

# County Council of Howard County, Maryland

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## Resolution No. 17-2015

Introduced by: Jon Weinstein and Mary Kay Sigaty

A RESOLUTION endorsing the Howard County Office of Emergency Management's application with the Division of Neighborhood Revitalization, Community Development Block Grant Program, in the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for certain grants under the National Disaster Resilience Competition in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Introduced and read first time February 2, 2015.

By order

Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on February 17, 2015.

By order

Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted ☐, Adopted with amendments ☐, Failed ☐, Withdrawn ☒, by the County Council on March 2, 2015.

Certified By

Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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Allan H. Kittleman, 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 Maryland Department of Housing and Community  
2   Development is the designated recipient in Maryland for grants under the U.S.  
3   Department of Housing and Urban Development's National Disaster Resilience  
4   Competition funded through the Disaster Relief Appropriation Act of 2013; and

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6           **WHEREAS**, the Director of Community Programs, in the Division of  
7   Neighborhood Revitalization of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community  
8   Development is authorized to apply for funding through the National Disaster Resilience  
9   Competition funded by Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) on behalf of  
10   counties that received Presidential Disaster Declarations for Hurricanes Sandy and Irene,  
11   Tropical Storm Lee and the Derecho; and

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13           **WHEREAS**, the National Disaster Resilience Competition is intended to fund  
14   innovative, permanent resilience projects that will reduce the risk to people and property  
15   from future disasters, and to determine what needs remain from the damage caused by the  
16   qualifying storms; and

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18           **WHEREAS**, Howard County received Presidential Disaster Declarations for  
19   Hurricane Sandy and Tropical Storm Lee; and

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21           **WHEREAS**, in September, 2011 Howard County was struck by Tropical Storm  
22   Lee, in which Ellicott City experienced significant erosion and failure of banks along the  
23   Patapsco River, the collapse of stone retaining walls, blocked drains and culverts, and  
24   damaging flooding of 49 homes and businesses; and

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26           **WHEREAS**, the Howard County's Office of Emergency Management found, that  
27   as a result of Tropical Storm Lee, 27 residential structures and 22 commercial structures  
28   were impacted by the flooding; and

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30           **WHEREAS**, recognizing the importance of a safe Main Street in Ellicott City  
31   due to its role as a major route between Baltimore County and Howard County, the

1 Office of Emergency Management with the Department of Public Works have identified  
2 projects in Ellicott City that will help mitigate and prevent future flooding disasters; and  
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4 **WHEREAS**, these projects include the purchase of certain properties, the repair  
5 of river banks and retaining walls, installation of more storm drains and other storm water  
6 management systems in areas that are prone to flooding, and improvement of the water  
7 channel in the Patapsco River through Ellicott City.  
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9 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard  
10 County, Maryland this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015 that the County's application  
11 for a grant under the National Disaster Resilience Competition is endorsed.  
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13 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard  
14 County, Maryland that the County Executive is hereby requested to endorse this  
15 resolution, thereby indicating approval thereof.  
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17 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard  
18 County, Maryland that a copy of the Resolution be sent to the Division of Neighborhood  
19 Revitalization, Community Development Block Grant Program, in the Maryland  
20 Department of Housing and Community Development.