

City of Cumberland

- Maryland -

RESOLUTION

No. R2014-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND APPROVING THE APPLICATION AND RECEIPT OF FINANCING FOR COMMUNITY LEGACY PROJECT(S) (THE "PROJECT") FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE COMMUNITY LEGACY APPLICATION ("THE APPLICATION"), TO BE FINANCED EITHER DIRECTLY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (THE "DEPARTMENT") OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND OR THROUGH OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland, Maryland recognizes that there is a significant need for reinvestment and revitalization of the communities in Allegany County; and,

WHEREAS, the Department, either through Community Legacy or through other Programs of the Department, or in cooperation with other State departments or agencies, may provide some or all of the financing for the Project (the "Project Financing") in order to assist in making it financially feasible; and

WHEREAS, the Project is located within a priority funding area under Section 5-7B-02 of the Smart Growth Act and the Project will conform to the local zoning code; and

WHEREAS, the applicable law and regulations require approval of the Community Legacy Project and the Project Financing by the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland, Maryland and, where appropriate, by the chief elected executive official of the local subdivision;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland, Maryland hereby endorses the Project; and, HEREBY approves the request for financial assistance in the form of a grant or loan, up to the amount of \$601,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the chief elected executive official be, and is hereby requested to endorse this Resolution, thereby indicating his approval thereof; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City Administrator is hereby authorized to execute documents and take any action necessary to carry out the intent of these resolutions; and,

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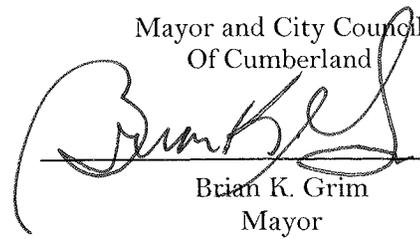
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, copies of this Resolution are sent to the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Community Development of the State of Maryland.

**GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEALS THIS 17TH DAY OF JUNE, 2014
WITH THE CORPORATE SEAL OF THE CITY OF CUMBERLAND HERETO ATTACHED,
DULY ATTESTED BY THE CITY CLERK**

Attest:



Marjorie A. Eirich
City Clerk

Mayor and City Council
Of Cumberland


Brian K. Grim
Mayor



CUMBERLAND COMMUNITY LEGACY 2014 (FY 2015 Application) PROPOSED PROJECTS

A total of six projects have been recommended for inclusion in the City of Cumberland's Community Legacy application by the local Sustainable Communities steering committee. This year's Community Legacy application process does not require a prioritization of projects that are to be included in the application.

FY 2015 Steering Committee:

- John DiFonzo, City Engineer, City of Cumberland; Cumberland Neighborhood Housing Services
- Shawn Hershberger, Economic Development Coordinator, City of Cumberland
- Jennifer Light, Downtown Manager, Downtown Development Commission
- Kathy McKenney, Historic Planner/Preservation Coordinator, City of Cumberland
- Jay Oliver, Community Development Manager, City of Cumberland
- Deidra Ritchie, Executive Director, Canal Place Preservation and Development Authority
- Becky Ruppert, Allegany College of Maryland

Downtown Development Commission - Commercial Property Façade

Improvement Program- \$100,000

The revitalization of Cumberland's Historic District and Town Centre has been a main priority of the Downtown Development Commission as well as Cumberland's Main Street Program. The Commercial Façade Improvement Program would allow property owners to consult with a licensed architect

regarding needed façade improvements that are located with the Main Street-designated District and Central Business District. The proposed grant program would provide an incentive to commercial property owners to move forward with needed façade improvements.

The program will require a cash match equal to the allocated grant award. We are requesting \$100,000 for the program and a maximum of \$20,000 per grant request. Therefore, there will be a minimum of 5 projects, but possibly more. City Staff and employees of the Downtown Development Commission will work collectively during the process to maintain quality control.

HRDC-Virginia Avenue Parking Lot - \$100,000

Allegany County HRDC seeks funds to complete a surface parking lot in the 200 block of Virginia Avenue Cumberland, Maryland. The surface lot will replace a dilapidated and deteriorating building located at 232-234 Virginia Avenue that was badly damaged in the 1990's by a structural fire.

HRDC has been offered the building for free. HRDC has obtained demolition estimates and has identified \$20,000 in funds to demolish the property. HRDC seeks Community Legacy Funds to help pay for the cost of turning the property into a surface parking lot for a minimum of 20 vehicles. Funds requested from Community Legacy are to defray the cost of paving, striping, and lighting the surface parking lot that will benefit all businesses on Virginia Avenue.

Canal Place Building C Rehabilitation - \$70,000

The Canal Place Preservation and Development Authority (CPPDA) is requesting funding assistance for improvements to Building C of the Shops at Canal Place. Currently there are four retail businesses located in Building C. The building backs up to the stage and festival grounds at Canal Place. Numerous events take place on the festival grounds every year, however, the building has no opening or windows that allow the shop owners to vend to the thousands of people that visit the grounds for festivals and other events that take place in that area.

This project proposes to install a vending window in the back of the building facing the festival grounds to allow the existing shops to sell products out of the back of their shops during these events. Utility lines would be encased to provide easy access to the windows, and awnings will be placed over the windows in order to provide protection from the elements for those serving food and will provide shade for the patrons. Enhancing Building C will not only be an economic benefit to the shop owners, but would open up an entire new area for seating and business expansion.

Cumberland Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. – Blue Spring Stabilization- \$60,000

Cumberland Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. proposes a project to the Blue Spring in the 400 block of North Mechanic Street (adjacent to the Canada Hose House building that houses CNHS) to stabilize the wall and to make the green space around it more attractive for the neighborhood. The cost estimate is about \$60,000. The concern is for the wall, but this area is an important neighborhood feature and will add to the neighborhood.

South Cumberland Library Renovation – \$150,000

The Allegany County Library System is requesting \$150,000 to aid the funding of the renovation of the South Cumberland Library at 100 South Seymour Street in Cumberland. The current facility has not been renovated since it was constructed in 1982. It is functionally and mechanically inadequate to provide 21st century library service and suffers from a variety of code compliance issues including ADA. A 2010 feasibility study found that service goals would best and most economically be accomplished through renovation and a modest expansion of the existing building. During FY2014 and 2015, the library system is scheduled to replace the asbestos shingled roof and complete design documents.

The renovations will start with a fully accessible facility equipped with modern mechanical and safety systems. The renovation will also untangle scheduling the meeting room for community groups around children's programming. The concept calls for distinct spaces to allow the 220 meetings of community groups that take place in the library each year to proceed while allowing the 200 children's teen and other library programming to occur simultaneously. The number of uses of the spaces will increase as they will no longer have to coordinate their schedules.

A renovated and expanded facility will accommodate the programs to meet present and future needs, and project a more open and welcoming presence to the community, as well as upgrade/replace equipment and systems and furnishings to better serve visitors and staff, and improve operational efficiency. The Library should be equipped with appropriate technology systems, be fully accessible, and be capable of operating in an efficient and sustainable manner. The upgrades will not only bring the facility into code compliance but should also lower ongoing utility costs with upgraded fixtures, windows, door and mechanical systems.

The library system anticipates an increase in library usage after the renovation and expansion of between 11 and 25%. At the Frostburg library, the new building accounted for a 25% increase in usage and at the Washington Street library, usage jumped 11%.

Allegany College of Maryland Softball Field – \$121,000

Allegany College of Maryland, a community college located in Cumberland, Maryland, serves as a resource not only the faculty, staff, and students but also as a community resource whose facilities are used by residents of the region. Allegany College of Maryland has fielded a women's softball team for six seasons since 2004. The college currently does not have a facility to accommodate the softball team so the team must practice off-campus. Therefore Allegany College of Maryland is seeking funding to develop a softball facility.

Although the field will be developed on college-owned land, Allegany College of Maryland intends to make the facility available to the local community by expanding opportunities for use by individuals, families, schools, clubs/leagues, and other groups.