



MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL PRESIDENT ORDER

Office of the County Council • 100 Maryland Ave • Rockville, Maryland 20850

Department
Office of the County Council

Subject
Employee Solicitation
Waiver

Effective Date:
October 28, 2025

SOLICITATION OF GIFTS

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

IN RESPONSE TO HURRICANE MELISSA WHICH MADE LANDFALL IN JAMAICA ON OCTOBER 28, 2025

Pursuant to § 19A-16(b)(3) of the Montgomery County Public Ethics Law, the Council President authorizes the employees assigned to the Office of the County Council (CCL) to solicit gifts for the benefit of the David “Wagga” Hunt Scholarship Foundation, a non-profit entity that, in partnership with the Embassy of Jamaica, is formally cooperating with the County to support the victims of Hurricane Melissa, which made landfall in Jamaica on October 28, 2025. The solicitation may proceed under the following terms.

Employees authorized to solicit gifts

Any employee of CCL that is working on the County’s efforts to provide relief to the residents of Jamaica in the wake of Hurricane Melissa’s landfall on October 28, 2025.

Purpose of the Gifts

The purpose of the gifts is to benefit the David “Wagga” Hunt Scholarship Foundation, a non-profit entity formally cooperating with the County to support the victims of Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica.

Manner of Solicitation

Employees authorized to solicit gifts under this Order may participate in presentations, conduct general solicitations through mailings, participate in media activities, or meet personally with potential donors. An authorized public employee may solicit gifts during official work hours, while identifiable as a public employee, but must not solicit any individual or entity that has a contract with the County.

Source of Gifts

Designated employees may solicit gifts from any individual or entity, including associations, businesses, corporations, foundations, service organizations, chambers of commerce, community groups, religious organizations, and other government agencies.



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Types of Gifts

Gifts may include monetary contributions, goods and services, technical assistance, training space, furniture, and equipment costs.

Manner of Acceptance of Gifts

Unless the donor makes a written request that there be no public acknowledgement of the gift, the Council may publicly acknowledge each gift donated, the identity of the donor, the identity of the recipient of the gift, and the purpose for which the gift will be used. The Council and Councilmembers may issue press releases about the gifts and the relief efforts authorized under this Order, if desired.

Term

This Order expires on December 31, 2026. This Order is issued under the Authority of § 19A-16(b)(3) of the Montgomery County Public Ethics Law.

Approved:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Stewart".

Kate Stewart, President, County Council

Date: November 6, 2025