



Town of Bladensburg, Maryland

RESOLUTION NO. 14 - 2024

Date Introduced: June 10, 2024

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Resolution of Support for the Application of Funds for the Department Community Economic Development Grant Programs

Whereas, the National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund (NED) from the State of Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DCHD) is a competitive fund designed to support commercial and residential activities in areas targeted for revitalization; and

Whereas, the Maryland Facade Improvement Program (MFIP) provides funds to local governments for programs to improve the exteriors of commercial properties located within Maryland's Sustainable Communities. The program supports communities seeking to create consistent, attractive designs for their commercial corridors in order to bolster economic vitality and stimulate new private investments; and

Whereas, these programs focus on areas where modest investment and a coordinated strategy can have a significant impact on neighborhood revitalization; and

Whereas, the Town of Bladensburg has recently hired a new Economic Development Consultant from High Street Strategies, who has proactively begun developing and supporting local businesses; and

Whereas, the Town will has invested in-kind and ARPA funds for Economic Development project; and

Whereas, the application for NED funds will enable the Town to support small businesses and foster growth and prosperity within the broader business community; and

Whereas, the Town supports applications for strategic investments and improvement projects that will enhance the overall community; and

Whereas, the Town Council fully supports the application package developed by the Town Administrator for submission at the end of June 2024;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved that the Town Council of Bladensburg fully supports the application for the National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund and the Maryland Facade Improvement Program to secure funding for commercial and residential revitalization efforts and to foster economic growth within the Town.

Be it further Resolved that the Town Council commits to supporting the efforts of the Economic Development Consultant and the Town Administration in securing these funds and executing strategic investments and improvement projects for the benefit of the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be and is hereby adopted this ____ Day of June 2024 and shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Attest:

Michelle Bailey-Hedgepeth
Town Administrator/ Acting Town Clerk

Takisha D. James, Mayor