



## Agenda Item Summary Report

<b>Meeting Date:</b> May 12, 2025	<b>Submitted by:</b> Michelle Bailey Hedgepeth, Town Administrator Regine Watson, Town Clerk
<b>Item Title: Resolution 29-2025:</b> A Resolution in support of the operating assistance grant application for technical assistance funding through the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)	
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<b>Work Session Item</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>]</b> <b>Council Meeting Item</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>]</b>	<b>Documentation Attached:</b> Resolution
<b>Recommended Action:</b>	
Staff recommends the passage of this support resolution.	
<p><b>Item Summary:</b> 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 029-2025 in support of an Operating Assistance Grant application under the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) program.</p> <p>The Port Towns have formally established a Community Development Corporation (CDC) to promote joint economic and housing development initiatives across the region. The TAG application requests \$50,000 in funding to support operational and technical services critical to launching and sustaining the CDC's mission.</p> <p>The Port Towns have partnered with Common Resilience, an experienced economic development consultant, to assist with capacity-building, strategic planning, and implementation support. The TAG funding will directly support efforts to build out this joint infrastructure and align with the core priorities of the TAG program, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Investing in designated Just Communities to ensure equitable development and fair housing,</li><li>• Supporting increased housing production (including affordable, middle-market, and mixed-income housing),</li><li>• Promoting generational wealth-building strategies like homeownership and small business support.</li></ul> <p>This effort builds on the Port Towns' collective designation as a Sustainable Community, reaffirmed in 2024, and represents a key milestone in the region's long-term economic revitalization strategy.</p> <p>The Town Administrator will be able to answer any questions on this matter.</p>	
<b>Budgeted Item:</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA <b>Budgeted Amount:</b> <b>One-Time Cost:</b> NA <b>Ongoing Cost:</b> NA	<b>Continued Date:</b>
<b>Council Priority:</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Approved Date:</b>