

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2014 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-60-2014
Proposed by The Chairman (by request – County Executive)
Introduced by Council Members Franklin, Campos, Davis, Harrison, Lehman, Olson,
Patterson and Toles
Date of Introduction June 17, 2014

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 State of Maryland Community Investment Tax Credit Program

3 For the purpose of approving the project to be submitted by Hospice of the Chesapeake, Inc., to
4 the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for participation in the
5 Department's Community Investment Tax Credit Program.

6 WHEREAS, Section 6-401 through Section 6-406 of the Housing and Community
7 Development Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, established the Neighborhood and
8 Community Assistance Program to assist nonprofit organizations in carrying out approved
9 projects in designated revitalization areas, to encourage businesses to invest in priority funding
10 areas, and to strengthen public-private partnerships; and

11 WHEREAS, Section 6-404 of the Housing and Community Development Article,
12 Annotated Code of Maryland, provides for the allocation of tax credits to business entities that
13 contribute to approved projects of nonprofit organizations that provide services to priority
14 funding areas; and

15 WHEREAS, Section 6-405(c) of the Housing and Community Development Article,
16 Annotated Code of Maryland, provides that the Maryland Department of Housing and
17 Community Development may not approve a proposal for participation in the Neighborhood and
18 Community Assistance Program unless the proposal is approved by the governing body of the
19 county that includes any of the Priority Funding Area that benefits from the project; and

20 WHEREAS, Hospice of the Chesapeake, Inc., a nonprofit organization, proposes to
21 undertake the "Charity Care Fund for At-Risk Populations," (the "Project") to help offset the
22 rising cost of charity care which includes unreimbursed hospice and end of life services for the

1 uninsured and underinsured; and

2 WHEREAS, Hospice of the Chesapeake, Inc. is applying to the Maryland Department of
3 Housing and Community Development for approval of the Project and an allocation of tax
4 credits in the amount of \$45,000.00 for business entities that contribute to the Project pursuant to
5 the Department's Community Investment Tax Credit Program; and

6 WHEREAS, the County Executive expresses approval of the Project.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Council of Prince George's
8 County, Maryland, hereby expresses approval of the Project, as set forth in Attachment A,
9 submitted by Hospice of the Chesapeake, Inc. to the Maryland Department of Housing and
10 Community Development for participation in the Community Investment Tax Credit Program.

Adopted this 17th day of June, 2014.

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

Hospice of the Chesapeake, Inc.
 Charity Care Fund for At-Risk Populations
 Community Investment Tax Credit Program

APPLICANT:

Hospice of the Chesapeake, Inc., is an independent, community-based nonprofit committed to care for *all* regardless of age, race, ethnicity or one's inability to pay for services. In 2013, Hospice of the Chesapeake served nearly 2,500 patients. The organization has a staff of 190 which includes physicians, nurses, social workers and chaplains. The staff works with over 650 specially-trained volunteers to provide medical care, counseling, spiritual care, psycho-social support and grief support to an average of 370 patients per day. Hospice of the Chesapeake's greatest need is support for charity care which includes unreimbursed hospice services, room and board at their facilities, counseling and wraparound services provided at the Chesapeake Life Center.

Hospice of the Chesapeake's growing network of valuable partners include: Anne Arundel Medical Center, Baltimore Washington Medical Center, Greater Baltimore Medical Center, Johns Hopkins Hospital, St. Agnes Hospital, University of Maryland Medical Center, Prince George's Hospital Center and Children's Hospital in D.C., along with the medical community and those who are part of the senior care and assisted living industries.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project's name is "Charity Care Fund for At-Risk Populations." The Charity Care Fund for At-Risk Populations was created to help offset the cost for important hospice and end of life services for at-risk families in Prince George's and Anne Arundel County who meet residency and financial eligibility guidelines. The fund supports hospice care for uninsured and underinsured patients, room and board for uninsured and underinsured patients at Hospice of the Chesapeake facilities, bereavement counseling and support to individuals and families. In 2013, Hospice of the Chesapeake provided more than \$900,000 in uncompensated medical care and room/board for more than 50 patients and families at hospice houses. In addition, bereavement support was provided for more than 700 clients.

State support through the tax credit program will provide critical operating support to families in Prince George’s and Anne Arundel County through the Charity Care Fund for At-Risk Populations. Funding will provide support for: 1) important medical and bereavement services to families suffering in our community; and 2) public education and outreach to families who would benefit from this important program.

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FINANCIAL AND LOCAL CONTRIBUTION: None

NEIGHBORHOOD/ LOCALITY: Priority Funding Areas within Prince George’s County, Maryland.