

City of Cumberland

- Maryland -

RESOLUTION

No. R2016-08

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 \$405,000; 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,

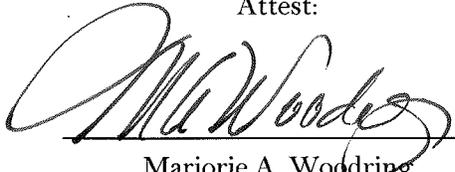
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City Administrator is hereby authorized to execute documents and take any action necessary to carry out the intent of these resolutions; and,

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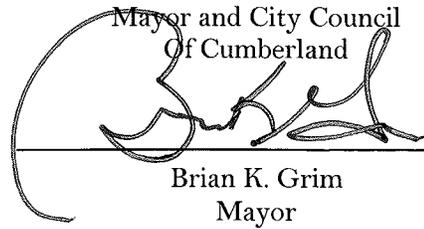
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, copies of this Resolution are sent to the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Community Development of the State of Maryland.

**GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEALS THIS 5TH DAY OF JULY, 2016,
WITH THE CORPORATE SEAL OF THE CITY OF CUMBERLAND HERETO ATTACHED,
DULY ATTESTED BY THE CITY CLERK**

Attest:



Marjorie A. Woodring
City Clerk

Mayor and City Council
Of Cumberland


Brian K. Grim
Mayor

2016 Community Legacy Prioritization

1 Upper Story Redevelopment \$150,000

Funding would allow for the continuation of this successful program. The targeted neighborhood would include the Central Business District and would help to meet the current demand for gap funding. The funding would be awarded as a forgivable loan.

2 Commercial Property Façade Improvement Program \$90,000

The Cumberland Main Street Maryland district has participated in the façade program in the past, and we feel it is time to bring this program to life again. It is anticipated that the proposed Commercial Façade Improvement Program will allow property owners to implement improvements to their buildings and as a result, help in the revitalization of downtown Cumberland. Numerous buildings are now vacant or in need of façade improvements, which significantly affect the overall appeal of downtown.

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 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 \$90,000 for the program and a maximum of \$15,000 per grant request. Therefore, there will be a minimum of 6 projects, but possibly more. City Staff and employees of the Downtown Development Commission will work collectively during the process to maintain quality control.

This program was available in 2015-2016 and we leveraged a total of \$93,705 from private investment and \$43,705 from public funds.

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Gordon Roberts Accessibility Project \$100,000

This project has been undertaken to make 218 Washington Street, Cumberland, MD 21502 more readily accessible and in accordance with ADA laws. It stems from an alleged violation of ADA regulations that has been filed against the organization, The Allegany County Historical Society Inc. This project would involve rehabilitating and installing all the historically aesthetic brick walkways that encompass the structure from the front and into the back garden area. These sidewalks have become undulating and difficult to traverse due to the elements and flora. Having these sidewalks reconstructed would make the historic property more readily accessible on the outside. A second component to this project is the necessity for funds to construct an ADA accessible entrance into the property itself that is compatible with the historic architecture of the structure.

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Centre Street Parklet \$25,000

The Downtown Development Commission is currently undergoing a construction project for the Centre Street parklet. The current construction includes a new ADA compliant ramp and stairs with handrail, new concrete surface and new lighting. During the project demotion, it was determined that existing design features such as the pergola structure were not salvageable. Therefore, we are requesting \$25,000 to implement a new design for the parklet including water features, plantings, and an architectural feature to provide shading as part of phase 2 of the project.

We received \$50,000 from Community Legacy funds in FY'15 and we leveraged an additional \$90,000 in estimated funds from DDC, City funds and other grants were used to provide the design concepts and complete the current construction phase. City Staff and employees of the Downtown Development Commission will work collectively during the process to maintain quality control. The parklet is utilized by the public and also by local restaurants for outdoor dining during the summer and fall months.

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Maryland Avenue Code Compliance \$40,000

Due to the discontinuation of the CDBG-funded Property Improvement Program and the continued need for neighborhood remediation of code compliance issues, the City of Cumberland's Department of Community Development proposes the Maryland Avenue Code Compliance Program.

The program will be modeled after a recently completed program in the Baltimore Street/Goethe Street neighborhood. Funds would be targeted to homeowner occupied structures within the target area. There would be at least eight properties assisted with the maximum grant award allocation of \$5,000. Funds would be for exterior use with a scope of work that is consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Eligible activities will include exterior property maintenance issues, particularly chipping and peeling paint, as well as junk/trash removal.