



**Town of Bladensburg, Maryland**

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-2026**

**Date Introduced: December 8, 2025**

**Date Adopted: December 8, 2025**

**Date Effective: December 8, 2025**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) has announced the FY 2026 Residential Energy Equity Grant Program, providing an anticipated \$25.2 million in funding to expand access to energy efficiency, electrification, and solar technologies for income-qualified residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Residential Energy Equity Grant Program is to reduce household energy burdens through building and home efficiency upgrades, improve indoor comfort and health, advance zero-emission technologies, and expand the availability of renewable energy solutions such as rooftop solar; and

**WHEREAS**, energy efficiency improvements directly reduce the amount of energy a household consumes, thereby lowering monthly utility costs and freeing income for other essential expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, the addition of solar energy further enhances long-term savings by generating electricity at minimal operating cost, and Maryland's net metering law enables participating residents to sell excess energy back to the grid, increasing cost savings and supporting grid resilience; and

**WHEREAS**, eligible applicants for the FY 2026 Residential Energy Equity Grant Program include non-profit organizations, municipalities, and counties seeking to design and implement programs that deliver meaningful energy benefits to income-qualified residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Port Towns of Bladensburg, Colmar Manor, Cottage City, and Edmonston seek to jointly develop and administer a collaborative program that expands access to energy efficiency upgrades, electrification technologies, and residential solar installations for eligible residents across the four municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, the MEA requires that applications be submitted by **December 18, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.**, in accordance with the official Funding Opportunity Announcement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of Bladensburg recognizes that participation in this grant opportunity will advance local sustainability goals, provide financial relief to residents most affected by high energy costs, and meaningfully improve the quality of housing within the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG**, that the Town hereby fully supports the joint Port Towns application to the Maryland Energy Administration's FY 2026 Residential Energy Equity Grant Program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Administrator is authorized to collaborate with the Port Towns, partner organizations, and relevant agencies to prepare, submit, and administer all necessary documents required to advance this joint application; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Bladensburg.

Attest:

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Michelle Bailey Hedgepeth, Acting Town Clerk

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Takisha D. James, Mayor