



Agenda Item Summary Report

Meeting Date:
December 8, 2025

Submitted by:
Michelle Bailey Hedgepeth, Town Administrator

Item Title: RESOLUTION 08-2026 | Resolution of Council support for the application for funds for FY 2026 Residential Energy Equity Grant Program with the Port Towns.

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE PORT TOWNS JOINT APPLICATION TO THE MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION FY 2026 RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EQUITY GRANT PROGRAM

Work Session Item [X]
Council Meeting Item [X]

Documentation Attached:
Resolution 08-2026

Recommended Action:

Approval for the Town Administrator to apply for grants for Town Projects

Item Summary: The proposed resolution authorizes the Town of Bladensburg to support and participate in a joint Port Towns application, alongside Colmar Manor, Cottage City, and Edmonston, to the Maryland Energy Administration's FY 2026 Residential Energy Equity Grant Program. The MEA program anticipates \$25.2 million in available statewide funding to expand access to energy efficiency upgrades, electrification technologies, and residential solar installations for income-qualified households.

The Port Towns seek to develop a unified program that reduces energy burdens, improves home comfort, and expands renewable energy options for residents most affected by rising utility costs. Energy efficiency improvements lower household energy consumption, while solar installations offer long-term savings and allow residents to benefit from Maryland's net metering law, which enables excess energy to be sold back to the grid.

The resolution would authorize the Town Administrator to coordinate with partner municipalities and supporting organizations to prepare and submit the required application before the December 18, 2025, 3:00 p.m. deadline. Adoption of this resolution advances local sustainability priorities and strengthens regional collaboration to support vulnerable residents.

The Town Administrator will be available to answer any questions about this matter.

Budgeted Item: Yes [] No [X]
Budgeted Amount: \$ TBD
One-Time Cost: Yes
Ongoing Cost:

Continued Date:

Council Priority: Yes [] No []

Approved Date: