center construction is $114,835,000 ($57,417,500 in county aid and $57,417,500 through state support). The overall project cost (including design) is $142,106,000 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 $57,417,500 for the design of the Germantown Student Services Center 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: **25-06-083**
Adopted on: **6/16/2025**

Agenda Item Number: 9D
June 16, 2025

Subject: Proposal to Construct a Public Junior/Community College or Additions Thereto, Student Services Center Design and Construction, Germantown 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 Student Services Center project on the Germantown Campus of the College and has determined that the sum of $57,417,500 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 of the Student Services Center project on the Germantown 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 $57,417,500, and make available the necessary local funds for completion of the project.

A True Copy.

ATTEST:

Jennaine J. Williams, Secretary-Treasurer
Board of Trustees of
Montgomery Community College

Date: 6.27.25

Germantown Student Services Center
(P076612)

Category	Montgomery College	**Date Last Modified**	05/16/25
SubCategory	Higher Education	**Administering Agency**	Montgomery College
Planning Area	Germantown and Vicinity	**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	10,132	-	6,739	3,393	1,502	1,891	-	-	-	-	-
Construction	119,974	-	-	119,974	-	3,240	32,340	45,297	39,097	-	-
Other	12,000	-	-	12,000	-	-	-	-	12,000	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**142,106**	**-**	**6,739**	**135,367**	**1,502**	**5,131**	**32,340**	**45,297**	**51,097**	**-**	**-**
FUNDING SCHEDULE ($000s)											
G.O. Bonds	71,053	-	3,370	67,683	751	2,566	16,170	22,648	25,548	-	-
State Aid	71,053	-	3,369	67,684	751	2,565	16,170	22,649	25,549	-	-
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	**142,106**	**-**	**6,739**	**135,367**	**1,502**	**5,131**	**32,340**	**45,297**	**51,097**	**-**	**-**

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA ($000s)

Appropriation FY 26 Request	114,835	Year First Appropriation	FY24
Cumulative Appropriation	10,988	Last FY's Cost Estimate	137,900
Expenditure / Encumbrances	-		
Unencumbered Balance	10,988		

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project provides funds for the design and construction of a new student services center (approximately 153,000 gross square feet) to support both study and student services as outlined in the Germantown Campus Facilities Master Plan, 2013-2023 (2/16). This project provides a comprehensive one-stop shop and brings together the bookstore and Mailroom from the Humanities and Social Sciences Building; Admissions, Student Life and Security from the Science and Applied Studies Building, creating much more space for study and student development. This building will also house the Provost's Office, media and academic computing support functions, a library, and bookstore.

LOCATION

Germantown Campus

COST CHANGE

State allowable cost escalation of 4 percent included. FY26 State Reduction of $856,000 (split 50/50 between County and State) in the design line item.

FY26 State Reduction in construction of $5,139,000 (split 50/50 between County and State) will be requested in FY27. Per College Affordability Reconciliation $1.5 million in GO Bonds, and $1.5 million State Aid deferred from FY26 to FY28. Second reconciliation item - $5 million(50/50 split) moved from FY27 to FY29.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

Supported in this facility are the media resources and academic computing functions, including the computer training lab. The advantage for students is the concentration of support resources in a single location. For the campus, space is made available in other buildings that will allow more growth in office and instructional space before another academic building is needed on campus. Under the application of State space guidelines, the enrollment growth on the Germantown campus has resulted in a significant space deficit. The Germantown campus has a Fall 2022 space surplus of 28,856 net assignable square feet (NASF), and a 2032 projected space deficit of 16,934 NASF. Relevant studies include the Montgomery College Strategic Plan (7/23), and Collegewide Facilities Master Plan Update (Pending 2023).

OTHER

FY25 Appropriation: $0; FY26 Appropriation: $114,835,000 ($57,418,000 (GO Bonds), and $57,417,000 (State Aid)). The construction costs in the expenditure schedule ($119,974,000) include: site improvement costs ($10,640,000), building construction costs ($109,334,000). The building construction cost per gross square foot equals $714 ($109,334,000/153,000).

DISCLOSURES

A pedestrian impact analysis has been completed for this project. 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.

COORDINATION

Student Affairs and Science Building Renovation- Phase 2