

AGENDA ITEM #3.C.
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Receipt and Release

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Montgomery County Council

FROM: Aron Trombka,^{AT} Senior Legislative Analyst
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SUBJECT: Receipt and Release: OLO Report 2016-4, State Aid Tool

As shown on © 1, the approved FY16 Office of Legislative Oversight Work Program (Council Resolution 18-223, approved July 28, 2015) directs OLO to build a tool to help Councilmembers better understand how:

1. Direct State aid to Montgomery County has changed over time; and
2. The County compares to other Maryland jurisdictions in regard to direct State aid.

OLO has completed development on this tool as an Excel-based application. The tool allows the user to quickly and easily access State aid data for any time period over the past decade. The tool displays information in both table and chart formats. Users may compare data for any County in the State or call up data for all Counties combined. In addition, the tool presents subsets of the data by type of State aid (such as aid to public schools or to community colleges). Finally, the tool offers an option to view the data in total dollars or per capita dollars. A sample view of the tool appears on ©2.

OLO plans to update the tool annually to include future year State aid data.

Please contact Aron Trombka (240-777-7897 or aron.trombka@montgomerycountvmd.gov) if you would like to schedule a demonstration of the tool. Further, OLO will provide an electronic copy of the Excel file containing the tool to any interested Councilmember or community member.

PROJECT #3

STATE AID TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Principal Agencies: All County-funded agencies

Every year the State of Maryland allocates to Montgomery County a significant amount of money to be used in a range of ways. The money allocated to Montgomery County and the areas or programs in which this money is allocated changes on a regular basis. Some funds are allocated strictly according to long established formulas while other funds shift on a yearly basis based on the availability of money at the state level.

The County Council is interested in understanding how State allocations to Montgomery County have changed over time and how Montgomery County compares to other Maryland jurisdictions. Further, the County Council is interested in having this information available on a yearly basis and presented in a timely and consistent way. OLO will build a model that captures this information and presents it in a concise and user friendly fashion. OLO anticipates being able to update this model on a regular basis and to manage it moving forward as part of its regular responsibilities.

DIRECT STATE AID TO MARYLAND COUNTIES

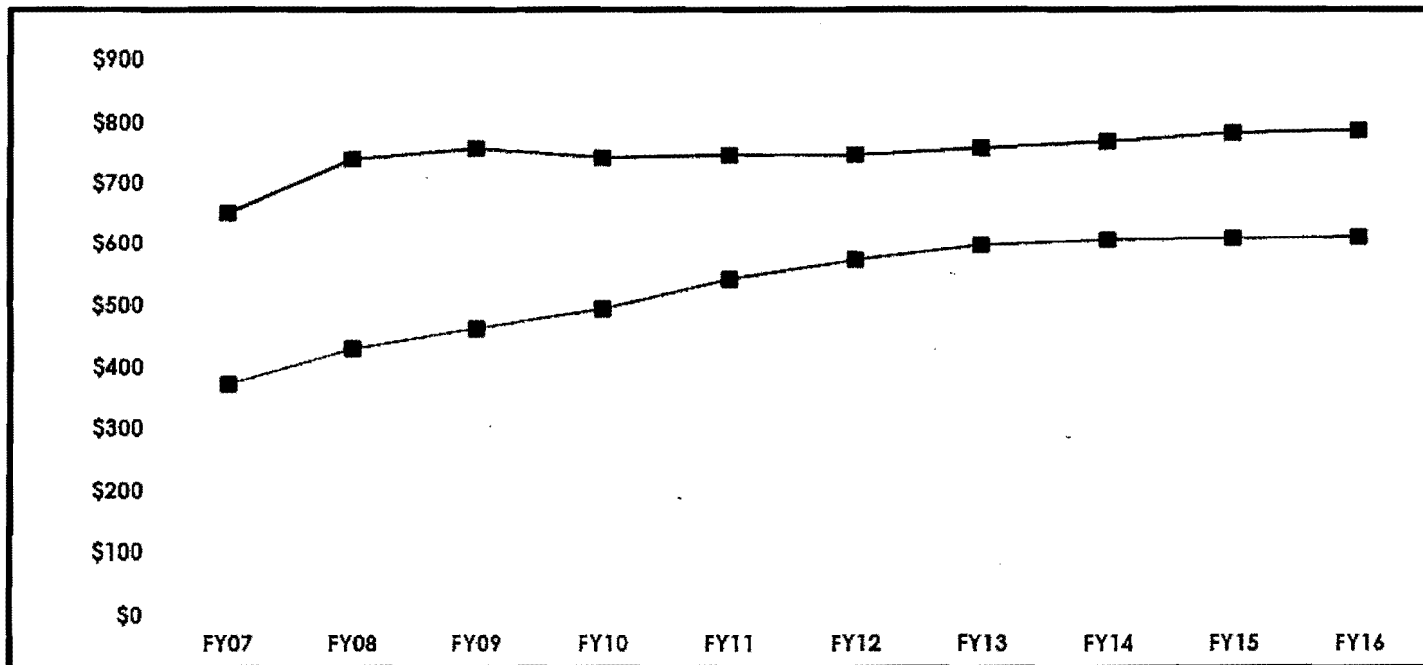
Aid Type: Public Schools

\$ Amount: Per Capita \$

From: FY07

To: FY16

	FY07	FY16	9 Year Change	Average Annual Change
MONTGOMERY	\$371	\$610	64.6%	5.7%
All Counties (excl. Montgomery)	\$650	\$785	20.7%	2.1%



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