



# Agenda Item Summary Report

<b>Meeting Date:</b> November 18, 2024	<b>Submitted by:</b> Michelle Bailey Hedgepeth, Town Administrator
<b>Item Title: Budget Ordinance 06-2025   A budget ordinance to amend the FY 2025 for the acceptance of the Maryland Smart Energy Communities (MSEC) FY2024 Grant Program of \$100,000 (Total Grant \$400,000).</b>	
<b>Work Session Item [X ]</b> <b>Council Meeting Item [X]</b>	<b>Documentation Attached:</b> Budget Ordinance 06-2025 Grant Agreement
<b>Recommended Action:</b>	
<p>Review and approve a Budget Amendment Ordinance for the acceptance of the Maryland Smart Energy Communities (MSEC) FY2024 Grant Program of \$100,000 (Total Grant of \$400,000).</p> <p>Approval of planned grant expenditures, as noted in the attached agreement, that cover projects for the Town of Bladensburg and Port Towns.</p>	
<p><b>Summary:</b> The Town of Bladensburg has been awarded a \$400,000 grant from the Maryland Smart Energy Communities (MSEC) FY2024 Grant Program to support green initiatives aligned with the town's sustainability goals.</p> <p>The initial phase of the grant includes a budget amendment authorizing up to \$100,000 in expenditures to launch a demonstration project featuring eco-friendly "Cool Shelters" at bus stops and to cover initial expenses related to Port Towns. These cool shelters will help reduce urban heat, provide shaded, energy-efficient waiting areas, and promote sustainable practices within public spaces.</p> <p>This grant will help advance Bladensburg's green priorities, promoting energy efficiency and sustainable infrastructure. Future phases of the project will include the hiring of staff members, which was funded for \$140,000 for a two-year period and will be included in the FY 2026 Budget. Additionally, additional green initiatives will be included as part of the MSEC's commitment to fostering sustainable development in Maryland communities.</p> <p>The town administrator will be available to answer questions about this item.</p>	
<b>Budgeted Item:</b> Yes [ ] No [ X ] <b>Budgeted Amount:</b> \$ 100,000 <b>One-Time Cost:</b> Yes <b>Ongoing Cost:</b>	<b>Continued Date:</b>
<b>Council Priority:</b> Yes [ ] No [ ]	<b>Approved Date:</b>