

## Climate Change Non-Departmental Account

### Monthly Reporting

In May 2021, County Council approved reporting language in its Operating Budget miscellaneous provisions of Resolution 19-872 with regards to the Climate Change NDA:

*This resolution appropriates \$650,200 to the Climate Change Planning Non-Departmental Account (NDA). Funds in this NDA must be used to implement the County's Climate Action Plan to meet the County's goal of an 80 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2027 and a 100 percent reduction by 2035, and to implement climate change adaptation strategies. This NDA includes costs for three new positions within the Department of Environmental Protection's Energy, Climate, and Compliance Division. The Executive must transmit within 15 days after the end of a month a report on the previous month's expenditures from this account.*

In accordance with the resolution, the Executive hereby transmits the monthly report for February 2022.

#### FY22 Climate Change NDA expenditures reporting:

Expenditure Description	Amount Expended or Committed
High Road Economic Development focus groups	\$320
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$320</b>

#### February 2022 highlights:

- On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, a webinar was held that included presentations by [Project Equity](#) related to “High Road Economic Inclusion through Employee Ownership” and [Emerald Cities Collaborative](#) and their sub-contractors [Inclusive Economics](#) and [Health Care Without Harm](#) on their work to date related to the development of a “High Road Economic Inclusion Framework and Strategy for an Equitable Climate Economy.” The recording of the presentations is available [here](#).
- The [Urban Sustainability Directors Network](#) (USDN), a consortium of local government sustainability professionals, is providing support to select jurisdictions through their US Federal Funding Support Pilot Program designed to help USDN members successfully apply for federal grants. In partnership with the consulting firm [Skog Rasmussen](#), USDN will offer advisory coaching and support, project concept review and ideation, proposal review and editing, and submission process guidance to members pursuing federal funding for high-impact climate and sustainability projects. The first consultation with Montgomery County was held on February 7<sup>th</sup>.
- On February 14<sup>th</sup>, staff from the Climate Team, DEP, DOT, DPS, OEMHS, and Montgomery Parks met with members of the CAP Coalition Adaptation and

Sequestration Group for a broad discussion on stormwater related issues. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> in a series of meetings held with the CAP Coalition group to discuss on-going initiatives as part of implementation of the CAP.

- On February 15<sup>th</sup>, the first training session was held for individuals interested in serving as Climate Change Ambassadors to help spearhead employee engagement and action on climate issues in their department/agency. This training is provided in conjunction with the Association of Climate Change Officers, which has been providing climate training in Maryland under a contract with the State. Climate Ambassadors are being recruited for all Montgomery County departments and agencies including the Maryland National Park and Planning Commission, Montgomery College, and Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission
- On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, a meeting was held with representatives from across the County government to provide an introduction to Community Choice Energy, and to begin to discuss the critical steps that will be necessary to implement this program.

**For more information:**

- The Climate Action Plan and the FY22 Climate Work Plan are available on the climate webpage: [MontgomeryCountyMD.gov/Climate](https://montgomerycountymd.gov/Climate)