## COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

## 2008 Legislative Session

Resolution No.	CR-64-2008
Proposed by	The Chairman (by request – County Executive)
Introduced by	Council Members Dean and Turner
Co-Sponsors	
Date of Introduction	on July 1, 2008

## RESOLUTION

## A RESOLUTION concerning

Financial Assistance to the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation ("EDC") for a Feasibility Study of an International Office and Warehouse Business Incubator For the purpose of approving \$62,500 in grant funding from the Maryland Economic Development Assistance Fund ("MEDAF") to EDC to evaluate the feasibility of an international office and warehouse business incubator at Steeplechase 95 International Business Park.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 5-1401 through 5-1412 of Article 83A of the Maryland Annotated Code (the "Act"), MEDAF was established within the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development (the "Department"); and

WHEREAS, EDC seeks to expand its existing incubator program to create opportunities for small and medium-sized enterprises ("SMEs"), particularly minority enterprises, in the County's Foreign Trade Zone; and

WHEREAS, EDC has applied to the Department to receive \$62,500 in grant funding from MEDAF for a feasibility study to define, evaluate, and brand an international office and warehouse business incubator at Steeplechase 95 International Business Park in Capitol Heights, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Section 5-1405(b)(6) of the Act permits financial assistance from MEDAF for costs of feasibility studies, if supported by a formal resolution of the governing body of the jurisdiction in which the project is located; and

WHEREAS, Section 5-1405(g)(3) of the Act requires a project that is funded by a MEDAF grant to be consistent with the strategy or plan for economic development of the county in which the project is located; and

WHEREAS, the international office and warehouse business incubator is consistent with the Economic Development Strategy for Prince George's County's Foreign Trade Zone; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive approves the MEDAF grant in the amount of \$62,500 to EDC for the feasibility study; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the County has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the County that the governing body of the County approve the MEDAF grant in an amount not to exceed \$62,500 to EDC for a feasibility study of an international office and warehouse business incubator at Steeplechase 95 International Business Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that the recitals to this resolution are hereby incorporated herein by reference and deemed a substantive part of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the \$62,500 MEDAF grant to EDC to conduct a feasibility study of an international office and warehouse business incubator in the County's Foreign Trade Zone at Steeplechase 95 International Business Park is hereby approved.

Adopted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2008.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

	BY:
	Samuel H. Dean Chairman
ATTEST:	
Redis C. Floyd Clerk of the Council	APPROVED:
DATE:	BY:
	County Executive