

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

**2013 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-91-2013

Proposed by The Chair (by request – County Executive)

Introduced by Council Members Franklin, Harrison, Patterson, Davis, Turner and Toles

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction September 10, 2013

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 State of Maryland Community Investment Tax Credit Program

3 For the purpose of approving the project submitted by Legal Aid Bureau, Inc. to the Maryland  
4 Department of Housing and Community Development for participation in the Department's  
5 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, Legal Aid Bureau, Inc., a nonprofit organization, proposes to undertake the  
21 Housing Crisis Legal Assistance Project (the "Project") to provide free legal assistance to low-  
22 income individuals who are at-risk of losing their affordable housing due to eviction or

1 foreclosure and to expand services currently provided by the Legal Aid Bureau, Inc. to at-risk  
2 residents in furtherance of foreclosure prevention and the mitigation of economic distress related  
3 to foreclosure and eviction actions; and

4 WHEREAS, Legal Aid Bureau, Inc. has applied to the Maryland Department of Housing  
5 and Community Development for approval of the Project and an allocation of tax credits in the  
6 amount of \$50,000.00 for business entities and individuals that contribute to the Project pursuant  
7 to the Department's Community Investment Tax Credit Program; and

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

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

Adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Andrea C. Harrison  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Redis C. Floyd  
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rushern L. Baker III  
County Executive

## ATTACHMENT A

## PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

Legal Aid Bureau, Inc.  
Housing Crisis Legal Assistance Project  
Community Investment Tax Credit Program

APPLICANT:	Legal Aid Bureau, Inc. ("Legal Aid") is a private, non-profit law firm and the largest provider of civil legal services to the poor in the State by a substantial margin. Legal Aid's Metropolitan Maryland office in Prince George's County is located at 6811 Kenilworth Ave., Suite 500, Riverdale, MD 20737. Legal Aid has thirteen other office locations throughout the State and has been providing high-quality civil legal services to Maryland's most vulnerable citizens for over 100 years.
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	Through this project, "Housing Crisis Legal Assistance" Legal Aid will provide free legal assistance to low-income residents who are at-risk of losing their affordable housing due to eviction or foreclosure in Baltimore City, Prince George's and Montgomery counties in targeted Priority Funding Areas. Revenue generated by Legal Aid's participation in the CITC program will provide funding for additional staffing and operational support. The project will expand services currently provided by Legal Aid to at-risk residents in these jurisdictions in furtherance of foreclosure prevention and the mitigation of economic distress related to foreclosure and eviction actions.
PROGRAM CONTACT:	Denise C. McCain Director of Program Development & Compliance 500 E. Lexington Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202 (410) 951-7688 DMcCain@mdlabor.org
FINANCIAL AND LOCAL CONTRIBUTION:	Legal Aid receives financial support from multiple Prince George's County sources. Legal Aid receives funding \$63,840 annually from the Prince George's County Title IIIB grant and received \$29,968 of contributions from Prince George's County residents during its most recent fiscal year – 2012.  Additionally, Legal Aid was awarded a \$10,000 Community Development Block Grant by Prince George's County for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 in support of Legal Aid's Housing Legal Defense Project.
NEIGHBORHOOD/ LOCALITY:	Priority Funding Areas within Prince George's County, Maryland.