

Resolution No.: 17-868
Introduced: September 10, 2013
Adopted: September 24, 2013

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: County Council at the Request of the Executive

SUBJECT: Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund loan to assist Sodexo, Inc.'s expansion in Montgomery County (\$2,000,000)

Background

1. The County Executive endorses a conditional loan of \$2,000,000 to Sodexo, Inc. ("Sodexo") from the State of Maryland under the Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund ("MEDAAF"), which is codified as Md. Code Ann., Econ. Dev. §5-301 to §5-349.
2. MEDAAF provides conditional grants/loans to businesses engaged in eligible industries locating to or expanding in a "priority funding area" in the State of Maryland. Proceeds from the grant/loan may be used to reimburse the borrower for the acquisition or construction of buildings or real estate, and acquisition, construction, and installation of machinery, equipment, furnishings, fixtures, leasehold improvements, site improvements, or infrastructure improvements.
3. The County has approved and is ready to disburse a conditional loan of \$1,500,000 from the County's Economic Development Fund ("EDF") to assist Sodexo's expansion in the County.
4. Sodexo is the leading provider of integrated food and facilities management services in the U.S., Canada and Mexico, with \$8.3 billion in annual revenue and 120,000 employees worldwide. Sodexo serves more than 10 million customers daily in corporations, health care, long term care and retirement centers, schools, college campuses, government and remote sites.
5. Sodexo, and its predecessor companies, Sodexo Marriott Services and Marriott Management Services, Inc., have been present in the County over 45 years with over 900 employees in the County. The company currently leases 190,000 sq. ft. at 9801 Washington Blvd., Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878. Sodexo has decided to renew its lease at the current location for another ten years.

6. Md. Code Ann., Econ. Dev. §5-319(d) requires the governing body of the jurisdiction in which the project is located to endorse, by a formal resolution, the granting of the MEDAAF loan for the project.
7. The County has determined that granting the MEDAAF loan for the project is in the best interest of the citizens of the County.
8. The County Executive requests that the Council adopt this formal resolution approving the MEDAAF loan for the project.

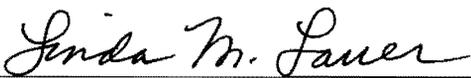
Action

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

The County Council hereby endorses the granting of the referenced MEDAAF loan for the project.

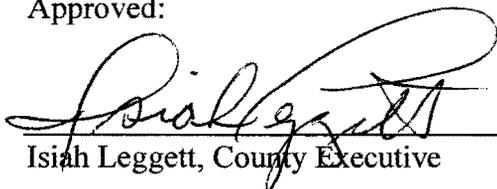
This Resolution is effective upon its adoption in accordance with applicable law.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

Approved:



Isiah Leggett, County Executive