

I am Andrew, I have been in Montgomery County for over a year. I have been an entrepreneur mostly all my life. I am kind first, and big at respect, family, morals, principles and high standards. I would rather be independent before anything.

I am asking Montgomery County to fund the following programs:

**Rapid Rehousing:** This program provides short-term rental assistance and case management to those experiencing homelessness. I seek **\$9.47 million** to fully fund current clients and expand assistance to 642 current and 200 additional households in 2026.

**Permanent Supportive Housing:** For those with chronic mental and physical health conditions and disabilities, stable housing is healthcare. I request **\$13.7 million** to ensure both current clients and new applicants receive the long-term support they need to remain housed.

**Moving and Storage Assistance:** No family should lose everything they own due to eviction. I propose a **\$2.4 million** investment to provide six months of storage assistance for families displaced by the Sheriff's Office, giving them time to rebuild.

**Disability Retrofitting:** Many apartment complexes remain inaccessible, forcing disabled residents to navigate unsafe living conditions. I urge the County Council to allocate a **\$150,000** allocation for nonprofit retrofitting programs to make homes safe and accessible for all residents with disabling conditions.

I have been homeless for over 7 years in Maryland. It affected me and my loved ones. I am tired of seeing and hearing tears. I am in the process of getting housing, but it's taken a very long time.

Financial and housing stability and to get funding for people to be sheltered so no one be on the streets that would relieve mental, emotional, and physical stress make sure people that ain't working get unemployment or disability.

Respectfully, I ask the Council to vote in favor of prioritizing funding for all of the programs I mentioned. Nobody should be left out. That is a great example of good leadership: not leaving anybody out. It's a sign of respect.