

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2015 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-46-2015

Proposed by The Chairman (by request – County Executive)

Introduced by Council Members Lehman, Harrison, Turner, Franklin, Davis, Glaros, Taveras

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction September 9, 2015

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 State of Maryland Community Legacy Program

3 For the purpose of approving the application submitted by the Housing Initiative Partnership,
4 Inc. (“HIP”) to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for
5 Community Legacy Program funds in the approximate amount of four hundred eighty thousand
6 dollars (\$480,000.00).

7 WHEREAS, Prince George’s County, Maryland (the “County”) recognizes that there is a
8 significant need for reinvestment and revitalization of communities in the County; and

9 WHEREAS, Section 6-201 through Section 6-213 of the Housing and Community
10 Development Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, establishes the Community Legacy
11 Program, which strives to preserve existing communities as desirable places to live and conduct
12 business, and provides financial assistance to sponsors for the development of community legacy
13 plans or community legacy projects; and

14 WHEREAS, Section 6-206 (b)(1)-(3) of the Housing and Community Development Article
15 Annotated Code of Maryland, provides that the Maryland Department of Housing and
16 Community Development may not approve an application for participation in the Community
17 Legacy Program unless the application is approved by the political subdivision in which the
18 proposed project is located; and

19 WHEREAS, HIP submitted an application to the Maryland Department of Housing and
20 Community Development for Community Legacy Program funds to carry out the
21 Kentland/Palmer Park Transforming Neighborhoods Initiative (“TNI”) Housing Restoration
22 Program - Phase II (“the Program”), as described in Attachment “A” and incorporated herein by

1 reference; and

2 WHEREAS, the Program includes providing restoration improvements to existing
3 residential properties, such as: exterior paint, window and frame replacements, door and shutter
4 replacements, and landscape enhancements; and

5 WHEREAS, the Program also includes purchasing vacant/abandoned properties and
6 building new homes to contribute to the reinvestment and revitalization for this area; and

7 WHEREAS, the Program, will cover communities located within a designated priority
8 funding area under Section 5-7B-02 of the State Finance Procurement Article, Annotated Code
9 of Maryland and a “Sustainable Community”, as identified in Section 6-205 of the Housing and
10 Community Development Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, and will conform to the Zoning
11 Ordinance of the County; and

12 WHEREAS, the County Executive, by his signature, expresses approval of the application
13 submitted by the Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the County Council of Prince George’s
15 County, Maryland hereby expresses support and approval of the application submitted by the
16 Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc. (“HIP”) to the Maryland Department of Housing and
17 Community Development for Community Legacy Program funds in the approximate amount of
18 four hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$480,000.00).

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of the
20 Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for consideration of the Housing
21 Initiative Partnership, Inc. (“HIP”) application for Community Legacy Program funds.

Adopted 22nd day of September, 2015.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Mel Franklin
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____

BY: _____
Rushern L. Baker, III
County Executive

ATTACHMENT A
PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET
Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc.
Kentland/Palmer Park Transforming Neighborhoods Initiative (“TNI”)
Housing Restoration Program – Phase II
Community Legacy Program

APPLICANT:

The Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc. (“HIP”) is an innovative, green, nonprofit developer and counseling agency based in Prince George’s County, Maryland (the “County”) dedicated to revitalizing neighborhoods. HIP creates housing and economic security for low-income and moderate-income households and provides services that improve the quality of life in the communities that it serves.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

HIP submitted an application to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for Community Legacy Program funds to support the Kentland/Palmer Park TNI Housing Restoration Program - Phase II which includes Acquisition Rehabilitation Program and Façade Improvement Program. HIP requested four hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$480,000.00) in Community Legacy Program funds.

The Kentland/Palmer Park area has experienced one of the highest foreclosure rates in the State of Maryland, resulting in a significant number of vacant homes and general disinvestment in the community. To address these housing conditions, the County has partnered with HIP to implement the Housing Restoration Program (hereinafter the “Program”). The Program strives to restore the appearance of the existing neighborhoods, combat disinvestment, and reduce the high concentration of foreclosed and abandoned properties in the Kentland/Palmer Park area. This revitalization effort will increase property values and homeownership opportunities.

Phase I of the Program is currently underway and targets three (3) streets: East Lombard, East Kilmer and East Inwood. Under Phase I of the Program, HIP will acquire and substantially renovate three (3) vacant homes and sell them to first-time homebuyers earning eighty percent (80%) or less of the area median income. Also under Phase I of Program, HIP will administer the Façade

Improvement Program to enhance the exterior appearance of thirty-four (34) occupied homes.

HIP's current Community Legacy Program application will support Phase II of the Program. Phase II of the Program will include: the adjacent streets of Hawthorne Street along the northern border, Markham Lane and Martin Luther King Jr. Highway on the eastern border, Flagstaff Street along the southern border and Kent Village Drive on the western edge. Under Phase II of the Program, HIP will acquire and substantially renovate six (6) vacant homes and sell them to first time homebuyers earning eighty (80%) or less of the area median income. Also under Phase II of the Program, HIP will administer the Façade Improvement Program to enhance the exterior appearance of twenty-seven (27) occupied homes.

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**FINANCIAL AND
LOCAL CONTRIBUTION:**

\$250,000 HOME funds for acquisition/rehab
\$335,000 TNI façade improvement funds
\$250,000 Sandy Spring Bank acquisition/construction
line of credit

NEIGHBORHOOD/LOCALITY:

Prince George's County, Maryland
Councilmanic District 5