

TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY
RESOLUTION 2026-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY, MARYLAND, AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY URBAN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM, AND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) PROGRAM FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2027 THROUGH 2029, APPROVING THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY, AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS.

Introduced By: The Cottage City Commission

WHEREAS, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, authorizes the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) to provide Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) funding and related federal assistance programs to qualified Urban Counties for the purpose of undertaking community development, housing assistance, public infrastructure, public facilities, neighborhood revitalization, economic development, and activities benefiting low- and moderate-income persons and households; and

WHEREAS, Prince George’s County, Maryland is in the process of requalifying its Urban County entitlement status with HUD for the Federal Fiscal Year 2027 through 2029 qualification period in order to continue receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) entitlement funding; and

WHEREAS, HUD Notice CPD-26-08 establishes the requirements for Urban County qualification and requalification and authorizes municipalities to participate in an Urban County through the execution of a Cooperation Agreement with the County; and

WHEREAS, Prince George’s County has identified the Town of Cottage City as a Unit of General Local Government eligible to participate in the County’s Urban County program and has requested execution of a Cooperation Agreement and Certification of Cooperation Agreement no later than July 8, 2026; and

WHEREAS, participation in the Prince George’s County Urban County Program permits the Town’s population to be included within the Urban County population utilized by HUD for entitlement funding calculations and provides the Town the opportunity to seek funding assistance for eligible community development, housing, infrastructure, public facilities, accessibility, code enforcement, revitalization, neighborhood improvement, public service, and related projects benefiting the residents of Cottage City; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Town of Cottage City recognize that participation in the Urban County Program supports the Town’s ongoing efforts to improve public infrastructure, address community development needs, enhance quality of life, expand housing opportunities, improve public facilities, and pursue additional federal funding resources for municipal projects and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Cooperation Agreement, Prince George's County shall retain primary responsibility for preparation and submission of HUD-required Consolidated Plans, Annual Action Plans, grant administration, compliance monitoring, reporting, and the selection of activities funded through the County's entitlement allocations; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners find that participation in the Prince George's County Urban County Program is in the best interests of the Town and its residents and will enhance the Town's ability to pursue future community development and housing investments; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 17 of the Cooperation Agreement and the policies set forth in HUD Notice CPD-26-08, this Agreement shall automatically renew for one successive three-year Urban County Qualification Period (Federal Fiscal Years 2030, 2031, and 2032) unless the County or the Town provides timely written notice of non-participation to the other party (with copy to the HUD CPD Field Office) before the end of the current Qualification Period, in accordance with the procedures and deadlines specified in future HUD Urban County Qualification Notices; and the Town acknowledges and accepts these automatic renewal terms and the associated ongoing obligations as part of its participation decision.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the Town of Cottage City, Maryland, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Town of Cottage City hereby elects to participate as a participating municipality within the Prince George's County Urban County Program for the Federal Fiscal Year 2027-2029 qualification period and authorizes inclusion of the Town's population within the Urban County population utilized by HUD for entitlement funding determinations.

SECTION 2. The Commissioners hereby approve the Cooperation Agreement between Prince George's County, Maryland and the Town of Cottage City concerning participation in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and, where applicable, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program and Emergency Solutions Grant Program for the Federal Fiscal Year 2027-2029 qualification period, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference (together with the related Certification of Cooperation Agreement form provided by the County).

SECTION 3. The Town Manager is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Town of Cottage City, to execute, acknowledge, and deliver the Cooperation Agreement, the Certification of Cooperation Agreement, and such other participation letters, certifications, assurances, reports, instruments, or documents as may be necessary or desirable to effectuate the Town's participation in the Prince George's County Urban County Program for Federal Fiscal Years 2027 through 2029 and to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

SECTION 4. The Town Manager is further authorized to coordinate with Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development, HUD, and any other governmental agencies as necessary to implement the Town's participation and to pursue future funding opportunities made available through the Urban County Program.

SECTION 5. The Commissioners hereby ratify and affirm all actions previously taken by Town officials and staff in furtherance of the Town's participation in the Prince George's County Urban County qualification process.

SECTION 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Commissioners of the Town of Cottage City, Maryland, this 1st day of July, 2026.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY, MARYLAND

John Hoatson, Town Manager

By: _____
Wanda Wheatley, Ward 3, Commissioner Chair

Julia Salsich, Ward 1, Commissioner Secretary

Joshua Durant, Ward 2, Commissioner

Tom Campos, Ward 4, Commissioner Vice Chair

John Brooks, At-Large, Commissioner

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify, as the duly appointed Town Manager of the Town of Cottage City, Maryland, that on the 1st day of July, 2026, Resolution No. 2026-18, entitled County Participation In The CDBG Program, was duly adopted by the Cottage City Commission of the Town of Cottage City, Maryland, by a vote of ___ Aye, ___ Nay, and ___ Absent.

By: _____
John Hoatson, Town Manager