

Action

M E M O R A N D U M

September 26, 2007

TO: County Council
CHS
FROM: Charles H. Sherer, Legislative Analyst
SUBJECT: Resolutions to petition the State for grants for Montgomery College:
\$1,320,520 for furniture and equipment at the Cultural Arts Center at the Takoma
Park/Silver Spring Campus.

The FY08 capital budget appropriations for Montgomery College that the Council approved on May 24, 2007 assumed State funds for the above project. The State General Assembly and the Governor have approved the State funding, but the State's procedures require each County to file a petition for the grants with the Maryland Higher Education Commission. The Commission will then recommend that the Board of Public Works approve the grants.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE
Rockville, Maryland**

Agenda Item Number: _____
June 18, 2007

PETITIONS FOR STATE FUNDING

BACKGROUND

On May 24, 2007, the Montgomery County Council appropriated the College's FY2008 Capital Budget including funds for one (1) State-assisted project, Cultural Arts Center Furniture and Equipment, as a part of the Takoma Park Campus Expansion project. The County Executive and the County Council have been informed that the College will petition the State for final approval of this project's funding.

The State and County funding levels for the project are outlined below. The FY2008 appropriation for the Takoma Park Campus Expansion Project (Cultural Arts Center Furniture and Equipment) is \$2,641,000 (\$1,320,500 - County and \$1,320,500 - State Aid).

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 FY2008 bond bill. With the Board's adoption of this resolution, the request is forwarded to the County Council for action on the State grant petition.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees formally request the County Council to petition the State for the following grant: \$1,320,500 for furniture and equipment for the Cultural Arts Center in the Takoma Park Campus Expansion project.

BACK-UP INFORMATION

Board Resolution
County Council Resolution
Project Description Form

RESOURCE PERSON

Mr. Capp

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE
Rockville, Maryland

Resolution Number: 07-06-084
Adopted on: 6/18/07

Agenda Item Number: _____
June 18, 2007

Subject: Proposal to Construct a Public Junior/Community College or Additions Thereto, Takoma Park Campus Expansion, Cultural Arts Center – Furniture and Equipment

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, the Board of Trustees of Montgomery Community College proposes undertaking certain furniture and equipment purchases as part of the Takoma Park Campus Expansion, Cultural Arts Center project on the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus of the College and has determined that the sum of \$1,320,500 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 certain furniture and equipment purchases as part of the Takoma Park Expansion Cultural Arts Center project on the Takoma Park/Silver Spring 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 FY2008 State of Maryland Capital Budget by the 2007 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 \$1,320,500, and make available the necessary local funds for completion of the project.

A True Copy.

ATTEST:

Bud Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer
Board of Trustees of
Montgomery Community College

Date: 9/4/07

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Resolution No.: _____
Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: County Council

Subject: Petition for State Grant of \$1,320,500 for undertaking furniture and equipment purchases as part of the Takoma Park Campus Expansion - Cultural Arts Center project.

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.
3. The Board of Trustees of Montgomery Community College proposes undertaking the purchase of furniture and equipment as part of the Takoma Park Campus Expansion – Cultural Arts Center project on the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus of the College in Montgomery County. Upon resolution duly adopted by the Board, the Board requests the County Council to petition the Maryland Higher Education Commission for a grant of \$1,320,500 needed to assist the financing of the public community college project which is described in the application for financial assistance.
4. In the FY2008 Capital Budget for Montgomery College, the Board of Trustees proposed to purchase of furniture and equipment for the Takoma Park Campus Expansion Cultural Arts Center project on the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus of the College. On May 24, 2007, the County Council approved \$2,641,000 for this project, contingent on the receipt of \$1,320,500 from the State in FY 2008.
5. In April 2007, the State General Assembly and the Governor approved the FY2008 State of Maryland Capital Budget, which included \$1,320,500 for the purchase of furniture and equipment for the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus Cultural Arts Center project. 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. 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 action:

1. In accordance with the enactment by the 2007 session of the General Assembly of the FY2008 State of Maryland Capital Budget and approval by the Governor, the County petitions the Maryland Higher Education Commission for a grant of \$1,320,500 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 undertaking furniture and equipment purchases as part of the Takoma Park Campus Expansion – Cultural Arts Center project on the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus of the College, 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.

Linda M. Lauer
Clerk of the Council

Attachments: Montgomery College Board of Trustees Resolution No. 07-06-084
Takoma Park Campus Expansion (Cultural Arts Center) PDF #996662

Takoma Park Campus Expansion -- No. 996662

Category
Agency
Planning Area
Relocation Impact

Montgomery College
Montgomery College
Takoma Park
Yes

Date Last Modified
Previous PDF Page Number
Required Adequate Public Facility

May 23, 2007
20-18 (05 App)
NO

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY06	Rem. FY06	Total 6 Years	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design and Supervision	17,635	13,901	1,658	2,076	1,971	105	0	0	0	0	0
Land	10,459	10,328	131	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	1,857	1,857	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	83,211	37,725	439	25,047	10,574	14,473	0	0	0	0	0
Other	11,574	5,215	3,823	2,536	0	2,536	0	0	0	0	0
Total	104,736	69,028	6,051	29,659	12,545	17,114	0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000)

Current Revenue: Recordation Tax	1,300	0	0	1,300	0	1,300	0	0	0	0	0
Major Facilities Capital Projects Fund (MC only)	1,300	0	0	1,300	0	1,300	0	0	0	0	0
PAYGO	7,800	7,800	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
G.O. Bonds	46,015	27,898	4,092	14,025	6,272	7,753	0	0	0	0	0
Current Revenue: General	200	0	0	200	0	200	0	0	0	0	0
State Aid	48,121	33,328	1,959	12,834	6,273	6,561	0	0	0	0	0

ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (\$000)

Maintenance				4,556	1,139	1,139	1,139	1,139	0	0	0
Energy				1,368	342	342	342	342	0	0	0
Net Impact				5,924	1,481	1,481	1,481	1,481	0	0	0
Workyears				2.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

DESCRIPTION

The Takoma Park Campus Expansion project will fund the construction of three new buildings to support the space needs of the Campus, to provide the Campus with a much needed auditorium, and to co-locate the College's health sciences program with a health care joint venture with Holy Cross Hospital. Funding also provides for project management staff. The Student Services Center (110,000 GSF) will house various student intake operations (admissions, registration, financial aid and cashiers), bookstore, cafeteria, and an open computer lab complex. The Cultural Arts Center (CAC)(45,050 GSF) will include a 500-seat assembly hall and various conference and classrooms space. The Health Sciences Building (98,000 GSF) includes instructional space for the health sciences program (faculty offices, labs and classrooms), classrooms for Continuing Education and a small business center, and a health care clinic (Holy Cross Hospital joint venture). Also included in the project is a pedestrian bridge over the Metro/CSX tracks to connect the existing campus on the east side with the buildings proposed on Georgia Avenue and in Jesup Blair Park. In addition, the project includes the realignment of Fenton Street to provide space for the Student Services Center building site.

JUSTIFICATION

The Takoma Park Campus no longer adequately supports the educational programs housed on the Campus. In February 1998, the College completed an update of the Takoma Park Campus master plan. In conjunction with this update, the College completed in March 1998 a facility program and educational space specification for each new building. These documents provide a detailed project description and justification for each of the proposed new buildings.

Plans and Studies

Takoma Park Campus Facilities Master Plan Update (2/98 and 1/01); Takoma Park Campus Utilities Master Plan (10/91 and 12/05-pending); Program Justification and Description Reports (3/27/98) for Health Sciences Building, Student Services Center, Cultural Arts Center, and Site Improvements; the Collegewide Facilities Master Plan (1/04); and Cultural Arts Center Facility Program Update (10/04).

Cost Change

Updated project cost estimate prepared for the Cultural Arts Center - the final building in this multi-phase project - including a program expansion with the addition of a dance studio and 4 classrooms as approved by the State (12/04). Overall project cost increase due to addition of dance program (\$2,626,000), market inflation

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA	COORDINATION	MAP
Date First Appropriation	Takoma Park Central Plant (CIP#016600)	
Initial Cost Estimate	Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus building renovations	
First Cost Estimate	MNCPPC	
Current Scope	MCG - DPWT and DED	
Last FY's Cost Estimate	Silver Spring Redevelopment Office	
Present Cost Estimate	South Silver Spring Redevelopment Plan	
Appropriation Request	City of Takoma Park	
Supplemental Appropriation Request	WMATA & CSX	
Transfer	Jesup Blair Local Park Renovation (CIP#998780)	
Cumulative Appropriation	King Street Art Center (CIP#056604)	
Expenditures/Encumbrances	Montgomery College asserts that this project conforms to the requirements of relevant local plans, as required by the Maryland Economic Growth, Resource Protection and Planning Act.	
Unencumbered Balance		
Partial Closeout Thru		
New Partial Closeout		
Total Partial Closeout		

15% per year since FY05 (\$5,863,000), and additional construction requirements such as acoustical support, central plant utility connection and site improvements (\$2,500,000).

STATUS

Design/construction phase. With regard to the Pedestrian Bridge in Jesup Blair Park, the College and MNCPPC negotiated a long-term lease for the use of the park. The realignment of Fenton Street was completed in the Spring of 2003. The construction of Health Sciences Building has been completed and the building opened for classes in January of 2004. During the College's current review and update of the Takoma Park Campus Master Plan, the Board of Trustees has determined that the relocation of the Cultural Arts Center to the corner of Burlington and Georgia avenues is in the best interest of the College. An updated facility program was prepared by the College in support of this project change and submission to the State. In conjunction with the decision to relocate the CAC, the College redesigned the pedestrian bridge connecting the existing campus with the Georgia Avenue campus expansion site to minimize its impact on Jesup Blair Park. The first phase of the bridge was completed in July of 2004. In addition, the Student Services Center opened summer of 2006 and the Cultural Arts Center construction will begin spring of 2007.

OTHER

The following fund transfers have been made into this project by Board of Trustees Resol. #07-01-005 (1/18/07): Information Technology (#858509) - \$1,300,000; Planned Life Cycle Asset Replacement (#926659) - \$250,000; Life Safety Systems (#046601) - \$250,000; Macklin Tower Alterations (#036603) - \$400,000; and Planning, Design and Construction (#906605) - \$400,000.

The project funding distribution between the County and the State reflects no State funding for desktop computer equipment, relocation costs, or for staff costs included in the project budget. The County is committed to this project because of its importance to the College and to the revitalization of South Silver Spring.

FY07 Supplemental Appropriation: \$1,300,000 (Major Facilities Capital Projects Fund).

FY08 Appropriation: \$2,641,000 (^{1,300,500}~~\$1,366,500~~ - G.O. Bonds and ^{1,300,500}~~\$1,276,000~~ - State Aid).

State share of project based on anticipated eligible costs. Relocation costs and design fees above approximately 7% of estimated construction costs may not be eligible for State reimbursement.