

Climate Change Non-Departmental Account
Monthly Reporting

In May 2020, County Council approved reporting language in its Operating Budget miscellaneous provisions of Resolution 19-472 with regards to the Climate Change NDA:

This resolution appropriates \$400,000 to the Climate Change Planning Non-Departmental Account (NDA). Funds in this NDA must be used for the prioritization of greenhouse gas reduction strategies, developing an implementation 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 develop climate change adaptation strategies. Only after the previously described work is completed may funds be used for other climate change-related initiatives. 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 October 2020.

FY21 Climate Change NDA expenditures reporting:

(includes expenditures incurred through 10/31/20):

Expenditure Description	Amount
Resilience Ambassador pilot and listening sessions (resilience surveys to inform the climate plan and operating expenses)	\$ 5,285.11

October 2020 highlights:

- Climate Planning update: The draft Climate Action Plan (CAP) is nearing completion. The Climate Action Plan will contain close to 90 prioritized actions to put the County on the path to meet our 2027 and 2035 emissions reduction goals and reduce climate risk. The CAP also identifies the County's four largest and growing climate hazards: extreme heat, extreme precipitation, high winds, and drought. Additionally, the CAP will include equity enhancing measures and co-benefits for implementing each action. In December, the draft CAP will be opened for general public comments for a 60-day review period. (Note that the climate planning effort is being funded with FY20 Climate Change NDA funds.)
- Climate budgeting comes to Montgomery County: The County is taking initial steps to incorporate a climate lens in the fiscal year 2022 budget development process. A community-based workgroup released its final recommendations in a publicly available report detailing how to integrate climate considerations into County budgets. Planning for the County's fiscal year 2022 budget began on July 1, 2020, and the workgroup

recommendations are already informing that process. Budgeting with an eye toward climate impacts will help the County reach its zero greenhouse gas emissions goal by 2035. For more information:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/green/Resources/Files/climate/workgroup-recommendations/Climate%20Budget%20Process%20Workgroup%20Recommendations_10-30-20.pdf

- **Flash bus rapid transit inauguration:** On October 14, the Department of Transportation (MCDOT) launched Flash, Maryland's first bus service of its kind. The 14-mile service route on US Route 29 spans from Burtonsville to Silver Spring. Flash is MCDOT's first transit service in which specially designed, 80-passenger capacity buses will bypass other vehicles in certain locations and provide high quality and reliable transit service and amenities at the same price to ride as any other local bus. Specific information on the service, including maps and hours of service, can be viewed at ridetheflash.com.

For more information:

A description of the FY21 Climate Change NDA budget allocation is available at:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/green/Resources/Files/climate/fy21-climate-nda-budget.pdf>

The complete list of the County's FY21 climate initiatives is available at:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/green/Resources/Files/climate/fy21-montgomery-county-climate-work-plan.pdf>