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**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: Council President Leventhal and Councilmembers Praisner, Silverman, and Perez

SUBJECT: Resolution to Establish a Technical Assistance Program for Nonprofit Organizations

Background

1. Montgomery County has over 600 nonprofit organizations that provide a variety of services and activities to County residents including health and human services, employment services, art and culture activities, and community-empowerment services.
2. Each year, the Council funds “grants” to nonprofit organizations to provide these services and activities to County residents. Organizations receiving “grants” are required to enter into formal contracts with the County government. Each organization receiving a “grant” must have the infrastructure necessary to operate a non-profit organization, meet insurance requirements, demonstrate accountability, and submit performance outcomes.
3. Over the past years, it has come to the Council’s attention that there are “grant” recipients that have innovative program ideas but have difficulty in fulfilling the technical requirements of their contracts.
4. The Council believes that it is beneficial to the County’s residents that nonprofit organizations succeed in their endeavors to contract with County government.

Action

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

As part of the FY07 budget, the County Council will fund an organization to develop and deliver a technical assistance program that provides help to nonprofit organizations that interact or do business with County government. The mentor organization will provide technical assistance to nonprofits in complying with County contract requirements. The services will be provided at no cost to the nonprofit organizations being assisted. It is expected that the mentor organization will follow best practices in providing the nonprofit organizations with this assistance.

The Council requests the Executive branch to provide feedback and suggestions regarding specific criteria on which to evaluate the applicants for the technical assistance program grant. The Council must receive this information by March 1, 2006.

The Council will accept proposals from mentor organizations for a technical assistance program until noon on March 15, 2006. Applicants must follow the FY07 application process for Council grants.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council