

Resolution **2018-03**: A Resolution to Support the Prince George's County Municipal Collaboration FY 2018 MEA EmPOWER LMI Communities Grant Application and DHCD Sustainable Communities-Community Legacy Grant Applications

A Resolution of the **Town of Bladensburg** to approve the designation of a Municipal Collaboration application and receipt of financing for the MEA and DHCD Sustainable Communities-Community Legacy Projects further described in the MEA EmPOWER and Community Legacy Application, to be financed either directly by the Maryland Energy Administration, Department of Housing and Community Development (the "Department") of the State of Maryland or through other departments or agencies of the State of Maryland.

WHEREAS, The Municipal Collaboration consists of the Towns of Bladensburg, Brentwood, Capital Heights, Colmar Manor, Cottage City, Edmonston, Forest Heights, Glenarden, Landover Hills, Morningside, Mount Rainer, North Brentwood, Seat Pleasant, City of Bowie, City of Laurel, Town of Cheverly, City of Greenbelt, University Park and Prince George's County;

WHEREAS, The Municipal Collaboration has formed to successfully pursue and obtain grants funding that is used to reinvest in communities such as the Maryland Energy Administration, MEA Empower Clean Energy Communities Grant program (\$3,515,000.00), DHCD Community Legacy program (\$715,000.00) and obtained over \$1 million dollars, in U.S. Department of Energy funding, (EECBG) through Prince George's County, Maryland, installing solar retrofits on nine municipal complexes with result of all monies used and no findings on any audit;

WHEREAS, The Municipal Collaboration recognizes that there is a significant need for reinvestment and revitalization of the communities in the Municipal Collaboration; and,

WHEREAS, The Municipal Collaboration proposes to operate within Special Conditions set forth by MEA EmPOWER LMI Communities, grant conditions, and,

WHEREAS, the Municipal Collaboration proposes to operate only in authorized designate areas within the boundaries of the Municipal Collaboration, and/or as defined and approved by DHCD as a Sustainable Community-Community Legacy Area and to develop Community Legacy Projects in the Area(s), the purpose of which will be to contribute to the reinvestment and revitalization in the Area(s); and,

WHEREAS, the Department, either through Community Legacy or through other programs of the Department, or in cooperation with other State departments or agencies, may provide some or all of the financing for the Projects (the "Project Financing") in order to assist in making it financially feasible; and

WHEREAS, in respect to DHCD, the Area is located within a priority funding area under Section 5-7B-02 of the Smart Growth Act and the Project will conform to the local zoning code; and

WHEREAS, the applicable law and regulations require approval of the Community Legacy Area

designation, the Project, and the Project financing by the Town of Bladensburg as lead agency for the Municipal Collaboration and, where appropriate, by the chief elected executive official of the local subdivision;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Town of Cottage City hereby endorses the designation of the Community Legacy Area and the Projects in the Area; and, HEREBY approves the request in the form of a grant, loan, or other financial vehicle; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Natashia Davis, Chair, IS hereby requested to endorse this Resolution, thereby indicating his approval thereof; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this Resolution are sent to the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Community Development of the State of Maryland and Maryland Energy Administration.

READ AND PASSED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018.

BY ORDER of the Commission of Cottage City, I hereby certify that Resolution Number 2018-03 is true and correct and duly adopted by the Commission of Cottage City.

*Natashia Davis*  
Cottage City - Chair