Resolution No.: 20-1215
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COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: County Council

SUBJECT: Petition for state grant of $4,325,000 for the design of the Theatre Arts Building Renovation 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 Theatre Arts Building Renovation 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 MHEC for a grant of $4,325,000 needed to assist the financing of the public community college project which is described in the application for financial assistance.

4. In the FY27 Capital Budget for Montgomery College, the Board of Trustees proposed undertaking the design of the Rockville Theatre Arts Building Renovation project on the Rockville Campus of the College. On May 21, 2026, the County Council approved $8,500,000 for this project, contingent on the receipt of $4,325,000 from the State in FY27. The College only needs to petition the state for funds from the Community College Construction Grants Program.

5. In April 2026, the Maryland General Assembly and the Governor approved the FY27 State of Maryland Capital Budget, which included $4,325,000 for the design of the Rockville Theatre Arts Building Renovation 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 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 2026 session of the General Assembly of the FY27 State of Maryland Capital Budget and approval by the Governor, the County petitions the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) for a grant of $4,325,000 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 design of the Theatre Arts Building Renovation 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.



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Clerk of the Council