

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 January 2021.

FY21 Climate Change NDA expenditures reporting:

(includes expenditures incurred through 1/31/21):

Expenditure Description	Amount
Resilience Ambassador pilot and listening sessions (resilience surveys to inform the climate plan and operating expenses)	\$5,588.26
Climate planning outreach and communications	\$3,982.05
Building Energy Performance Standard planning	\$24,664.00
Total:	\$34,234.31

January 2021 highlights:

- Climate Planning update: The Draft Climate Action Plan (CAP), funded with FY20 Climate Change NDA funds, is open for public comment until February 28, 2021. The Climate Action Plan is Montgomery County's strategic plan to cut greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions 80% by 2027 and 100% by 2035. The CAP details the effects of a changing climate on Montgomery County and includes strategies to reduce GHG emissions and climate-related risks to the County's residents, businesses, and the built and natural environment.

The Draft CAP is available on the climate webpage, <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/climate>. The County's climate team continues to participate in numerous virtual community sessions about the Draft CAP; upcoming

sessions are listed on the climate webpage. The CAP will be finalized in the spring of 2021.

- County Launches Virtual Information Room to Explore the Draft Climate Action Plan: The virtual information room is an interactive tool that allows residents to visually engage with the Draft Climate Action Plan. The virtual information room is available for viewing here: www.MontgomeryCountyMD.gov/Climate
- Montgomery County Designated ‘SolSmart Gold’ for Advancing Solar Energy Growth: Montgomery County was awarded the “Gold” designation from the national SolSmart program—the highest designation awarded to communities by the program—for making it faster, easier, and more affordable for homes and businesses to go solar. Montgomery is the first Maryland jurisdiction to achieve the SolSmart Gold designation.

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>