

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2016-06**

## A Resolution to Support the Prince George's County Municipal Collaboration FY 2017 MEA EmPOWER LMI Communities Grant Application and DHCD Sustainable Communities-Community Legacy Grant Applications

A Resolution of the <u>Town of North Brentwood</u> to approve the designation of a Municipal Collaboration application and receipt of financing for the MEA and DHCD Sustainable Communities-Community Legacy Projects further described in the MEA EmPOWER and Community Legacy Application, to be financed either directly by the Maryland Energy Administration, 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 Municipal Collaboration consists of the Towns of Bladensburg, Brentwood, Capital Heights, Colmar Manor, Cottage City, Edmonston, Forest Heights, Glenarden, Landover Hills, Morningside, Mount Rainer, North Brentwood, Seat Pleasant, City of Bowie, City of Laurel, Town of Cheverly, City of Greenbelt, University Park and Prince George's County;

WHEREAS, The Municipal Collaboration has formed to successfully pursue and obtain grants funding that is used to reinvest in communities such as the Maryland Energy Administration, MEA Empower Clean Energy Communities Grant program (\$2,715,000.00), DHCD Community Legacy program (\$515,000.00) and obtained over \$1 million dollars, in U.S. Department of Energy funding, (EECBG) through Prince George's County, Maryland, installing solar retrofits on nine municipal complexes with result of all monies used and no findings on any audit;

WHEREAS, The Municipal Collaboration recognizes that there is a significant need for reinvestment and revitalization of the communities in the Municipal Collaboration; and,

WHEREAS, The Municipal Collaboration proposes to operate within Special Conditions set forth by MEA EmPOWER LMI Communities, grant conditions, and,

WHEREAS, the Municipal Collaboration proposes to operate only in authorized designate areas within the boundaries of the Municipal Collaboration, and/or as defined and approved by DHCD as a Sustainable Community-Community Legacy Area and to develop Community Legacy Projects in the Area(s), the purpose of which will be to contribute to the reinvestment and revitalization in the Area(s); 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 Projects (the "Project Financing") in order to assist in making it financially feasible; and

WHEREAS, in respect to DHCD, the Area 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 Area designation, the Project, and the Project financing by the Town of Bladensburg as lead agency for the Municipal Collaboration and, where appropriate, by the chief elected executive official of the local subdivision;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the <u>Town of North Brentwood</u> hereby endorses the designation of the Community Legacy Area and the Projects in the Area; and, HEREBY approves the request in the form of a grant, loan, or other financial vehicle; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT <u>Mayor Petrella Robinson</u>, is hereby requested to endorse this Resolution, thereby indicating his approval thereof; and,

**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 and Maryland Energy Administration.

READ AND PASSED THIS 21st day of November 2016.

BY ORDER of the Mayor and Council, I hereby certify that Resolution Number 2016-06 is true and correct and duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Town of North Brentwood.

ATTEST/WITNESS:

Approved By: Mayor and Town Council

Name: Petrella Robinson

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Title Mayor (The color of Council)

Title: Mayor (Elected Chief Executive Officer)

Date: 1/2/2016

## TOWN OF NORTH BRENTWOOD

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November 21, 2016

Mr. Dean Fisher
Energy Efficiency Program Manager
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RE: Support for Town of Bladensburg's MEA EmPOWER LMI Communities programs and Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Community Legacy programs and Prince George's County Municipal Collaboration.

Dear Mr. Fisher,

We are writing to express our support for Bladensburg's MEA EmPOWER LMI Communities grant program; the MEA EmPOWERING Clean Energy Communities LMI Competitive grant program 2017; and, the Department of Housing and Community Development-Community Legacy grant program and submitted proposals. We strongly encourage you to fully fund the respective applications. We will support this effort by providing our town grant manager or designated official, our public works department and our police department as needed. We believe this project will greatly help several of our low to moderate income households, veterans, and senior citizens by rehabilitating homes, decreasing their energy bills, ensuring sustainable communities as well as help the greater community by decreasing our carbon footprint.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at: (301) 6909-9699.

Sincerely,

Petrella Robinson

Mayor