



Town of Bladensburg, Maryland

RESOLUTION NO. 01-2026

Date Introduced: July 14, 2025

Date Adopted: July 14, 2025

Date Effective: July 14, 2025

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STAFF TO SEEK TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (DCHD) FOR POTENTIAL FINANCING AND DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW TOWN HALL FACILITY

WHEREAS, the Town of Bladensburg has received two State bond bill awards in support of the planning and design of a new municipal Town Hall facility; and

WHEREAS, preliminary design and construction estimates for a new Town Hall range between \$15 million and \$19 million, necessitating a comprehensive review of financing options and long-term fiscal impact; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DCHD), through its Community Development Administration (CDA), offers technical assistance and financing tools for local governments undertaking capital improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bladensburg seeks to responsibly evaluate financing strategies, including the use of DCHD's bond programs, without binding itself to any current or future financial obligation at this stage; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes to authorize staff to take exploratory steps while maintaining transparency, fiscal prudence, and community input throughout the process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF BLADENSBURG, MARYLAND that:

1. The Mayor, Town Administrator, and Town Treasurer are hereby authorized to engage the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DCHD) and its Community Development Administration (CDA) to seek technical assistance and guidance on the financing and development process for a new Town Hall facility.

2. Town staff is authorized to explore and develop phased or alternative project options in collaboration with the Neighborhood Design Center (NDC), particularly if financing needs exceed the Town's reasonable capacity to absorb long-term liabilities.
3. This resolution does not authorize or commit the Town to enter into any loan, issue bonds, or engage credit rating agencies. Any such future actions shall be brought back to the Town Council for formal consideration and approval.
4. The Town Administrator and designated staff shall keep the Council regularly informed of progress, provide opportunities for Council and public input, and prepare a recommended course of action based on findings from the technical assistance engagement.
5. The Town acknowledges that should it move forward with State financing in the future, it will assume responsibilities and liabilities associated with such funding, subject to future formal Council action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be and is hereby adopted this 14th Day of July 2025 and shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Attest:

Regine R. Watson, Town Clerk

Takisha D. James, Mayor