

# County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2026 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 5

## Resolution No. 50-2026

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Endorsing State Financing - Feast & Fettle

Title: A RESOLUTION endorsing the provision of financing by the State Department of Commerce for an economic development project in Howard County and certifying that the project is consistent with the County's goals for economic development.

Introduced and read first time April 6, 2026.

By order

Michelle Harrod  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on April 20, 2026.

By order

Michelle Harrod  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn , by the County Council on May 4, 2026.

Certified By

Michelle Harrod  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive May 7, 2026

Calvin Ball  
Calvin Ball, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1       **WHEREAS**, the Department of Commerce of the State of Maryland (the “Department”) has  
2 been asked to assist in the financing of a project in Howard County through the Department’s  
3 Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund (“MEDAAF”); and  
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5       **WHEREAS**, the completion of the project described in this Resolution has strong potential for  
6 expanding or retaining employment opportunities within the County; and  
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8       **WHEREAS**, the County Executive and County Council have determined that it is in the  
9 best interests of the citizens of the County that the Department provide the MEDAAF financial  
10 assistance described in this Resolution; and  
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12       **WHEREAS**, in accordance with the provisions of Title 5, Subtitle 3 of the Economic  
13 Development Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Department requires that the  
14 governing body approve a resolution endorsing the financial assistance being given by the  
15 Department for the project described in this Resolution.  
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17       **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,  
18 Maryland, this 4 day of May, 2026, that Howard County hereby endorses the  
19 Department providing the MEDAAF financial assistance described below for the following  
20 project:  
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22           A \$1,000,000 Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund  
23 (MEDAAF) conditional loan from the Maryland Department of Commerce to support  
24 Feast & Fettle (the “Company”) in its initiative to establish a new meal delivery  
25 production and distribution facility in Howard County, Maryland which may include the  
26 costs of construction or installation of machinery, equipment, fixtures, leasehold  
27 improvements or infrastructure improvements at its new location at 7071 Dorsey Run  
28 Road, Elkridge, Maryland.  
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30       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that  
31 it hereby certifies that the project is consistent with the County’s plan for economic development.



## MEMORANDUM

To: Brandee Ganz  
Chief Administrative Officer

From: Jennifer Jones  
Chief Executive Officer

Re: Testimony Council Resolution – Feast & Fettle

Date: March 11, 2026

Testimony in support of Council Resolution, endorsing the financing by the State of Maryland Department of Commerce for economic development projects in Howard County and certifying that the project is consistent with the County's plan for economic development.

The Howard County Economic Development Authority (HCEDA) supports and urges the passage of Council Resolution CR \_\_\_\_\_ which is related to assisting businesses as they expend or locate in Howard County, Maryland. The bill is being submitted to the Council pursuant to Title 5, Subtitle 3 of the Economic Development Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland the ("ACT"), which requires that the County approve a resolution endorsing the financial assistance being given by the Department for the project described in the Resolution.

The project is as follows:

- A \$1,000,000 Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund (MEDAAF) Conditional Loan for Feast & Fettle for equipment, furnishings, fixtures or leasehold improvements to approximately 25,600 sq. ft. of lease space at 7071 Dorsey Run Road, ElkrIDGE, Howard County.

Fiscal Analysis:

- There is no fiscal impact on Howard County. This state-funded conditional loan requires a 10% match from the County. This match will be satisfied by a \$100,000 training grant from the Howard County Economic Development Authority.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

cc: Dr. Calvin Ball, County Executive  
Gary W. Kuc, County Solicitor  
Darshni Patel, Director Business Finance

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on May 07, 2026.

Michelle R. Harrod  
Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been passed by the yeas and nays of two-thirds of the members of the Council notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

Michelle R. Harrod  
Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the Executive within ten days of its presentation, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

Michelle R. Harrod  
Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, not having been considered on final reading within the time required by Charter, stands failed for want of consideration on \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

Michelle R. Harrod  
Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been disapproved by the Executive and having failed on passage upon consideration by the Council stands failed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

Michelle R. Harrod  
Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, the withdrawal of which received a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council, is withdrawn from further consideration on \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

Michelle R. Harrod  
Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council