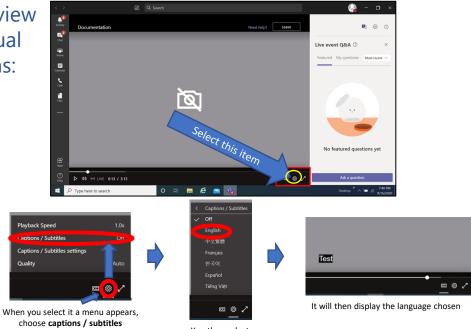
OGM December Community Forum

December 10, 2025

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December 2025 Community Forum

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Who is OGM?

In coordination with the Office of Procurement, Office of Management and Budget, and Department of Finance, OGM develops countywide policies and procedures regarding grants management that are consistent with the County's racial equity and social justice goals.

OGM has two areas of focus:

Incoming Grants

We empower Montgomery County Government's executive branch by leveraging federal, State, and private grants.

Strategically using grants to supplement County tax dollars, enables the expansion of both new and existing programs and service. This enhances the County's ability to serve its residents more effectively and efficiently without raising taxes.

Outgoing Grants

We foster positive community impact through the administration of competitive grants programs and issuing grant agreements that align with County priorities and enrich the lives of County residents.

The Outgoing Grants team prioritizes the success of grant applicants and awardees by delivering guidance, applicant training resources, and thorough information on compliance requirements. Together, we strive to empower initiatives that drive meaningful change and enhance the well-being of our community.



Community Forum Agenda



- OGM Updates
- Grant Advisory Workgroup
- FY26 Grant
 Program Overview
- Special Topic:
 Understanding your Grant
 Reporting and Payment
 Schedule
- Q&A



OGM Updates



- Federal Budget Landscape Continuing to focus on federal grant impacts to Montgomery County. See OGM's testimony at the October 14, 2025 County Council Hearing or download the Council Staff packet.
- Remaining FY26 Grant Programs The Grant
 Program Forecast has been updated to reflect almost all expected grant programs. Starting to preview some FY27 grant programs as well.
- Restarted OGM Community Forums, Forecast, and Newsletter – With the fall crunch behind MCG, OGM will be more consistently updating these products and holding forums.
- Resources for Applicants Page: Reorganized page with additional Euna resources, OGM developed resources, and OGM developed Youtube videos demonstrating Euna functions.
- OGM Vacancy: Administrative Specialist III position now vacant, contact <u>grants@Montgomerycountymd.gov</u> or <u>grantsadministration@montgomerycountymd.gov</u> directly.



Advisory Workgroup on Strategic Planning for County Grants



The workgroup's goal is to recommend strategies to:

- Develop a proposed strategic plan for the Community Grants program;
- Make recommendations for resolving and transition the Community Grants Legacy awards; and
- Develop proposed criteria and process for the annual Cost Sharing: CIP grants program.
- Next and likely final meeting is Monday,
 December 15 at 3:00 PM; open to public.
- More information, meeting minutes from , and resources can be found on the <u>Advisory</u> <u>Workgroup website.</u>



Status of Closed, but not Awarded, Grant Programs

- <u>FY26 Nonprofit Security Grant Program</u>: SME Reviews are complete, with OGM and the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security analyzing the results.
- <u>FY26 Cost Sharing Capital Grants (Stages 1 & 2)</u>: The application window closed on September 25, 2025. Applications are currently under review.
- <u>FY26 Community Food Assistance Grant Program Special</u>
 <u>Appropriation Funds</u>: Amendments and increased payments to FY26
 CFA Grant Agreements are expected to be processed and distributed before Christmas. The Office of Food System Resilience is actively working with impacted awardees on next steps.





Updates to Open Grant Program

- FY27 Coordinated Community Supports Partnership (CSP) Grant
 Program: Request for Applications (RFA) launched on November 24, 2025 and the submission deadline to Montgomery County is January 6, 2026. RFA UPDATE:
 Submitting a separate request for MCPS Letter of Support is NO LONGER REQUIRED. The LBHA and MCPS review processes are being merged. See the Updated FY26 CSP RFA for the details.
 - A recorded Q&A Session will be held on <u>Thurs, Dec 18, 2025 12:30 PM 2:00 PM</u> and will cover recent updates to the grant program details
- <u>FY26 Nonprofit Strategic Planning Grant Program:</u> (NOFO released December 2, 2025, priority deadline on January 7, 2025) NSP UPDATE: <u>GRANT PROGRAM</u>
 <u>APPLICATION PAGE NOW AVAILABLE</u>



Other Currently Open FY26 Grant Programs

• FY26 Nonprofit Federal Resilience (NFR) Grant Program: (Launched on December 1, 2025, priority deadline on December 22, 2025) The FY26 NFR Grant Program Euna Solicitation Page is now active. On Tuesday November 18, 2025, the County Council unanimously passed Resolution 20-979 that appropriated \$1.5 million for the FY26 Nonprofit Federal Resilience Grant Program. The goal of this Grant Program is to provide funding to 501(c)(3) non-profits to offset cancelled or delayed Federal funds due to the Federal Government shutdown or other adverse administration actions to supplement core operating and salary costs required to sustain the organization in the absence of federal funds. The grant program will be limited to non-profits and the federally funded programs providing direct services to Montgomery County residents. More information on the intent of this Grant Program can be found in the Council Packet and the November 18, 2025 hearing.





Currently Open FY26 Multi-Year Renewals

- <u>FY26 Community Grant Award Renewal</u>: Organizations with a current (FY25)
 Community Grant multi-year award should have received a Notification Letter in mid-May from the Office of Grants Management informing them of this opportunity, directing them to the appropriate module, and providing detailed instructions on how to submit their proposal.
- <u>FY26 Legacy Grant Award Renewal (aka Bridge Grants)</u>: Organizations with a current (FY24 or FY25) Legacy Grant (aka Bridge Grants) award should have received a Notification Letter in mid-May from the Office of Grants Management informing them of this opportunity, directing them to the appropriate module, and providing detailed instructions on how to submit their proposal.
- If you have any questions, please contact OGM at grants@montgomerycountymd.gov.



Upcoming Grant Programs (January 2026)

- <u>FY26 Emerging Business District Grant Program</u>: (Anticipated launch in January 2026). The Community Engagement Cluster (CEC) is soliciting grant applications under the County's FY 2026 Emerging Business Districts Grants Program, which aims to establish Business Improvement Districts or Urban District Corporations within Montgomery County by subsidizing the formation and support of non-profit commercial district management entities to conduct place making, place management, branding, and economic development activities in a designated neighborhood. While changes may be made in FY26, see the <u>FY25 Emerging</u> Business District Grant Program application page for information on last year's competition.
- <u>FY26 Place-Based Management Grants Program</u>: (Anticipated launch in January 2026). The Community Engagement Cluster (CEC) will solicit grant applications from qualified organizations providing direct services that support economic growth and revitalization strategies and services across the County's commercial corridors. While changes may be made in FY26, see the <u>FY25 Place-Based Management Grants Program application page</u> for information on last year's competition.
- FY26 Local Food Aggregation Grant Program: (Anticipated launch in January 2026). Multi-year grant opportunity awarding \$550,000 in year-one for operating and build-out costs to establish an aggregation facility for locally produced food, with the goal of helping to meet current and future wholesale and institutional market demand for these products.
- FY26 Underserved Communities Projects Grant Program Renewals (Year 3 of 3): (Anticipated launch in January 2026): Organizations with a current (FY25) UCP multi-year award will receive a Notification Letter from the Office of Grants Management informing them of this opportunity, directing them to the appropriate module, and providing detailed instructions on how to submit their proposal. Please contact OGM at grantsadministration@montgomerycountymd.gov with any questions.

For a longer-term forecast of launch dates for County grant programs and renewals, check out the most current Grant Program Forecast.





Understanding your Grant Reporting and Payment Schedule

"When do I need to report and when do I get paid?"



Grant Agreement Page 1 Example

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| A. Agreement Type: | Grant Agreement B. Agreement #: | | | | | | | |
| C. Grantee: | «Legal_Name_of_Grantee» | | | | | | | |
| D. Grantee ID #s: | EIN | «EIN» | SDA | T «SDAT» | DAT» Su | | #: | |
| | #: | | #: | | | | | |
| E. Agreement Title: | «Project_Title» | | | | | | | |
| F. Award Amount: | \$«FY26_Award_Amount» | | | | | | | |
| G. Source of Funds: | General Funds – Community Grants Non Departmental Account | | | | | | | |
| H. Appropriation: | Resolution 20-820 FY26 Approved Budget | | | | | | | |
| I. Awarding Program: | Award Program | | | | | | | |
| J. Issued by: | «Issuing_Department» | | | | | | | |
| K. Grant Term: | From: July 1, <u>2025</u> To: June 30, 2026 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | Per | centage | | |
| L. Reporting and | | | F | Reporting Due | 0 | f Total | Amo | ount to be Disbursed |
| Payment Schedule | CY Date Range | | | Date | Д | Award | | |
| Payment Upon Term | | | | | | | | |
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| Direct Purchase Order | | | | | | | | . , _ |
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| #1 | | 31, 2025 | | 30, 2025 | 30% | | \$«Payment_2» | |
| Performance Period | Nove | mber 1, 2025 | - | March 31, | 30% | | \$«Payment_3» | |
| #2 | Febr | uary 28, <u>2026</u> | | 2026 | | | | |
| Final Report | July 1, 2025 – June 30, | | 0, , | lulu 21 2020 | 10% | ¢ Daymant 4 | | |
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| Total to be Disbursed | | | | | 1 | 100% | \$«F | /26_Award_Amount» |

Grant Reporting and Payment Schedule



- All OGM grants have a "Reporting and Payment Schedule" listed on page 1 of the award.
- Different awards/programs will have varying schedules depending on the award amounts, specific partner requests, or department inputs.
- Example for an award of \$100,000 in FY26:

Disbursed

| L. Reporting and Payment Schedule | CY Date Range | Reporting Due Date | Percentage of Total Award | Amount to be Disbursed | |
|--|--|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Payment Upon Term Start and Receipt of Direct Purchase Order | | | 30% | \$30,000 | |
| Performance Period #1 | July 1, 2025 – October 31, 2025 | November 30, 2025 | 30% | \$30,000 | |
| Performance Period #2 | November 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026 | March 31, 2026 | 30% | \$30,000 | |
| Final Report | July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 | July 31, 2026 | 10% | \$10,000 | |
| Total to be | | | 100% | \$100,000 | |

Outgoing Grants

Grant Reporting and Payment Schedule: Terms



- **Reporting Due Date:** This is when a report is due for a specific reporting period. The due date is usually one month after a reporting period ends but can be less or more time (depending on the grant program).
- Amount to be Disbursed: This cannot be changed without an amendment.
 - Invoices submitted during each period should reflect activities conducted during that specific reporting period.
 - Payment requests for a performance period can be submitted along with the required reports **after** the reporting period concludes and is contingent on grant monitor approval.
 - Payment timelines can vary. From when OGM/Grant submits an approved payment request:
 - ACH payments take 2-3 days
 - Checks can take 5-10 days
 - Invoices over \$10k require an additional approval that takes 2-3 days
- Percentage of Total Award:
 - OGM tries to space out payments depending on program needs. These can be adjusted with an amendment.



Grant Reporting and Payment Schedule: Things to consider



- Partners can request changes to their award's reporting and payment schedule.
 - To initiate this process, please contact your **Grant** Monitor.
 - Your Grant Monitor will review the request and if approved, discuss with OGM, and then OGM will process an amendment.
- Term start payments usually do not require any report submissions (this depends on the awarding program specifics).
- Term start payments can only be processed after:
 - 1. The grant's period of performance has started.
 - The grant agreement has been fully signed/executed.
 - 3. The grant agreement has an **approved** direct purchase order (DPO) number *This is an internal County process that cannot start until there is a fully signed award.*
- If you have questions about reporting, please reach out to your Grant Monitor. Do not wait until a report is due!



Why is there such a long process to review and approve grants/DPOs?

Peter Bang



- MCG employee found guilty in 2017 of stealing \$7 million from the County
- Led to a series of reforms and new processes in County government to prevent this from happening again
 - Washington Post Article #1
 - Washington Post Article #2
 - Washington Post Article #3
 - Bethesda Beat Article
 - OIG Report on Incident
 - Follow Up OIG Report
 - Forensic Report on Incident
 - <u>Leggat Admin Press Release Outlining</u>
 <u>New Policy Requirements</u>
- Oversight and due diligence important for stewardship tax-funded grants



Grant Approval: Direct Purchase Order (DPO) Creation



- After CAO (or designee) signature, OGM (or sometimes the department) submits a request for a DPO to the Department of Finance.
- The request includes the grant agreement and all back up documents.
- A DPO encumbers (commits) the funds to a specific grant agreement and allows charges to be made against it.
- The County cannot distribute a funds for a grant without a DPO.
- The Department of Finance conducts a <u>thorough</u>, <u>independent</u> review of all materials and the grant agreement.
- If issues are found, they must be corrected and a new DPO request submitted.
- The approved DPO and grant agreement are then transmitted to the recipient.
- Recipient can submit requests for payment as determined in the grant agreement.



Grant Approval: Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Review and Approval

- OGM transmits the Recipient and OCA signed grant agreement, along with supporting documents, to the CAO for their review and signature
- CAO grant agreements can, and usually are, signed by someone the CAO has designated authority to sign
- Grants under \$100,000 can be, and almost always are, signed by the OGM Director
- Grants at \$100,000 or more are almost always signed by another designee with more authority
- CAO, or designee, may identify problems and request/require changes to grant agreement; though this is very rare
- CAO signs and returns to the grant agreement to OGM
- Recipient can now start implementation



Typical Delays in the Grant/DPO Approval Process



Recipients

- SDAT Good Standing can't legally move forward without SDAT Good Standing
- Organization Turnover can't reach anyone in the organization to move grant forward
- Not Following Instructions can't process submissions until they are in compliance

MCG

- Staff Capacity competing projects and tasks delaying processing, reviews, and/or approvals (thank you CE and Council for an OGM Lawyer!)
- High Award Volume limited number of awards can be reviewed in a given day, even if a priority
- Back Up Documentation Delays support documents not collated on time or correctly



OGM Communication Tools



Websites

- OGM County Website information site with resources, links, request for payment templates, and other useful information https://montgomerycountymd.gov/ogm/
- Euna Grants (eCivis) OGM's grants management platform https://portal.ecivis.com/#/login

OGM will NOT send mass emails from
Outlook as these do not reliably reach
recipients. Sign up for the OGM Newsletter!
(see next slides for instructions)



OGM Homepage



- **Euna Grants listing** embedded in homepage
- Key resource links emphasized in buttons



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APPLY FOR COUNTY **GRANTS**

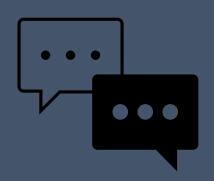
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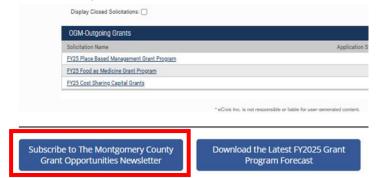


OGM Communication Tools



Montgomery County Grant Opportunities Newsletter

- Short-term, actionable, and FIRM County CGPs as well as updates on closed CGPs and other events
- Goal is to give partners a clear, reliable, and consistent view of County opportunities
- Will also include updates on closed (but not awarded) grant programs, non-County grant opportunities, and grant related events
- Updated and sent weekly on Tuesday or Wednesdays with special bulletins as necessary



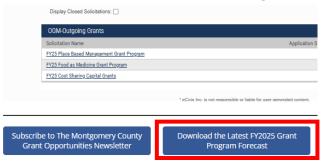


OGM Communication Tools



Grant Program Forecast

- Medium to long-term projection of upcoming County competitive grant programs (CGPs)
- Goal is to allow partners and OGM to predict and plan for future opportunities
- Living document that is subject to change as departments develop new grant programs
- New items and details posted as they firm up
- Reviewed, updated (if necessary), and reposted weekly to the same link
- Will be converted to new html page on our website





Euna Grants (eCivis) Applicant User Guides



Create a Euna Grants (eCivis) profile at https://portal.ecivis.com/#/login

- <u>Slide deck</u> can be downloaded with useful hyperlinks on how to set up a profile in Euna.
- An on-demand <u>training video</u> covers how to access an OGM solicitation and create a new application.

Download the following User Guides:

- Logging into Your eCivis Portal Account
- Reviewing and Submitting your application
- <u>Transfer Application Ownership</u>
- <u>Guide for Applicants</u>, including budget assistance



OGM Email Contact Changes



Pre Award OGM Contact

For questions on...

- Upcoming, open, and closed grant programs
- Issues with Euna Grants
- Feedback sessions on submitted applications

Email grants@montgomerycountymd.gov (Address now monitored by 3 OGM staff)

Post Award OGM Contact

For questions on...

- Status of County grant agreement approvals and Direct Purchase Orders (DPOs)
- How to submit payments and check their status

Email grantsadministration@montgomerycountymd.gov (and CC a specific OGM contact or grants inbox) (Address now monitored by 3 OGM staff)





Your questions for OGM...



Please type your question into the MS Teams "Q&A" Bubble

What future topics do you want to see?
Grant agreement structure? Grant
approval cycle?



Please email us any questions or proposed ideas at grants@montgomerycountymd.gov



