RESOURCES FOR LOCATING SPACE IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

Nonprofit Support Organizations

- Nonprofit Montgomery (Nonprofit MoCo): As an organization dedicated to supporting local nonprofits, they are an excellent first point of contact. They often post resources, including potential space availability, on their website or in their newsletters.
 - connect@nonprofitmoco.org
 - 0 (202) 630-9211
 - o nonprofitmoco.org
 - o 1201 Seven Locks Road, Suite 360, Rockville, MD 20854
- **infoMontgomery:** A searchable database of services and programs for nonprofits.
 - o Website: infoMontgomery

Montgomery County Government Facilities

- Community Use of Public Facilities (CUPF): CUPF allows nonprofits to reserve public schools, libraries, government buildings, and other county facilities for events and services. While primarily for events, some facilities may accommodate temporary storage.
 - Website: <u>CUPF Montgomery County</u>
- **Community Centers:** These centers may offer storage or rental space for nonprofits at low or no cost. Contact them directly to inquire about availability:
 - Thomas Farm Community Center Rockville Website
 - Long Branch Community Center Silver Spring Website
 - Bender JCC of Greater Washington Rockville Website

Community and Faith-Based Organizations

Many churches and community centers have extra space that they might be willing to share, often for free or a very low, subsidized rate for other non-profits.

- Churches/Synagogues/Mosques: Reach out to large religious institutions in your area. They often have basements, unused classrooms, or administrative buildings with extra space they may offer to community groups.
- **Liberty Grove United Methodist Church** (Burtonsville, MD): Offers affordable space for nonprofits, including rooms with closet storage and walk-in storage.

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- Contact: space@libertygrovechurch.org
- o Details: Nonprofit Montgomery listing
- American Legion Post in Rockville

Businesses and Corporations

- The Montgomery County Council passed a zoning amendment allowing nonprofits to use vacant commercial office space for storage. Eligible nonprofits (charitable, philanthropic, or cultural) can use space in buildings with high vacancies. Learn more: <u>Bethesda Magazine article</u>
- **Commercial Real Estate Firms:** Some firms or property management companies may have vacant commercial space that they would temporarily donate for the tax write-off and community goodwill until a paying tenant is found.
- Ask Local Self-Storage Facilities: While unlikely to offer a permanent free unit, many self-storage companies have community giving programs. It's worth contacting managers of large chains or local businesses to see if they offer a onetime free month or a long-term discount for a recognized local non-profit.

Direct Networking

• **Reach out to similar non-profits** that are slightly larger or have a permanent facility. They may have extra closet space, a corner of a warehouse, or a dedicated storage unit they'd be willing to share, especially if your missions align.