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State Budget to Include Funding for Frederick County Detox Center

FREDERICK, Md. – Frederick County is slated to receive \$500,000 toward a detox treatment facility as part of the Governor's proposed budget for the upcoming year. County Executive Jan Gardner requested capital funds to renovate the second floor of the county's work release center into separate space for a privately operated detox facility. Lt. Gov. Boyd Rutherford today announced that the State budget for Fiscal Year 2020 will include capital funds for the project.

"I am excited that the State is helping to fund the renovations for our detox center," Executive Gardner said Thursday. "This bipartisan partnership will help us to meet the needs of citizens who are struggling with addiction. Recovery is a long and difficult journey. We can help those on that journey by making detox treatment and services available in our community."

The County has identified the need for a detox treatment facility as the most critical gap in treatment services. In September 2018, Executive Gardner announced that the County was seeking proposals from providers who may be interested in establishing a detox center within Frederick County. Up to \$710,000 in grant funds was set aside to help the selected provider with start-up expenses. As an option, the County offered underutilized separate space within the Frederick County Work Release Center as a potential location for the center, if a provider were interested in using the facility. Provider proposals are currently being reviewed, with an announcement expected in February.

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