



Accomplishments and Initiatives

Thriving Youth and Families...

- ★ Expand Senior Planet Montgomery and other public/private partnerships to support more digital economy and digital inclusion training for older adults and affordable access to internet-connected devices.
- ★ Initiated the Early Literacy Reading Program "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten".
- ★ Provide new resources to support tenant advocacy and eviction prevention, increase housing code staffing, provide outreach and education activities related to community policing and housing code enforcement workshops for tenants and landlords, and innovate code enforcement technology improvements to enhance and streamline the housing code inspections process.
- ★ Secured an increase of \$34 million in direct State aid, primarily for K-12 Education; secured \$59.7 million in State grants for capital funding for school facilities.
- ★ In collaboration with the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), developed a shared data platform to review and monitor the educational status of youth, ensure early intervention services are provided when there are educational concerns, maintain contact between staff in Linkages to Learning (LTL) and Child Welfare Services (CWS), and promote academic achievement/success among our youth.
- ★ Child Welfare Services has developed a Transitioning Youth Learning Collaborative (LC), focused on older youth (ages 17-21) in foster care. The LC's goal is to enhance the preparation and readiness of youth who are aging out of the Child Welfare system by developing a County-wide collaboration of service providers that can work together to ensure that youth aging out-of-care possess the necessary skills to sustain independence and to realize their full potential.
- ★ Implemented an outreach campaign entitled "Growing Family Child Care Opportunities" to support family child care providers interested in starting a family child care home and to advise parents on the importance of choosing licensed care.
- ★ The East County Opportunity Zone Project continues to build a network that supports workforce development, health and wellness, and parent engagement in an

under-served community. It has provided assistance with eviction prevention, utility disconnection prevention, child care services, vocational employment assistance, senior services, behavioral health services, and assistance with somatic health.

- ★ The Early Childhood Services ChildLink Program conducted the Pregnant and Parenting Teen Speaker Series at a total of 5 high schools in FY18, serving a total of 83 teens. The series will expand to six high schools in FY19. This program is one of the Department's strategies to alleviate two-generation poverty.
- ★ Enhanced funding to support staffing in the School Health Services (SHS) program. In FY18, SHS case managed 17,833 children in the Montgomery County Public Schools's system with chronic health conditions, including asthma, diabetes, and life-threatening allergic reactions; and handled 642,237 student visits to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) health rooms, which resulted in 88 percent of children returning to class.
- ★ Grand re-opening of the Good Hope Neighborhood Recreation Center in October 2018. The new 14,000 square foot center includes a new gymnasium/theater, an exercise/weight room, game room, and larger activity/social gathering space. In addition to the sports and fitness programs and social activities, the center will partner with Strathmore to enhance recreational offerings by adding innovative art, music, and educational activities, as well as live performances.



A Growing Economy...

- ★ Allocate funding to implement economic development grant agreements for retention and expansion of jobs and business activities that will support economic growth in Montgomery County.
- ★ Include funding to create a Regional Business Service Hub Program at each County Regional Services Center to support local small business growth.
- ★ Recommend funding to support the creation of a County-based Kitchen Incubator/Food Hall.
- ★ Provide matching funds to support Montgomery County companies who were awarded a Federal Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer (SBIR/STTR) Phase I or Phase II grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and conduct at least 51 percent of its research and development operations in the County.
- ★ Use social media to impact the discovery by entrepreneurs of new opportunities for growth. Use email distribution of newsletters to encourage participation in

networking/business matchmaking events and instructional business certification events. The participation of the minority, local, and small business vendor community serving Montgomery County has increased.

- ★ Provided more than \$537,000 in financial assistance through the Small Business Assistance Program to 17 small businesses in downtown Wheaton that have been adversely impacted by the Wheaton Redevelopment project.
- ★ Collaborated with the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation and the State of Maryland to offer an economic development fund grant to a biopharmaceutical cell therapy company working on cancer treatments. The company will build an 85,000 square foot office, lab, and manufacturing facility in Rockville, bringing 200 jobs to the County.
- ★ Continued support of the MOVE (Make Office Vacancies Extinct) program by assisting the first microbrewery company with its upfront production costs. The company leases over 9,550 square feet of Class B office space in Rockville, and approximately 75 percent of the space is dedicated for production facility.
- ★ Supported the enactment of the Promoting extraordinary Innovation in Maryland's Economy (PRIME) Act with its economic incentives to attract a multinational technology company to house its second headquarters in Montgomery County.
- ★ Secured a second \$1 million down payment in State funding for the Poolesville Economic Development Project.
- ★ Secured \$10 million for the first and second installment of a four-year \$20 million retention incentive package for a multinational hospitality company to construct its new headquarters in Montgomery County.
- ★ Provided a total of \$225,000 in financial assistance through the Impact Assistance Fund to nine companies that are adversely impacted by a redevelopment project initiated by the County, a redevelopment project located on County-owned property, or a redevelopment project constructed by a private entity for use in whole or in part by the County as a public facility.



A Greener County...

- ★ Lead the County's efforts to install 7.6 megawatts of solar and other clean energy

technologies on County facilities. To date, the program has produced enough clean energy to power more than 800 homes and lowering greenhouse gas emissions as much as planting 192,000 trees.


- ★ Expand efforts to make it feasible and conducive for businesses that generate food scraps to source separate food scraps, contract for recycling collection service, and recycle more. Continue to evaluate additional alternatives for processing larger volumes of food waste in future years, including the construction of aerobic and anaerobic food scrap processing systems in Montgomery County.
- ★ Developed the Strategic Plan to Advance Composting, Compost Use, and Food Scraps Diversion; consulted with more than 200 stakeholders representing the public and private sectors, to gain valuable expertise and insight, and work together toward consensus on a broad range of relevant issues.
- ★ Establish partnerships with the Latin American Youth Council and the Conservation Corps to have youth assist the Department of Environmental Protection with the maintenance of green infrastructure and the dissemination of information about energy saving initiatives.
- ★ Installed microgrids at the Public Safety Headquarters and the Montgomery County Correctional Facility that now produce clean energy and low-carbon energy to meet the energy needs of these crucial facilities, and enable them to operate independent of the energy grid during normal operations and prolonged power outages.
- ★ Engaged more than 20,000 residents at over 250 events through the Residential Energy Program about ways to reduce their energy use and save money. In addition to discussions about ways to save energy, activities have included swapping inefficient incandescent light bulbs for energy saving LEDs, and helping residents sign up for Quick Home Energy Checkups from their electric utility.
- ★ Supported energy efficiency during FY18, the County's Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) Financing program accepted an additional ten projects, resulting in the implementation of more than \$6 million in privately funded improvements to commercial buildings.



Easier Commutes...

- ★ Implement new limited stop FLASH bus service on US 29 between the Burtonsville Park-and-Ride Lot and the Silver Spring Transit Center in May 2020. The line will include 18 new station platforms with a fleet of sixteen 60-foot articulated buses. Service will run from 5:30 a.m. through midnight seven days a week with 7.5 minute headways in the morning and afternoon peak periods and 15 minutes at all other times.
- ★ Extended Route 75 Germantown MARC station during weekday peak periods.
- ★ Implement Ride On FLEX bus service in Spring 2019 . This will be a demand response service. There will be 3 geofenced zones - Rockville, Glenmont, and Wheaton. This service will operate with smaller circulator buses that are more flexible to operate along small neighborhood roads. The opportunity to get closer into the neighborhoods and utilize a new "app" to arrange for pickup should attract new riders and revitalize transit use in the areas.
- ★ Secured annual funding of \$167 million for Maryland's share of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) subsidy to support maintenance and system improvement.
- ★ Launch a new computer aided dispatch/automatic vehicle location (CAD/AVL) system that provides critical real time bus arrival/departure information; schedule adherence, route adherence, traveler information output, and fleet management.
- ★ Ride On's new Route 129 (US29) limited stop bus service connecting to the Silver Spring Transit Center began in early calendar year 2018.
- ★ Forty-two Ride On bus shelters located in areas where electric utilities do not have nearby power connections. The solar power provides safety lighting, and there are plans to install solar equipment in 10 additional shelters.
- ★ Obtained a Federal grant to support infrastructure and purchase costs for new electric buses in FY20.
- ★ Implement installation of new LED light fixtures in parking garages to improve lighting and energy efficiency.
- ★ Built and activated HAWK (High-intensity Activated cross Walk) signals at Muddy Branch Road and Harmony Hall Road, MacArthur Blvd. and Dunrobbin Drive, Randolph Road and Livingston Street, Aspen Hill Road and Northgate Shopping Center, Democracy Blvd. and Walter Johnson High School, and Willard Avenue and The Hills Plaza, which were among the first of their kind in Montgomery County.
- ★ Repaired 7,650 streetlight outages, replaced 425 knocked down streetlights, and installed 744 new streetlights Countywide to ensure visibility for motorists and pedestrians.

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- ★ Improve pedestrian safety by installing pedestal beacon flashers at Schaeffer Road, Black Rock Road, MD 118 (Germantown Road), and MD 28 (Darnestown Road) along the PEPCO Natural Trail, 566 crosswalks and 529 stop bars to ensure safe, designated crossings for pedestrians.



A More Affordable and Welcoming Community...

- ★ Allocate over \$800,000 in funding to support the opening and staffing of the Wheaton Library and Recreation Center.
- ★ Provided \$9.1 million in funding for individual organizations through community grants. Among other things, services offered by these organizations help address poverty, provide emergency services, serve disconnected youth in our community, bolster services for seniors and those with disabilities, and help ensure that our immigrant neighbors can access services to become thriving members of our community and defend themselves against deportation.
- ★ Closed 22 multifamily loans providing \$103.7 million in County support which will preserve or produce 3,254 total units of which 1,982 units will be affordable. Investments included ten senior housing developments, nine multi-family housing developments for families, two special needs projects and one distressed community project.
- ★ Funding is provided for a new Senior Home Sharing Pilot Program. In FY20, this pilot program will connect senior home providers who have a spare room with home seekers interested in a long-term housing option.
- ★ Invest \$63.07 million in affordable housing, including an additional \$4.8 million in loan repayments reallocated in FY19 and \$17 million planned in FY20 for the Affordable Housing Acquisition and Preservation CIP project. This increases dedicated funding and provides for renovation of distressed housing, the acquisition and preservation of affordable housing units, creation of housing units for special needs residents, services to the "Building Neighborhoods to Call Home" and "Housing First," and creation of mixed-income housing.
- ★ Launched the Montgomery County Homeowner Energy Efficiency Program in conjunction with the Habitat Metro Maryland. This program provides free energy efficiency upgrades to eligible residents.
- ★ Continue to actively underwrite loans to preserve and produce affordable housing. Seven developments, including two senior and five family projects, have been identified for consideration. These developments would preserve or produce 1,500 total and 700 affordable units.

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- ★ Collaborate with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC) to provide rental assistance programs to residents who need it most. Approximately 3,300 households were assisted in FY19 and over 3,500 are projected to be assisted in FY20.
 - ★ Manage funding from Federal grants (i.e., Community Development Block Grant - CDBG, the HOME Investment Partnership Grant, and the Emergency Solutions Grant), which provide funding for affordable housing, housing rehabilitation, commercial revitalization, focused neighborhood assistance, public services, and preventing homelessness.
 - ★ Partnered with Pathways to Housing to apply for a Grant for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals from the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration. The group was awarded \$398,929 to hire an integrated team to provide homeless street outreach.
 - ★ Launched the Inside (not Outside) Initiative in partnership with the Interagency Commission on Homelessness, with the goal of ending chronic homelessness in the County. In FY18, 250 chronically homeless individuals were placed in permanent housing, more than double the number of people housed than in FY17.
 - ★ Participated in the State-wide Rapid Rehousing Learning Collaborative sponsored by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, the National Alliance to End Homelessness, and the University of Maryland. Through this collaboration, the County's Rapid Rehousing program placed 21 households in permanent housing in less than 100 days.



Safe Neighborhoods...

- ★ Continue collaboration with the Family Justice Center, the Department of Police, and the Humane Society to create a temporary boarding/fostering program for pets of domestic violence victims.
- ★ Continue implementation of the Mobile Integrated Healthcare program which aims to reduce ambulance transports and emergency room visits by directing patients with high Emergency Medical Services (EMS) utilization to ongoing, supportive health and human services programs. Under the program, civilians will be hired to replace uniform staff, outreach to opiate overdose patients will begin, and 250 patients will be served.
- ★ Fund four-person staffing for two engines through the recently-awarded Federal Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant.

- ★ Completed a twelve-year effort to staff all 35 engines with four personnel, allowing for a more rapid fire attack as well as reduced response times to medical calls. Each engine includes a paramedic which expands the availability of paramedics throughout the County and results in quick response to medical calls compared to previous staffing methods.
- ★ Achieved a five-year reaccreditation. Montgomery County Fire and Rescue is one of nearly 250 agencies worldwide with this distinction and is only one of two internationally accredited combination (career and volunteer) fire and rescue departments in Maryland. The accreditation model provides an extensive organizational review, self-assessment, and evaluation process that enables fire and emergency service agencies to examine performance levels and compare them to industry best practices.
- ★ Leveraged funding to increase the availability of dashboard camera and body-worn camera footage for release when requested through the Maryland Public Information Act.
- ★ The Family Justice Center, in collaboration with Domestic Violence Coordinating Council and Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), helped coordinate the Ninth Annual Choose Respect Montgomery Healthy Teen Dating Conference, highlighting warning signs of abusive relationships, bystander intervention, and resources available in the community for those involved in abusive relationships. The event was attended by 500 teens, parents, youth service providers, educators, and volunteers.
- ★ Increased weekday staffing at Burtonsville Station 15 to improve response times.
- ★ Enhanced funding for a Forensic Scientist for the Crime Lab to ensure evidence is tested in a timely manner.



Effective, Sustainable Government...

- ★ Montgomery County received the following National Association of Counties (NACo) awards in 2018:
 - Adaptive Signal Control Technology Pilot
 - Advancing Youth Development Training
 - Asian American Youth Mental Health Initiative
 - Automated Lottery Program for Allocated Spirits
 - Beelines: Quality Control Methodology for Addresses

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- BIM360 Collaborative Hub
 - Building Highly Structured Geo Delivery Systems for E-911CAD
 - Capital Open Budget
 - Child Welfare Substance Abuse Interventionist
 - CIP Budget Analytical and Statistical Information System
 - CJCMS (Criminal Justice Case Management System)
 - Community Engagement Cluster Automation Project
 - Continuous Energy Improvement Program
 - Design for Life Property Tax Credit Incentive Program
 - Dream Academy
 - Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program
 - Engaging a Community in Energy Savings
 - Enterprise Integrated Case Management (eICM) System
 - Farm Tour: Agricultural Story with a Map
 - Fashion Boot Camp
 - Geospatial Data and Voice Enabled Artificial Intelligence
 - HerTime2Shine
 - I Take It Personally Campaign
 - Inside Not Outside Initiative
 - Interactive Self-Sufficiency Standard
 - Life Long Homes - Leveraging Community Resources
 - MC Emergency-Providing Critical Information During Local Disasters
 - Mobile Integrated Health
 - MoCo's Got Talent
 - Montgomery County Business Portal
 - Montgomery County Microgrids
 - Multimedia Strategies and Website Makeover
 - Neighborhood Action Teams
 - Online Special Event Licenses
 - Operating Budget
 - Pre-Licensing Program
 - Project Management Handbook for Managers and Consultants
 - Re-entry Tablet Program
 - Residential Rooftop Solar Installation Program
 - Ride-On Extra Art in Transit
 - Second Thursday Silver Spring Dance
 - Sharing our Voice through Podcasting

Highlights

- Soccer4Change
 - The REAL Program
 - Using GIS map to Improve Contract Management
 - Water Safety Day
 - Wheaton Revitalization
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- ★ Retained the County's AAA bond rating from all three major credit rating agencies in the fall of 2018.
 - ★ Encumbered \$198 million to Minority, Female, and Disabled-Owned (MFD) Business Program vendors, comprising 23.5 percent of eligible spending in FY18 and \$115 million to Local Small Business Reserve Program (LSBRP) vendors, comprising 26.8 percent of eligible spending in FY18.
 - ★ Created a new Early Care and Education initiative by providing \$7 million for the expansion, access, and sustainability of quality early care and education programs throughout the County. Investments will be guided primarily by the recommendations of a four-year action plan developed by a cross agency working group with representatives from County Government, Montgomery County Public Schools, Montgomery College, and community partners.
 - ★ Established a new Innovation Fund by providing \$2.0 million for a revolving loan fund internal to County government that will be administered by the Office of Performance and Innovation (formerly CountyStat) for projects that have a strong potential to improve customer service and performance results, while reducing costs or generating new County revenues within three to five years. This fund will complement the County's new Lean business process improvement initiative.
 - ★ Provided \$12.0 million to address a number of structural budget deficiencies in Correction and Rehabilitation, County Attorney's Office, Fire and Rescue Service, Fleet Management, General Services, Health and Human Services, Police Department, Sheriff's Department, and the Snow Removal and Storm Cleanup account to support a more transparent budget.
 - ★ Received the following awards from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA):
 - Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the FY18 Recommended Operating Budget Publication
 - Certificate of Achievement Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the FY17 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)
 - Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting for the FY17 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR)

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- ★ Organized eight listening sessions for over 1,300 residents across the county over a period of four weeks through the Office of Community Partnerships (OCP) to assist the transition process of the County Executive's Office. Helped to organize and staff the transition team meetings along with other administrative support. Partners for the listening sessions included the Community Use of Public Facilities, the Department of Recreation, and the Montgomery Community Media.
 - ★ Implemented Phase I of the online budgeting tool, *A Balancing Act*. *A Balancing Act* is an interactive tool which allows the County to communicate financial information to residents and to solicit their feedback. It increases transparency, accountability, and community member participation. Initiate Phase II with the implementation of the Taxpayer Receipt module. With the implementation of the Taxpayer Receipt module, residents can prepare a simulated "receipt" showing how their taxes are used.



Funding the Budget...

- ★ Recommended a total County budget from all sources for all County agencies of \$5,722,943,614 which is \$142.0 million or 2.5 percent more than the FY19 budget.
- ★ Recommended tax-supported funding for Montgomery County Government of \$2,113,596,639 (including debt service and OPEB funding).
- ★ Recommended tax-supported funding for Montgomery County Government of \$1,690,357,999, an increase of 3.9 percent (excluding debt service).
- ★ Funding for Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) will increase by \$51.1 million or 2 percent. Within this total, the County contribution is \$2.5 million over Maintenance of Effort and 0.7 percent higher than FY19.
- ★ Funding for Montgomery College's FY20 Recommended Operating Budget totals \$310.4 million. The County's local contribution is at the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) level. The overall County contribution increases by 43.6 percent in total and 81.1 percent on a per student full-time enrollment basis since 2014.
- ★ Tax-supported funding for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) increases by \$1,655,475 or 1.2 percent from FY19 (including debt service and OPEB funding).
- ★ Fund the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission's (WSSC) FY20 operating and capital budgets with a 5.0 percent water and sewer rate increase as proposed by the Commission.

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- ★ Recommended a property tax rate of \$0.9786 per \$100 of assessed value and a \$692 homeowners' property tax credit. The recommended property tax rate keeps the rate within the County's Charter limit.
 - ★ Promote existing mechanisms for senior citizens and those on limited incomes to assist them as needed with property tax increases, such as the Senior Tax Credit program that benefits eligible residents who are at least 65 years of age. This credit is calculated as 50 percent of the combined State Homeowners' Tax Credit and County Supplement.
 - ★ Retains the energy tax rate at the level approved by the Council for FY19, preserving an important stable and broad-based revenue source that includes Federal institutions that otherwise pay no taxes in exchange for County services.

Highlights



Collaboration and Partnerships

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Partners:

Office of Inspector General

Description:

The OIG maintains memberships with the Association of Inspectors General (AIG), the Association of Government Accountants (AGA), and the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA) which enhance overall performance and broaden our staff's professional perspective. During FY18, our Inspector General served as the First Vice President of the District of Columbia Chapter of AIG. OIG staff members also voluntarily participate in the success of the AIG local Chapter. Investigative Analyst Mollie Habermeier serves on the AIG local Chapter Training Committee, and Investigative Analyst Michael Morgan worked with the AIG National Office to maintain the website for the AIG local chapter.

★ Citizens Corners

Partners:

Community Engagement Cluster, Department of Public Libraries

Description:

OCP launched countywide Citizenship Corners in partnership with MCPL and the Gilchrist Immigrant Resource Center as part of a national bipartisan effort to encourage eligible immigrants to apply for U.S. citizenship, with information provided in a number of languages.

★ Thriving Germantown Initiative

Partners:

Community Engagement Cluster, Department of Health and Human Services, Montgomery County Public Schools, Non-Profits

Description:

The Upcounty Regional Office continued to work with the Thriving Germantown Initiative to help secure \$1 million in State funds toward establishing a service delivery hub that will co-locate several nonprofit providers who will deliver direct services to Germantown residents in need. The initiative currently has 27 nonprofit, private and government partners who are collaboratively assessing families' needs, determining risks, tracking the success of referrals made for service, and identifying trend data.

★ Safety and Security in Germantown

Partners:

Community Engagement Cluster, Department of Police, Non-Profits

Description:

The Upcounty Regional Office partnered with the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington and Montgomery County Police to improve safety and security measures at the organization's Montgomery County facility in Germantown.

★ Merchant and Small Business Assistance

Partners:

Community Engagement Cluster, Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Permitting Services, Department of Police, Department of Transportation, Urban Districts, Non-Profits

Description:

The SSRSC is at the forefront of efforts to mitigate the impact on merchants and small businesses of the Purple Line and other construction work in the Regional Area. This has included bringing together the owners of business adjacent to the Studio Plaza development and others in Fenton Village, particularly Bonifant Street; working with the Long Branch Business League and the City of Takoma and the Takoma Langley Crossroads Development Authority in Langley Park; assisting the neighborhoods surrounding the Montgomery Hills and Brookville Road commercial hubs. The mitigation efforts have included setting up direct financial assistance to businesses impacted by County projects; increased way-finding signage; improved presence in social media; and directing access to technical assistance and other resources.

★ Collaboration

Partners:

Office of Intergovernmental Relations

Description:

As reflected under "Accomplishments," the Office of Intergovernmental Relations continued to collaborate extensively throughout the year with the County Executive, County Council, Department Directors, departmental liaisons and other key staff, independent agencies, the County's many Boards, Committees and Commissions, and other stakeholders involved in federal and State matters.

★ County's Small Business Assistance Program

Partners:

Office of Public Information, Community Engagement Cluster, Department of Finance, Department of Recreation, Department of Transportation

Description:

The Public Information Office and the Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee have been working with other departments including Transportation, Finance, Recreation, and the Mid-County Regional Services Office, to inform area businesses of eligibility for the County's Small Business Assistance program during the construction of the new 14-story County office building in Wheaton. PIO is undertaking a major, ongoing, multi-faceted effort to keep residents in the community updated on the project's progress, and to make them aware that businesses are open during construction.

★ **Montgomery County Services**

Partners:

Office of Public Information, Community Engagement Cluster, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Public Libraries

Description:

MC311's Community Engagement Team has partnered with multiple County departments to educate County residents of the wide range of services offered through Montgomery County Government. MC311 has implemented strategies to engage customers through face-to-face meetings, public forums, and social media. By utilizing partnerships with libraries, home owners associations, neighborhood associations, and other similar entities, the Community Engagement Team has taken the "311 experience" to the community.

★ **Use of Emergency Management Communications Platform on Election Day**

Partners:

Montgomery County Board of Elections, Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security

Description:

The Board has dramatically improved its field support, responsiveness, and ability to communicate swiftly and effectively with up to 250 polling places on Election Day, at no additional cost to County taxpayers. The Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security offered the use of its public alert notification system, which can also be used for targeted communication and text response. During the 2016 Presidential Election, the Board experimented with a pilot project, expanded its use in the 2018 Gubernatorial Election, and intends to expand this partnership to communicate with employees and with early voting sites for the 2020 Presidential Election.

★ **Operating Budget Forums**

Partners:

Office of Management and Budget, Community Engagement Cluster, Office of the County Executive

Description:

Operating budget forums were held in conjunction with the County Executive's Office and the five Regional Services Centers.

★ **Cross Departmental Issue Coordination**

Partners:

Office of Management and Budget

Description:

OMB facilitated operating budget cluster meetings to promote collaboration, information sharing, cost-savings, and efficiency among departments. Specific areas of focus included: Safe Neighborhoods; Thriving Youth and Families; Digital Evidence Management and e-Discovery; Pedestrian Safety/Vision Zero; and Technology.

★ **Project Search**

Partners:

Office of Management and Budget, Office of Human Resources

Description:

Partnered with the Office of Human Resources to provide opportunities for Project Search participants to intern at OMB. Since 2013, OMB has hosted eight Project Search participants and hired two of those participants to permanent positions.

★ **Collective Bargaining**

Partners:

Office of Management and Budget, Office of the County Attorney, Department of Finance, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service, Office of Human Resources, Department of Police

Description:

OMB, in partnership with the Office of Human Resources, County Attorney, Finance, Police, and Fire & Rescue Service served on the County's collective bargaining negotiating team.

★ **Community Grant Outreach Forums**

Partners:

Office of Management and Budget, County Council

Description:

OMB partnered with staff from the County Council to conduct three information and training sessions on the County's Community Grant application and award process. The sessions were held across the County and were attended by 310 representatives from community non-profit organizations.

★ Transition Workshops

Partners:

Office of Management and Budget, Office of the County Executive

Description:

OMB provided support and assistance at the County Executive's Transition Outcome Team meetings.

★ Disaster Recovery and Continuity of Enterprise Financial Systems

Partners:

Department of Finance, Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Department of Technology Services

Description:

Collaborated with the Department of Technology Services and the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (OEMHS) to secure grant funding for OEMHS to assist in formulating a strategy to address disaster recovery and operational continuity of the County's critical enterprise financial systems in the event of a prolonged outage. \$300K of grant funding has already been secured. This grant will be used to develop a disaster recovery and continuity of operation solution for the County's ERP system.

★ Implement Online Credit Card & E-check Payment Options

Partners:

Department of Finance, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Liquor Control

Description:

Assisted the following departments and programs with implementing an on-line credit card and e-check payment option: Health and Human Services (HHS) Short Term Rental and Child Care/Proclass, Department of Liquor Control (DLC) Solicitor, iStore Ads, and DLC Licensees.

★ Prevailing Wage Workshop

Partners:

Office of Procurement

Description:

On March 7, 2018, Office of Procurement coordinated an event for staff to offer brief remarks at the Silver Spring Library regarding the mission of the Prevailing Wage Program and the importance of complying with the Prevailing Wage Law.

★ Super Matchmaker Conference

Partners:

Office of Procurement, Non-Profits

Description:

On March 29, 2018, the Division of Business Relations and Compliance participated in a business matchmaking event for current and potential entrepreneurs in collaboration with the Capital Regional Minority Suppliers.

★ **Introduction to Government Contracting**

Partners:

Office of Procurement, Non-Profits

Description:

On April 18, 2018, the Division of Business Relations and Compliance (BRC) collaborated with the Asian American Chamber of Commerce at the Lerch, Early and Brewer Chartered Bethesda Law Firm as a resource to provide information on the BRC mission and accomplishments.

★ **Government Procurement Conference**

Partners:

Office of Procurement

Description:

On April 19, 2018, the Division of Procurement Operations collaborated with the Federal Government at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C. to provide information and literature during Business matchmaking sessions.

★ **Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) to Business**

Partners:

Office of Procurement, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission

Description:

On April 27, 2018, the Division of Business Relations and Compliance collaborated with the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) at the WSSC Tap into Business event to offer information and technical assistance at a booth.

★ **How To Do Business With Montgomery County**

Partners:

Office of Procurement, Non-Profits

Description:

On June 19, 2018, the Division of Business Relations and Compliance collaborated with the Maryland Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAP) at the Small Business Resource Center in Baltimore, Maryland for a presentation by staff and to provide information and technical assistance.

★ Educational and Business Planning Events

Partners:

Office of Procurement, Non-Profits

Description:

The following were hosted or presented in part by the Division of Business Relations and Compliance: September 20, 2017 and February 28, 2018 - Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, Airport Disadvantage Business Enterprise, Small Business Enterprise Certification Workshops for Minority Businesses. October 3, 2017 the Division of Business Relations and Compliance delivered programmatic information in Hanover, Maryland at the MBE Application Assistance Workshop that was a collaboration with the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT).

★ Facilities Management

Partners:

Department of General Services

Description:

2018 NACO Award: Using GIS Maps to Improve Contract Management in Facilities Maintenance.

★ Americans with Disabilities Act

Partners:

Department of General Services

Description:

Supported the Department of Technology Services to improve the accessibility of the County's website, including creating accessible map solutions to replace older non-accessible static maps.

★ Office of Energy and Sustainability

Partners:

Department of General Services

Description:

Continue to coordinate the public use of \$41 million in direct financial benefits and other policy commitments as a result of the merger of Pepco Holdings Incorporated and Exelon Corporation. Financial benefits included seed capital for the nation's first Green Bank, funding for low- and moderate-income weatherization, workforce development, and other programs. Implemented two nationally recognized microgrid projects under a public-private partnership. The Public Safety Headquarters (PSHQ) and the Montgomery County Correctional Facility (MCCF) projects combine clean and low-carbon technologies to allow the facilities to operate independently from the utility grid. Received 2018 NACo Achievement Award for this initiative. Continue

to coordinate the policy and public benefits from the merger of Altagas Ltd and WGL holdings to benefit public infrastructure, multifamily housing, and other uses.

★ **Planning and Development**

Partners:

Department of General Services

Description:

Secured \$80 million in private investment in FY18, and a cumulative investment of \$178 million since FY14. Creation of 502 total new housing units including 123 units of affordable housing.

★ **Building Design & Construction**

Partners:

Department of General Services

Description:

Received 2018 NACo Achievement Award for authoring a Project Mangement Handbook for Project Managers and Consultants.

★ **Glen Echo Park**

Partners:

Department of General Services

Description:

An agreement with the National Park Service was executed July 20, 2018. The Cooperative Agreement delegates all management and operation at Glen Echo Park to Montgomery County. Doing so ensures the Park's operation during federal closures and ensures continuity of programming, as well timely building and grounds maintenance.

★ **Acquisition of New Complements of Transit Buses for Expansion of Routes and Services**

Partners:

Division of Fleet Management Services

Description:

Montgomery County is adding new types of buses to the fleet (Rapid Transit Buses, Microbuses, Electric Buses, and 60-foot Articulated Buses). In conjunction with the Department of Transportation (DOT) Division of Transit Services, DFMS developed specifications and completed a Request for Proposals (RFP). During the build cycle, DFMS will participate in on-site inspections.

★ **Business Eviction and Response Team Program (B.E.R.T.)**

Partners:

Office of Consumer Protection, Sheriff's Office

Description:

OCP collaborated with the Montgomery County's Sheriff's Office regarding the award-winning Business Eviction Response Team (B.E.R.T.) program to safeguard and return personal property to consumers after the eviction process concluded.

★ **"Scambuster" Videos and Alerts**

Partners:

Office of Consumer Protection, Office of Broadband Programs

Description:

OCP's consumers participated in the "Scambuster" videos and alerts that are created by County Cable Montgomery. In these videos, the consumers explain how they were faced with a scam, how they recognized the scam, and how they were able to "bust" the scam and not become a victim.

★ **Vision Zero**

Partners:

Department of Police, County Council, Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Transportation, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Non-Profits

Description:

Continue to collaborate with the County government partners; the State Highway Administration; and several other associations, committees, and offices in the second year of the 2-year Vision Zero action plan.

★ **Helping Victims of Domestic Violence**

Partners:

Department of Police, Department of Correction and Rehabilitation, Department of Health and Human Services, Sheriff's Office, State's Attorney's Office, Non-Profits

Description:

MCPD continues to be a partner in the Family Justice Center, which offers comprehensive services for victims of domestic violence.

★ **Police Cadet Program**

Partners:

Department of Police, Montgomery College

Description:

The Department continues to partner with Montgomery College to maintain the Montgomery County Police Cadet Program.

★ **School Resource Officer (SRO) Program & Critical Incident Response Training**

Partners:

Department of Police, Montgomery County Public Schools

Description:

Partnership with the Montgomery County Public Schools to operate a School Resource Officer (SRO) program and provide training related to critical incident response.

★ **Mental Health and Substance Abuse**

Partners:

Department of Police, Department of Health and Human Services

Description:

Ongoing partnerships with HHS to provide critical services including support to the Crisis Intervention Team; the Opiate Overdose Response Program; and the Stop, Triage, Engage, Educate, and Rehabilitate (STEER) program, which deflects low-risk individuals with substance use disorders away from the criminal justice system and directly into community-based treatment.

★ **Keeping Seniors Safe Program**

Partners:

Department of Police, Department of Health and Human Services

Description:

Partnership between the Montgomery County Commission on Aging and the MCPD Volunteer Resources Sections to administer the Keeping Seniors Safe program, which is designed to increase awareness of safety issues within the senior community and provide related guidance and resources to seniors.

★ **Embracing Diversity**

Partners:

Department of Police, Office of Human Rights

Description:

Expanded community partnerships through the Office of the Chief, including the African American, Asian, Hispanic, Latino, and LGBTQ liaison committees, and the Interfaith community working group. The partnerships help aid investigations and responses to the increase in the number of bias incidents in the County.

★ **Integration of Community Emergency Response Team into OEMHS Plans**

Partners:

Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service

Description:

Integration of the MCFRS Community Emergency Response Team into OEMHS plans and field operations, including volunteer and donations management planning.

★ **Data Sharing Platform with Montgomery County Public Schools**

Partners:

Department of Health and Human Services, Montgomery County Public Schools

Description:

Children, Youth, and Family Services and MCPS have developed a shared data platform to review and monitor the educational status of youth. The two programs piloted are Linkages to Learning (LTL) and Child Welfare Services foster care. The goal is to ensure early intervention services are provided when there are educational concerns, maintain close collaborative contact between staff in both agencies, and promote academic achievement/success among our students.

★ **East County Opportunity Zone Network**

Partners:

Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Recreation, Non-Profits

Description:

The East County Opportunity Zone Project continues to build a network that supports workforce development, health and wellness, and parent engagement in an under-served community. It has provided assistance with eviction prevention, utility disconnection prevention, childcare services, vocational employment assistance, senior services, behavioral health services, and assistance with somatic health.

★ **Homelessness Coordinated Entry System**

Partners:

Department of Health and Human Services, Non-Profits

Description:

Services to End and Prevent Homelessness worked with the Continuum of Care system, a County-wide public-private partnership, to implement a strategy for prioritizing individuals and families for housing and services based on their needs. The new Coordinated Entry System maximizes resources by using a common assessment tool to assign the most appropriate housing intervention based on a household's vulnerability.

★ **Circle Time with Friends**

Partners:

Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Public Libraries, Department of Recreation

Description:

Early Childhood Services ChildLink partnered with Montgomery County Public Libraries and the Department of Recreation to raise the importance and awareness of early literacy by offering Circle Time with Friends. This forum allows parents and caregivers to interact with their children through reading and participating in activities and allows children to learn social skills by interacting with their peers. The program will be expanded to other recreation centers.

★ **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance**

Partners:

Department of Health and Human Services, Non-Profits

Description:

The Community Action Agency Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA) served 1,936 households, helping individuals and families receive almost \$5 million in tax refunds, including \$1.3 million in Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) refunds. Seventy-seven volunteers supported the program, giving over 2,100 hours.

★ **ActiveMontgomery**

Partners:

Office of Community Use of Public Facilities, Department of Recreation, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

Description:

Community Use of Public Facilities, Montgomery County Department of Recreation, and M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks share the same cloud-based software solution for activity registration and facility reservation. Each contribute to the salary of a Senior Information Technology Specialist who serves as the System Administrator and liaison with the software vendor, in addition to a County Senior Accountant to manage the distribution of funds. Representatives from each entity participate on various committees to make decisions that impact the operations of the other partners. Recreation, Parks, and CUPF are currently working together on a Governance Group for the purpose of selecting a replacement vendor for ActiveMONTGOMERY. The Group will solicit, select, integrate, and transition the new vendor into a joint operating system to serve the needs of all three Agencies.

★ **Community Use of Public Facilities**

Partners:

Office of Community Use of Public Facilities, County Council, Department of

General Services, Department of Police, Department of Public Libraries, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Montgomery County Public Schools

Description:

The Community Use of Public Facilities (CUPF) works with various entities to enable the community to use public facilities for a variety of activities when not in use by the tenant organization. This includes schools, public libraries, Montgomery Park fields, and meeting rooms in County buildings. CUPF reimburses the Montgomery County Board of Education for the cost impacts of community use, funds two subsidy programs, returns funds to the general fund, and contributes to special maintenance projects.

★ **Educational Literacy**

Partners:

Department of Public Libraries, Community Engagement Cluster, Montgomery College, Non-Profits

Description:

Educational classes such as English as a Second Language (ESL), citizenship classes, English conversation clubs, and tutoring spaces are offered to residents at libraries. Language learning materials are provided in a variety of formats and languages enabling communities to learn more about different cultures while sharing information. Residents are offered informative programs that cultivate an appreciation of individual and collective histories and inter-generational awareness.

★ **Connected Communities**

Partners:

Department of Public Libraries, Montgomery County Public Schools, Non-Profits

Description:

Ensure that all middle school students at MCPS have the opportunity to have a library card. Engage children and families with informative programs, library tours, and events that cultivate an appreciation of libraries and volunteer opportunities.

★ **Strong and Vibrant Montgomery**

Partners:

Department of Public Libraries, Office of Consumer Protection, Office of Human Resources, Non-Profits

Description:

Provided workforce development programs targeting job seekers to include workshops on job search strategies, successful interviewing, resume writing, applying for jobs with Montgomery County, LinkedIn Bootcamps, and career re-entry seminar series for women. Business programs offer classes in English and Spanish for entrepreneurs and small business owners on starting a business,

business finance basics, social media for small businesses, building a website for small business, and an online high school diploma program. Financial Literacy offerings include programs on divorce and money, financial planning 101, envisioning your financial future, planning for retirement, entrepreneurship, and protecting against identity theft. The Health and Human Services (HHS) Safe Spaces program at two branches offers a location for late night activities for at-risk teenagers.

★ **Technology and Programming**

Partners:

Department of Public Libraries, Department of Technology Services, Non-Profits

Description:

Media labs engage youth and older adults in using digital media, music, and multimedia production as a form of expression and developing their programming skills in libraries. Technology training classes for older adults in English and Spanish are available at several libraries. Residents are provided with programs that inspire and foster innovative thinking, technology, makerspace, and Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM) programming.

★ **ActiveMontgomery**

Partners:

Department of Recreation, Office of Community Use of Public Facilities, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

Description:

In partnership with Community Use of Public Facilities and Montgomery County Parks, ActiveMontgomery provides residents with online registration and access to programs, classes, events, and facility use. This system streamlines operations providing customers and constituents with ease of use encouraging community participation.

★ **Excel Beyond the Bell**

Partners:

Department of Recreation, Montgomery County Public Schools, Non-Profits

Description:

In partnership with MCPS and the Collaboration Council, the Excel Beyond the Bell program serves over 2,400 youth and is continuously growing to help close the achievement opportunity gap among MCPS students.

★ **TeenWorks**

Partners:

Department of Recreation, Department of Technology Services, Maryland-National

Capital Park and Planning Commission, Montgomery County Public Schools,
Non-Profits

Description:

- In partnership with the Maryland Park Service, Conservation Jobs Corps (CJC), and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), TeenWorks prepares young people for jobs in an increasingly green economy through conservation and environmental stewardship. The program provides participants ages 14-17 with opportunities for skills development, personal growth, and the satisfaction of completing projects that benefit our County and State natural resources.
- In partnership with Transcend, Maryland's Promise, and the National Center for Children and Families, TeenWorks ensures vulnerable youth receive priority referrals for youth employment opportunities.
- Partnership between Seniors and TeenWorks to employ youth to provide computer literacy training to seniors.
- In partnership with the Hispanic Business Foundation, TeenWorks provides employability and financial literacy skills to newly arrived Latino youth who earn a stipend for participation.
- In collaboration with Worksource Montgomery, TeenWorks provides referrals for disconnected youth (young adults not in school or working) to employment and training opportunities.

★ **Maryland Senior Olympics**

Partners:

Department of Recreation, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Non-Profits

Description:

The Senior Programs Team continues to work with MD Senior Olympics, Inc., other county and state recreation departments, MNCPPC and a number of senior sports organization to program 28 Senior Olympic events throughout the County and State on an annual basis.

★ **Proactive Prevention Strategy**

Partners:

Department of Recreation, Department of Police, Non-Profits

Description:

In partnership with Montgomery County Police, we seek to strengthen the relationship between youth and law enforcement to enhance trust and understanding within communities, discuss neighborhood issues, and deter youth from engaging in risky behavior. Police are participating in an arts-based initiative through the Excel Beyond the Bell program.

★ **Youth Soccer Partnerships**

Partners:

Department of Recreation, Department of Health and Human Services, Non-Profits

Description:

Montgomery County Recreation's expanded soccer program (Soccer4Change) targets vulnerable youth with Identity, the City of Gaithersburg, and the Department of Health and Human Services' Street Outreach Network to provide instruction, coaching, transportation, enrichment, and other program supports to ensure youth are healthy, connected, and productive during out-of-school time. The partners work to remove barriers by building program schedules conducive to working youth, providing bilingual staff, providing free uniforms and transportation to address barriers that often prevent students from participating in school-based programs.

★ **Senior Transportation**

Partners:

Department of Recreation, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Transportation

Description:

The Senior Programs Team works closely with the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Department of Health and Human Services Aging and Disability Services to provide coordinated and efficient transportation services to seniors living in the county. This includes transportation to five senior centers and four Active Adult program locations.

★ **Partnership with First Tee of Greater Washington**

Partners:

Department of Recreation, Non-Profits

Description:

First Tee of Greater Washington offers free golf instruction to 4th and 5th grade participants in Recreation's Club Adventure program in the East County area. Instruction includes driving range skills and putting green practice that provide participants a first time golf experience.

★ **Medication Take-Back Program**

Partners:

Department of Recreation, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Police

Description:

This program partners with Police and HHS Aging and Disability Services to encourage seniors to bring in old or expired medications so that they can be disposed of properly. A pharmacist is often present to answer medication-related questions.

★ **Coffee with a Cop**

Partners:

Department of Recreation, Department of Police

Description:

This program has expanded from its pilot launch in 2016 from one initial location to multiple sites. Montgomery County Police designed the program for seniors to speak with a Community Liaison Officer in an informal and relaxed setting, to answer questions, share information, and report any concerns regarding criminal activity.

★ **Private and Public Projects**

Partners:

Department of Permitting Services, Office of the County Executive, Department of General Services, Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Department of Transportation, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Non-Profits

Description:

Collaborated extensively to help numerous private and public projects successfully open including, but not limited to United Therapeutics' new Net Zero Building; Oliver T. Carr's very complex project interfacing with the Purple Line, the Capital Crescent Trail, and the new Bethesda Metro platform; the Elizabeth House; Jezreel Housing; Chevy Chase Lake; the Wheaton Redevelopment Office Building; Marriott's new World Headquarters, etc.

★ **Improve Quality of Plans**

Partners:

Department of Permitting Services

Description:

Collaborated with the Association of Structural Engineers Metro Washington to improve the quality of plans and to develop a checklist of necessary information for demolition projects to avoid demolition/alteration related collapses.

★ **Assisted Communities to Resolve Life Safety Property Issues**

Partners:

Department of Permitting Services, Community Engagement Cluster, Department of Housing and Community Affairs

Description:

Assisted communities to resolve life safety property issues, including dangerous electrical feeds, unsafe structures, aging condo and HOA infrastructure, illegal and unsafe site work, etc.

★ **Assessing Terrorism Risks on Public Streets**

Partners:

Department of Permitting Services, Office of the County Executive, Department of Police, Division of Transit Services, Department of Transportation, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

Description:

Assessed terrorism risks on public streets and sidewalks and strategies to minimize these risks, including sidewalk cafe regulations.

★ **Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission**

Partners:

Department of Permitting Services, Department of Environmental Protection

Description:

Collaborating with Maryland Department of Environment, other jurisdictions, and stakeholders on the Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission.

★ **Rental Assistance**

Partners:

Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Department of Health and Human Services, Housing Opportunities Commission

Description:

Utilize resources from the MHI fund to support rental assistance programs in DHCA, HHS, and the HOC. Over 3,500 households are projected to be assisted in FY20.

★ **State & Federal Agencies**

Partners:

Department of Housing and Community Affairs

Description:

DHCA works closely with the Maryland Department of Housing and Community

Development; the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission; the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and other regulatory agencies regarding a variety of housing-related issues.

★ **Agreement Between DEP (Solid Waste) and DHCA (Housing Code Enforcement)**

Partners:

Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Department of Environmental Protection

Description:

This agreement states that DHCA is responsible for the enforcement of laws, rules, and regulations governing storage of solid waste and recyclable materials located on residential property in Montgomery County, other than that which has been placed at the curb for collections. It is estimated that 150 tons of trash was removed as a result of the clean and lien program and the Alternative Community Service (ACS) concentrated neighborhood efforts of litter removal from bi-weekly collection of street debris in targeted neighborhoods and streets.

★ **Delegation of Enforcement Authority and MOU between DPS and DHCA**

Partners:

Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Department of Permitting Services

Description:

Through this agreement, inspectors from either department can cite violations of either Chapter 26 or Chapter 59, eliminating the need for duplicative and unnecessary inspections. This is a more efficient use of staff resources and enhances customer service by minimizing the confusion inherent in requiring the involvement of both departments to resolve a single complaint.

★ **Code Enforcement Task Force Initiative**

Partners:

Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Department of Police

Description:

Participate in an informal Code Enforcement Task Force initiative established by the County Police, Community Policing Division to address severe violations requiring a joint effort to gain compliance.

★ **Montgomery College, HHS, Community Partners**

Partners:

Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Department of Health and Human Services, Montgomery College, Non-Profits

Description:

Landlord Tenant Affairs worked with the Department's Senior Fellow to conduct workshops regarding seniors and their unique housing issues and to develop a course regarding management in senior buildings that is currently being taught at Montgomery College in Rockville, in partnership with Montgomery County HHS, Montgomery College, and our community partners.

★ **Health and Human Services**

Partners:

Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Department of Health and Human Services

Description:

The MPDU program is finalizing procedures with HHS to give priority for rental MPDUs to persons exiting homelessness, and is working to increase the number of nonprofit organizations signing MPDU master leases to serve lower income households.

★ **Cost Share Program**

Partners:

Office of Agriculture

Description:

The OAG is partnering with Maryland Agricultural & Resource Based Industry Development Corporation (MARBIDCO) to provide a cost share grant program for farmers. This is a public-private partnership that assists farmers in cost sharing a portion of the installation cost of deer fence and other agricultural needs.

★ **Sugarland Road Broadband Pilot Project**

Partners:

Office of Agriculture , Department of Technology Services

Description:

The Office of Agriculture is continuing its partnership (which began in 2013) with DTS and Comcast to obtain the easements required for future phases of the project. Phase I is expected to be completed in late Summer 2019. Additional information can be found at: <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/cable/Sugarland/sugarland-comcast.html>.

★ **Agricultural land preservation funding**

Partners:

Office of Agriculture , Department of Finance, Office of Intergovernmental

Relations

Description:

The Office of Agriculture is collaborating with the County Delegation, the Office of Intergovernmental Relations and the Department of Finance to identify a long term, sustainable source of funding for the County's Agricultural Preservation Program.

★ **"I Take it Personally" Campaign**

Partners:

Department of Liquor Control, Department of Police

Description:

DLC and Police launched a public awareness campaign to prevent drunk driving and patron over-consumption.

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