

MONTGOMERY COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDER

Offices of the County Executive • 101 Monroe Street • Rockville, Maryland 20850

Disposition of County Property: Montgomery History at Grey Courthouse Lease

Executive Order No. 005-25

Subject Suffix

Montgomery County Department of General Services

Department No.

Effective Date 5/13/25

BACKGROUND

WHEREAS, the County owns a parcel of land at 27 Courthouse Square in Rockville, consisting of approximately 3.0 acres of land, identified as Parcel N336 on tax map GR32, Tax Account number 04-00152455 ("Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Property is improved by a building known as the Grey Courthouse that contains offices for several County Departments; and

WHEREAS, the fourth-floor attic of the Grey Courthouse is approximately 8,500 square feet and is vacant, unfinished space; and

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Historical Society, Inc., trading as Montgomery History, a Maryland nonprofit corporation with an address of 111 W. Montgomery Avenue, Rockville ("Tenant"), desires to lease the fourth-floor attic exclusive of the mechanical room for storage and conservation of its artifact collection; and

WHEREAS, the County intends to dispose the fourth-floor attic to Tenant through long term lease for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, in lieu of rent, Tenant is obligated to fund the design, permitting, and build out of the attic space; and the estimated cost of these improvements is \$400,000 to \$500,000; and

WHEREAS, under Section 11B-45 of the County Code, the County Council may waive the requirement that the Property be disposed of at full market value; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has completed the Preliminary Reuse Review and Reuse Analysis; and

WHEREAS, the material terms of the long-term lease are as stated above; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Montgomery County Code Section 11B-45, Disposition of Real Property, the County Executive must issue an Executive Order declaring that County owned or controlled land is no longer needed for County use.



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ACTION

In consideration of the above recitals, the County Executive hereby declares that the fourth-floor attic space of the Grey Courthouse is no longer needed for County use during the term of the proposed lease and is available for disposition through long-term lease to Montgomery County Historical Society, Inc., subject to the material terms described above.

Approved as to Form and Legality
Office of the County Attorney

By: Neal Anker
Date: 1/15/2025

APPROVED

Fariba Kassiri, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

Date: