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AGENDA ITEM #8(K)
July 26, 2022
Action

SUBJECT

Action—Resolution to Petition the State for Grants for the Montgomery College FY23 Capital Budget: \$5,035,000 for the construction, furniture, and equipment costs of the Resource Center Library Project on the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus of the College

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

The County Council will consider action on a resolution to petition the State for grants for the FY23 Capital budget and the FY23-28 Capital Improvements Program for Montgomery College. The Montgomery College Board of Trustees requested this petition on June 22, 2022.

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- The FY23 Capital Budget appropriation for Montgomery College approved by the Council on May 27 assumed State funding in the amount of \$5.035 million for the construction, furniture and equipment costs of the Resource Center Library (Collegewide Library Renovations PDF) on the College's Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus. The College only needs to petition the state for funds from the community college construction grants program.
- The State General Assembly and the Governor have approved the funding, but the State's procedures require each county to file a petition for the grant with the Maryland Higher Education Commission. The Commission will then recommend that the Board of Public Works approve the grant.
- The Council's Rules of Procedure permit action at any time without introduction if a matter was the subject of public hearing. The above project was included in the College's Capital Improvements Program amendments which was the subject of public hearings in February 2022.
- **Council staff recommends approval.**

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Board of Trustees' Request

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Resolution No.: _____
Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: County Council

SUBJECT: Petition for state grant of \$5,035,000 for the construction, furniture and equipment of the Resource Center Library project on the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus of the College

Background

1. The General Assembly of Maryland has enacted various community college construction loan acts that provide state funds to assist the counties in financing the costs of acquiring land and constructing public junior, community, or regional community college buildings and facilities, the costs of which were incurred after the effective dates of the acts.
2. The County Council must file a petition to participate in the financial assistance provided in the acts with the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC).
3. The Board of Trustees of Montgomery Community College proposes undertaking the construction, furniture, and equipment of the Resource Center Library project on the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus of the College in Montgomery County. Upon resolution duly adopted by the Board of Trustees, the Board requests the County Council to petition the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) for a grant of \$5,035,000 needed to assist the financing of the public community college project which is described in the application for financial assistance.
2. In the FY23 capital budget for Montgomery College, the Board of Trustees proposed undertaking the construction, furniture, and equipment of the Resource Center Library project on the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus of the College. On May 26, 2022, the County Council approved \$9,020,000 for this project, contingent on the receipt of \$5,035,000 from the state in FY23. The College only needs to petition the state for funds from the community college construction grants program.
3. In April 2022, the state General Assembly and the Governor approved the FY23 state of Maryland capital budget, which included \$5,035,000 for the construction, furniture, and equipment for the Resource Center Library project on the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus of the College. However, the Board of Public Works must still approve the specific grant and the

Petition for State Grant of \$5,035,000

necessary contracts. Before this approval, the County Council must file a petition to participate in the financial assistance provided in the acts with the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC). After the commission receives this petition, the commission will recommend to the Board of Public Works that the Board approve the grant and the contracts.

Action

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

1. In accordance with the enactment by the 2022 session of the General Assembly of the FY23 state of Maryland capital budget and approval by the governor, the County petitions the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) for a grant of \$5,035,000 from the available funds of the various community college construction loan acts in order to participate in the available financial assistance.
2. If the Maryland State Board of Public Works approves a grant of less than fifty percent (50%) of the estimated total cost for the construction, furniture and equipment of the Resource Center Library project on the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus of the College, and the County Council has not already agreed to fund the difference as a part of the approved capital improvements program, the College must notify the County Executive and the County Council by requesting an amendment to the College's capital improvements program. The amendment must show the actual project funding schedule proposed and the Council must approve the amendment before the College awards a contract.

This is a correct copy of council action.

Judy Rupp
Clerk of the Council



Collegewide Library Renovations (P661901)

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| Category | Montgomery College | Date Last Modified | 05/23/22 |
| SubCategory | Higher Education | Administering Agency | Montgomery College |
| Planning Area | Countywide | Status | Planning Stage |

| | Total | Thru FY21 | Est FY22 | Total 6 Years | FY23 | FY24 | FY25 | FY26 | FY27 | FY28 | Beyond 6 Years |
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| EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Planning, Design and Supervision | 4,946 | - | 1,050 | 3,896 | - | 2,292 | 1,604 | - | - | - | - |
| Construction | 25,706 | - | - | 25,706 | 2,016 | 6,036 | 15,654 | 2,000 | - | - | - |
| Other | 3,212 | - | - | 3,212 | 484 | 484 | - | 2,244 | - | - | - |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 33,864 | - | 1,050 | 32,814 | 2,500 | 8,812 | 17,258 | 4,244 | - | - | - |

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| FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| G.O. Bonds | 16,932 | - | 1,050 | 15,882 | 725 | 4,406 | 8,629 | 2,122 | - | - | - |
| State Aid | 16,932 | - | - | 16,932 | 1,775 | 4,406 | 8,629 | 2,122 | - | - | - |
| TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES | 33,864 | - | 1,050 | 32,814 | 2,500 | 8,812 | 17,258 | 4,244 | - | - | - |

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| APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (\$000s) | | | |
| Appropriation FY 23 Request | 9,020 | Year First Appropriation | FY20 |
| Appropriation FY 24 Request | 3,896 | Last FY's Cost Estimate | 28,216 |
| Cumulative Appropriation | 1,050 | | |
| Expenditure / Encumbrances | 908 | | |
| Unencumbered Balance | 142 | | |

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project provides funding for the renovation of the libraries on two of Montgomery College's campuses, specifically the Rockville Macklin Tower Building, and the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Resource Center. An architecture firm has developed conceptual designs for the two campus libraries, and has identified improvements required to support organizational and service changes, and to modernize the libraries. The main library floors will be hubs of academic life at Montgomery College: dynamic spaces that will be student-centered, technology and service-driven, and will foster innovation. The upper floors will provide students with comfortable and quiet study spaces and smaller, curated collections to support their academic and career goals. Additional goals of this project is to meet the variety of student needs including group study, individual study, and silent study.

LOCATION

Takoma Park/Silver Spring and Rockville Campuses

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

A part 1/part 2 document was completed in FY21 for the Takoma Park/Silver Spring library renovation. Design will start in FY22, construction will begin in FY23, and continue in FY24, with completion in FY24. The Rockville library project design will begin in FY24, and construction, and FFE will be requested in FY25, and FY26.

COST CHANGE

The Rockville Library project has 4 percent state allowable cost escalation included.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

The Takoma Park/Silver Spring Resource Center was constructed in 1978, and is 41 years old. The Rockville Macklin Tower Building was constructed in 1971 and is 48 years old. These two buildings are outdated, space and service configuration is insufficient, employee workspaces are inadequate to promote collaboration with colleagues, as well as, support student success. In FY16, the Montgomery College Libraries had nearly 670,000 visitors, and ethnographic studies have shown that libraries are one of the places at Montgomery College where students can escape from work and family obligations to get homework and studying done. In addition, Montgomery College's libraries provide students access to technology to be successful in their coursework. In FY16, the Montgomery College library's computers, laptops, and tablets were used approximately 200,000 times by nearly 18,000 unique users. Providing computers, laptops, tablets, software, scanners, internet, and accessible software programs improves college affordability for students who wouldn't otherwise be able to afford those tools. The Montgomery College Libraries increasingly support educational excellence by embedding librarians and information literacy into classes with 7,600 students taught. Other relevant studies and plans include the Libraries Master Plan (2015), Montgomery College Libraries' Ethnographic Studies 2013-2016 (2016), Collegewide Facilities Master Plan Update (6/18), Libraries Planning Study (6/17), and Libraries Planning Study Germantown Addendum (9/17), and Montgomery College 2025 Strategic Plan.

OTHER

FY23 Appropriation: Total \$9,020,000 (\$3,985,000 (GO Bonds); and \$5,035,000 (State Aid)). FY24 Appropriation: Total \$3,896,000 (\$1,948,000 (GO Bonds);

and \$1,948,000 (State Aid)).

FISCAL NOTE

\$650,000 transferred from Planning, Design, and Construction project (906605) to Collegewide Library Renovations project (661901) in the FY21-26 CIP (BOT Resolution:21-06-069 adopted on 6/21/2021).

DISCLOSURES

Montgomery College asserts that this project conforms to the requirement of relevant local plans, as required by the Maryland Economic Growth, Resource Protection and Planning Act.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE
Rockville, Maryland**

Agenda Item Number:
June 22, 2022

**PETITION FOR FY23 STATE FUNDING, RESOURCE CENTER LIBRARY,
TAKOMA PARK/SILVER SPRING CAMPUS**

BACKGROUND

On May 26, 2022, the Montgomery County Council appropriated the College's FY23 capital budget, including funds for one state-assisted project, the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Resource Center Library construction, and furniture and equipment. The county executive and the county council have been informed that the College will petition the state for final approval of funding for this project.

The state and county funding levels for this project are outlined at the end of this resolution. The FY23 appropriation for the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Resource Center Library construction, and furniture and equipment is \$9,020,000 (\$3,985,000 in county aid and \$5,035,000 through state support). The overall project cost (including design) is \$10,070,000 split 50/50 between the county and the state. The College must petition the state for funds from the community college construction grants program.

The attached resolution and county council petition are in the format prescribed by the state and county. In addition, the petition outlines the contingent nature of the council's approval, which requires state approval of the College's projects as part of the FY23 bond bill. With the Board's adoption of this resolution, the request is forwarded to the county council for action on the state grant petitions. The appropriation in this resolution is based on projected resources for FY23. At this time, the economic impact resulting from the COVID-19 public health crisis on state's, the county's, and the College's revenues is uncertain and unpredictable. As these impacts become known and measurable, certain adjustments to the budget may become necessary.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees formally request the county council to petition the state for \$5,035,000 for the furniture and equipment of the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Resource Center Library project.

BACKUP INFORMATION

Board Resolution
County Council Resolution
Project Description Form

RESPONSIBLE SENIOR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Collette

RESOURCE PERSON

Mr. Mills

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE**
Rockville, Maryland

Resolution Number: **22-06-105**
Adopted on: **6/22/2022**

Agenda Item Number:
June 22, 2022

**Subject: Proposal to Construct a Public Junior/Community College or Additions
Thereeto, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Resource Center Library Construction, and
Furniture and Equipment**

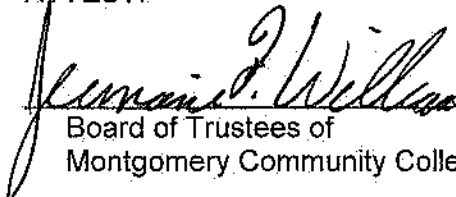
WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland has enacted various community college construction loan acts that provide state funds to assist the various counties in financing the costs of acquiring land and constructing public junior, community, or regional community college buildings and facilities, the costs of which were incurred after the effective dates of the acts; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of Montgomery Community College proposes undertaking the construction, furniture and equipment of the Resource Center Library project on the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus of the College and has determined that the sum of \$5,035,000 in state financial assistance available under the loan acts is needed for this purpose; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of Montgomery Community College requests that the Montgomery County Council approve the proposal to undertake the construction, furniture and equipment of the Resource Center Library project on the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus of the College as set forth in the application for financial assistance; file, as required by the loan acts and contingent on enactment of the FY23 State of Maryland capital budget by the 2022 session of the General Assembly and its approval by the governor, the necessary petition with Maryland Higher Education Commission for a state grant in the amount of \$5,035,000, and make available the necessary local funds for completion of the project.

A True Copy.

ATTEST:

 Secretary-Treasurer
Board of Trustees of
Montgomery Community College

Date: 7.14.22