



AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 5, 2021

The Honorable Tom Hucker, President
Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Council President Hucker: FY 22 Operating Budget-Please Restore Maryland
Market Money for our Farmers Markets-\$75,000

On behalf of the Montgomery County Agricultural Advisory Committee-AAC, please accept this letter recommending that Montgomery County Government restore the Maryland Market Money-MMM program as part of the FY22 Operating Budget totaling \$75,000 which was the level of FY21 Operating Budget that you approved last year.

Montgomery County has some of the most exciting farmers markets in the state that helps to illustrate our racial and cultural diversity. These farmers markets provide opportunities for our residents in need to obtain fresh locally produced food in many down county areas.

The farmers markets that offer the Maryland Market Money-MMM program benefits are excellent examples of how private and public partnerships leverage and match funding to expand the purchasing power of customers for the SNAP, FMNP, eWic financial assistance programs.

The restoring of \$75,000 for the MMM program will help people need during the Pandemic to access local and nutritious food.

We thank the County Council for this opportunity to present our views and we recommend the Maryland Market Money totaling \$75,000 be restored in the FY22 Operating Budget.

Sincerely,

Doug Lechliden, Chairman

Cc: Marc Elrich, County Executive

