



## Agenda Item Summary Report

**Meeting Date:**  
June 9, 2025

**Submitted by:**  
Michelle Bailey Hedgepeth, Town Administrator  
Regine Watson, Town Clerk

**Item Title: Resolution 30-2025:** 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 wayfinding and branding with the State Revitalization Fund Grants

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

**Documentation Attached:**  
Resolution

**Recommended Action:**

Staff recommends the passage of this support resolution.

**Item Summary:** The Town of Bladensburg, in coordination with the Towns of Colmar Manor, Cottage City, and Edmonston (collectively the Port Towns), seeks Council approval for Resolution 30-2025 in support of an application to the National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund (NED) for business assistance through a façade improvement grant program.

The Port Towns have formally established a Community Development Corporation (CDC) to promote joint economic and housing development initiatives across the region. The Port Towns have partnered with Common Resilience, an experienced economic development consultant, to provide assistance with capacity building, strategic planning, and implementation support. The NED Funding will support a Façade Improvement Program for the Port Towns.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- The Town further acknowledges that this program aligns with its strategic goals of local economic development, historic preservation, and sustainable revitalization.

The Town Administrator will be able to answer any questions on this matter.

**Budgeted Item:** Yes [ ] No [ ] NA  
**Budgeted Amount:**  
**One-Time Cost:** NA  
**Ongoing Cost:** NA

**Continued Date:**

**Council Priority:** Yes [ ] No [ ]

**Approved Date:**