

County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2020 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 12

Resolution No. 137-2020

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

A RESOLUTION approving an application to the State of Maryland for funding under the Maryland Community Development Block Grant Program for funds awarded through the federal CARES Act; and authorizing certain actions necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

Introduced and read first time September 8, 2020.

By order *Diane Schwartz Jones*
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on September 21, 2020.

By order *Diane Schwartz Jones*
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn , by the County Council on October 5, 2020.

Certified By *Diane Schwartz Jones*
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive October 6, 2020

Calvin Ball
Calvin Ball, County Executive

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

1 **WHEREAS**, the State of Maryland through the Department of Housing and Community
2 Development has solicited applications from eligible jurisdictions to apply for funding under the
3 Maryland Community Development Block Grant Program for funds awarded through the federal
4 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, Howard County is eligible to apply for funds from the Maryland
7 Community Development Block Grant program through the Maryland Department of Housing
8 and Community Development; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, the County Council has held the required public hearing(s) related to the
11 formulation of the Howard County Block Grant Application; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, the County understands and acknowledge that they would be responsible
14 for completion of grant activities and any corrective actions including the repayment of funds if
15 necessary.

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17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
18 Maryland, this 5th day of October, 2020, that the governing body of Howard
19 County hereby authorizes the submission of an application for Community Development Block
20 Grant funds in the amount of \$2,000,000.

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22 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Executive is hereby requested to
23 endorse this Resolution, thereby indicating approval thereof.

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25 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Executive is hereby authorized
26 to execute documents and take any action necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

Office of the County Auditor
Auditor's Analysis

Council Resolution No. 137-2020

Introduced: September 8, 2020

Auditor: Lisa Geerman

Fiscal Impact:

This resolution will have no fiscal impact to the County.

The County plans to request Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$2,000,000. Once received, the County will distribute these funds to non-profit organizations on a reimbursement basis.

Purpose:

This resolution approves an application to the State of Maryland for funding under the Maryland Community Development Block Grant Program for funds awarded through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

According to the Administration, these funds will be used for rental assistance only. Income-eligible residents who have suffered a loss of income or reduction in hours due to COVID would be eligible to receive up to six months of rental assistance.

Other Comments:

The County previously awarded \$800,000 in CARES Act funding to six non-profit organizations. The County also awarded \$770,356 to the Howard County Housing Commission and Bridges to Housing Stability for rental assistance.

The Administration has announced that it will award an additional \$800,000 in CARES Act funds to three non-profit organizations to be used for rental assistance. The funds will be available to pay up to three months of past due rent for qualifying households.

The application has not been submitted to date. The Administration plans to submit it by the October 2nd deadline.