



Town of Bladensburg, Maryland RESOLUTION NO. 29 - 2025

Date Introduced: May 12, 2025

Date Adopted: May 12, 2025

Date Effective: May 12, 2025

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE OPERATING ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FUNDING THROUGH THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (DHCD)

WHEREAS, the Town of Bladensburg is committed to sustainable economic growth, community revitalization, and equitable development for all residents; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bladensburg, in partnership with the Towns of Colmar Manor, Cottage City, and Edmonston (collectively known as the Port Towns), has formally resolved to establish and support a unified **Community Development Corporation (CDC)** dedicated to fostering regional collaboration and driving inclusive economic transformation; and

WHEREAS, the Port Towns seek to secure **Technical Assistance Grant (TAG)** funding from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) in the amount of **\$50,000** to support operating and technical needs as part of their continued progress in economic development and housing strategy implementation; and

WHEREAS, the Towns have engaged **Common Resilience**, a reputable and experienced economic development organization, to provide professional support and technical guidance, building on their proven success with similar community and main street initiatives throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, the TAG program is designed to assist local governments and nonprofit partners in strengthening operational capacity and advancing critical goals in housing development, economic mobility, and community revitalization; and

WHEREAS, the Port Towns remain committed to the core values of the TAG program, including:

- Investing in **Just Communities**—ensuring that all residents, regardless of background, have access to fair housing, economic opportunity, and community resources;

- Increasing the supply of **mixed-income, middle-market, and affordable housing**;
- Supporting **generational wealth building** through homeownership, small business development, and legacy homeowner reinvestment; and

WHEREAS, the Port Towns are a designated **Sustainable Community** under DHCD and, through the 2024 community plan update, have prioritized the formation of the CDC and collaborative efforts to amplify regional economic outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the work to be performed by Common Resilience under the Technical Assistance Grant will provide critical infrastructure for the Port Towns CDC and accelerate shared economic development goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Bladensburg, on this 12th day of May 2025, that the Town formally supports the submission of the Operating Assistance Grant application to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for Technical Assistance funding in the amount of \$50,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Administrator is hereby authorized to prepare and submit the application on behalf of the Town and to take any actions necessary to implement the grant if awarded.

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

Attest:

Regine Watson
Town Clerk

Takisha D. James, Mayor