

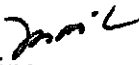


Howard County

Internal Memorandum

Subject: Resolution Supporting Howard County's Community Legacy Application

To: Lonnie Robbins
Chief Administrative Officer

Through: Marsha McLaughlin, Director 
Department of Planning and Zoning

From: Stephen Lafferty
Department of Planning and Zoning

Date: August 19, 2009

The Department of Planning and Zoning supports Council Resolution _____-2009 which approves the application and receipt of financing for Howard County's Community Legacy plan update and projects.

Background

Community Legacy is a program in the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development that funds local government's comprehensive revitalization efforts. Community Legacy is intended as a flexible resource to fill key funding gaps in initiatives which will help reverse decline and disinvestment. In 2001, Howard County's Route 1 Corridor was designated as a Community Legacy Area. The Area was further amended in 2006.

Working with community residents and other agencies, the Department of Planning and Zoning and Department of Housing and Community Development ("DHCD") updated the current Community Legacy Plan and have developed two projects for which the County seeks funding. The Baldwin Hall and Commons Enhancement Project involves lighting and benches in the County owned Commons and funds for renovation to the Carroll Baldwin Hall. This request is for \$135,000 and involves in-kind support from Public Works and Recreation and Parks. The non-profit Carroll Baldwin Memorial Institute is also contributing \$20,000 for the renovations.

The second project in the application is for \$100,000 for a new lease for the Multi-Service Center in the Patuxent Square building on Route 1. This will be a move from the Whiskey Bottom Shopping Center to a more visible, newer, larger and permanent operating space for these services. The existing center has been in operation for over two years and has outgrown its space. The Center is currently on a month-to-month lease and needs a permanent location where Citizen Services, the Community Action Council and other non-profit providers can serve the community. DHCD will match the State funds for this long term lease with \$330,000 in Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") funds.

A Resolution from the County Council is required as part of the application.

Fiscal Impact

If both requests are funded, the County will receive \$235,000. The County will expend \$330,000 in CDBG funds to support the long term lease arrangement for the Multi-Service Center. County agencies, specifically, the Departments of Public works and Recreation and Parks, will provide an estimated \$19,120 as in-kind contribution for project support and the installation of benches as part of the Baldwin Hall and Commons project.

C: Ken Ulman, County Executive
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