



HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

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October 24, 2012

To: Lonnie R. Robbins
Chief Administrative Officer

From: Stanley J. Milesky
Director of Finance

Re: SAO No. 4 Certification

I hereby certify that funds are unencumbered and available for transfer as follows:

FROM:

2600099999-8888-8888000000-999999999999999999999900	
Grants Fund, Contingency Reserve	\$585,000

TO:

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PEG/INet Grant from Verizon and Ellicott City Cable Companies	\$585,000

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Internal Memorandum

Subject: PEG/INet Grants from Verizon and Ellicott City Cable Companies

Date: October 23, 2012

To: Lonnie Robbins
Chief Administrative Officer

From: Ira Levy, Chief Information Officer
Department of Technology & Communication Services

Howard County has received \$510,145 in Grant funds over the past 6 years beginning in Fiscal Year 2006. At that time and through 2009 all fees were received from Verizon. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2010 the County received monies from both Verizon and Ellicott City Cable. As part of the agreement with the County, the PEG/INet (**P**ublic **E**ducation and **G**overnment Programming/ **I**nstitutional **N**etwork) fees are designated as Grant Funds, and per FCC regulations cannot revert to the County treasury at the end of the Fiscal Year.

As part of the election that will take place on November 6, 2012, voters will be voting on Question B, which if passed, will allow all grants to carry over any unexpended appropriations each year. This is the requirement that the FCC has described as the process for all PEG/INet funds.

We need the SAO currently to allow the County to spend funds to purchase optical switches that pass video traffic for PEG related programming. Funds will also be spent on equipment to enhance the video recording and distribution of the programming in the Banneker Room.

Please contact me with any questions regarding the PEG/INet Grant Funds.