



Town of Bladensburg, Maryland

RESOLUTION NO. 30-2025

Date Introduced: June 9, 2025

Date Adopted: June 9, 2025

Date Effective: June 9, 2025

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG AND PORT TOWNS' APPLICATIONS FOR DCHD FUNDING TO THE NATIONAL CAPITAL STRATEGIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND (NED) FOR BUSINESS ASSISTANCE THROUGH A FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM AND FOR WAYFINDING AND BRANDING WITH THE STATE REVITALIZATION FUND

WHEREAS, the Port Towns communities—comprising the Towns of Bladensburg, Colmar Manor, Cottage City, and Edmonston—are designated as Sustainable Communities by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), and have a shared commitment to revitalizing their commercial corridors and enhancing the economic vitality of the region; and

WHEREAS, the Port Towns have recently formalized a joint Community Development Corporation (CDC) to collaboratively address economic development, redevelopment, and infrastructure investment in the region; and

WHEREAS, reinvestment in locally owned businesses is critical to the long-term health, sustainability, and vibrancy of the Port Towns' business districts, and supports the preservation and growth of community-serving enterprises; and

WHEREAS, the National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund (NED), administered by DHCD, provides competitive funding in support of community revitalization in areas where modest investment and coordinated strategies can create meaningful impact; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Port Towns Façade Improvement Program will provide matching grants to eligible local businesses for enhancements such as façade rehabilitation, signage and awning upgrades, landscaping, and other visual and structural improvements that contribute to a more attractive and economically active commercial environment; and

WHEREAS, the State Revitalization Fund, administered by DHCD, provides competitive funding in support of community investment and coordinated strategies can create a meaningful impact the Port Towns are seeking grant funding for branding, signage, and wayfinding; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bladensburg supports the Port Towns' joint application for NED funds and recognizes the importance of leveraging this opportunity to catalyze local business investment and neighborhood revitalization.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Bladensburg that:

1. The Town of Bladensburg formally supports the joint application of the Port Towns to the National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund (NED) for the establishment of a Port Towns Façade Improvement Grant Program.
2. The Town of Bladensburg further supports the development of an application by the Port Towns for State Revitalization Funds for branding, wayfinding, and signage to unite the Towns better and create a sense of place.
3. The Town of Bladensburg commits to working collaboratively with its partner municipalities and the Port Towns CDC in the planning, implementation, and oversight of this grant program, should funding be awarded.
4. The Town further acknowledges that this program aligns with its strategic goals of local economic development, historic preservation, and sustainable revitalization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be and is hereby adopted this 9th Day of June 2025 and shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Attest:

Regine R. Watson, Town Clerk

Takisha D. James, Mayor