



Agenda Item Summary Report

Meeting Date:
December 9, 2024

Submitted by:
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Item Title: 11-2025 | A Resolution of Support for the Clean Energy for Local Governments (CELG) FY25 Application for Medium and Heavy-Duty Zero Emission Vehicles

A Resolution of Support for the Clean Energy for Local Governments (CELG) FY25 Application to replace the Port Towns Call A Bus.

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

Documentation Attached:
Resolution

Recommended Action:

Approval for the Town Administrator to join with Colmar Manor to replace the current Call A Bus with an electric vehicle.

Item Summary: Resolution 11-2025 expresses the Town of Bladensburg's formal support for a joint application with the Town of Colmar Manor to the **Clean Energy for Local Governments (CELG) FY25 program**, administered by the Maryland Energy Administration. This grant is due in January 2025.

Purpose: The grant funding will be used to replace the current commercial and Mid to Large vehicles, specifically the Port Towns Call-A-Bus vehicles, which are high-emission, fossil fuel-powered vehicles, with **electric vehicles**.

Key Objectives:

1. **Sustainability:** Transitioning to electric vehicles aligns with the Towns' commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and promoting environmental stewardship.
2. **Service Continuity:** The new vehicles will continue to provide critical transportation services focused on seniors and disabled residents, ensuring accessibility for short trips within the community.
3. **Collaboration:** Highlights the partnership between Bladensburg and Colmar Manor in enhancing transportation services while advancing shared sustainability goals.
4. **Efficiency:** Electric vehicles are expected to lower maintenance and fuel costs, providing a cost-effective solution for this essential service.

Commitments:

- The Town of Bladensburg commits to working with Colmar Manor on the application process, planning, and implementation of the project.
- Authorizes Town staff to complete the necessary steps to secure the funding and ensure the successful replacement of the Call-A-Bus vehicles.

Conclusion: This resolution demonstrates Bladensburg's dedication to sustainable practices, enhancing public services, and fostering regional collaboration to benefit residents, particularly vulnerable populations such as seniors and those with disabilities. The Town Administrator will be available to answer any questions about this matter.

Budgeted Item: Yes [] No [X]
Budgeted Amount: \$ TBD
One-Time Cost: Yes
Ongoing Cost:

Continued Date:

Council Priority: Yes [] No []

Approved Date: