

Resolution No.: 16-1255
Introduced: February 2, 2010
Adopted: February 9, 2010

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: County Council at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund Loan to Assist Zyngenia, Inc.'s Expansion in Montgomery County (\$1,000,000)

Background

1. The County Executive endorses a conditional loan of \$1,000,000 to Zyngenia, Inc. ("Zyngenia") from the State of Maryland under the Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund ("MEDAAF"), which is codified as in Section 5-319 Economic Development Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.
2. MEDAAF provides conditional grants/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 cover new facility rental/lease payments and/or relocation expenses associated with personnel and/or the physical relocation of the headquarters operation.
3. The County Executive has approved a conditional grant of \$1,500,000 from the County's Economic Development Fund ("EDF") to assist Zyngenia's expansion in the County.
4. Zyngenia, Inc. is a biotherapeutics start-up company that specializes in the development of novel single-protein, combination therapy drugs. These drugs utilize an antibody-based platform that is broadly applicable for therapy in cancer, and autoimmune, inflammatory, and infectious diseases.
5. The company relocated to Montgomery County from California in October 2009. The company has received an investment commitment in the amount of \$50,000,000 from New Enterprise Associates, Inc. (NEA) which is based in Chevy Chase, Maryland. David Mott, the former CEO of MedImmune, is a partner at NEA and supports the funding of this company.
6. Section 5-319 Economic and Development Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, requires the governing body of Montgomery County ("the County") to endorse the granting of a MEDAAF loan for the project.
7. The County has determined that granting the MEDAAF loan for the Project is in the best interest of the citizens of the County.
8. The County Executive requests endorsement of the MEDAAF loan by the County Council.

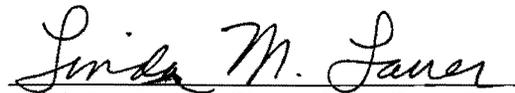
Action

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

The County Council fully endorses the granting of a MEDAAF loan for the Project.

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

This is a correct copy of Council action:


Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

Approved:


Isiah Leggett, County Executive