

## Montgomery

##  County Council

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**Council approves $250,000 in additional emergency funding for Telework Assistance Program**

ROCKVILLE, Md., April 30, 2020—Today the Montgomery County Council unanimously approved a special appropriation of $250,000 to provide grants to businesses and non-profit organizations that implemented a teleworking program and purchased teleworking equipment and software since the beginning of the Covid-19 public health crisis in March.

The full Council sponsored this special appropriation, which was initiated by Councilmember Andrew Friedson.

Many businesses and non-profit organizations have implemented or are planning to implement teleworking policies to comply with the Governor’s stay-at-home order to reduce the spread of Covid-19, some for the first time. The Council through this special appropriation is creating the Telework Assistance Program to reimburse businesses and non-profit organizations for expenses incurred to implement a teleworking policy due to the Covid-19 health crisis.

A business or non-profit organization is eligible to receive assistance from the Telework Assistance Program if:

* its physical location is in the County;
* its County based locations account for more than 50 percent of the business’s total number of employees or 50 percent of the business’s gross sales;
* employs 100 or less full-time-equivalent employees;
* has not received financial assistance from the State or County for teleworking expenses
related to the Covid-19 health crisis; and
* has incurred expenditures after March 1, 2020 specifically to implement a teleworking policy.

Each eligible business and non-profit may be awarded a grant up to $2,500 for verified teleworking equipment and software. The actual grant will be based on actual expenditures for each business and non-profit organization.

The Council staff report can be viewed [here](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200430/20200430_19.pdf).

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