# County Council of Howard County, Maryland

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**Resolution No. 189 –2026**

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

Short Title: Endorsing State Financing – Saval Foods, LLC

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 Oct 5, 2026.

By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on Oct 19, 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 Oct 3, 2026.

Certified By Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive Nov. 2, 2026

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

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Commerce of the State of Maryland (the "Department") has been asked to assist in the financing of a project in Howard County through the Department's Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund ("MEDAAF"); and

**WHEREAS**, the completion of the project described in this Resolution has strong potential for expanding or retaining employment opportunities within the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Executive and County Council have determined that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the County that the Department provide the MEDAAF financial assistance described in this Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the provisions of Title 5, Subtitle 3 of the Economic Development Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Department requires that the governing body approve a resolution endorsing the financial assistance being given by the Department for the project described in this Resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, this 30 day of October, 2026, that Howard County hereby endorses the Department providing the MEDAAF financial assistance described below for the following project:

A $1,750,000 Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund (MEDAAF) Conditional Loan for Saval Foods, LLC consisting of construction, furniture, fixtures, and tenant improvements to approximately 230,000 sq. ft. of space at 8710 Robert Fulton Drive, Howard County.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that it hereby certifies that the project is consistent with the County's plan for economic development.

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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Brandee Ganz
Chief Administrative Officer

From: Jennifer Jones
Chief Executive Officer

Re: Testimony Council Resolution – Saval Foods, LLC

Date: September 22, 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 $1,750,000 Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund (MEDAAF) Conditional Loan for **Saval Foods, LLC** consisting of construction, furniture, fixtures, and tenant improvements to approximately 230,000 sq. ft. of space at 8710 Robert Fulton Drive, 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 with a $175,000 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