

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2013 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-100-2013

Proposed by The Chair (by request – County Executive)

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

Date of Introduction September 17, 2013

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 State of Maryland Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Fund

3 For the purpose of approving the application by the Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's
 4 County to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for funding
 5 through the Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Fund.

6 WHEREAS, the Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Fund is a new financing
 7 program seeking to catalyze activities that accelerate economic development, job production and
 8 smart growth in existing Maryland communities under the Neighborhood Revitalization Program
 9 of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (the "Department"); and

10 WHEREAS, there is a significant need for reinvestment and revitalization of the community
 11 adjacent to the intersection of Maryland Park Drive and Southern Avenue; and

12 WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County has applied to the
 13 Department for funding in the amount of \$393,940 to carry out its "Maryland Park Drive and
 14 Southern Avenue Pedestrian and Roadway Improvements project (the "Project") in the Capitol
 15 Heights area, as described in Attachment "A"; and

16 WHEREAS, the Department, through the Strategic Demolition & Smart Growth Impact Fund
 17 or other programs of the Department, or in cooperation with other State departments or agencies,
 18 may provide some or all of the funding for the Project (the "Project Financing") to make the
 19 Project financially feasible; and

20 WHEREAS, the Project is located within a priority funding area under Section 5-7B-02 of
 21 the Smart Growth Act, is located within a Sustainable Community, as identified in the
 22 Sustainable Communities Act of 2010, and will conform to the local zoning code; and

1 WHEREAS, the applicable law and regulations require a local government resolution in
2 support of the project for participation in the Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact
3 Fund; and

4 WHEREAS, the County Executive expresses approval of the application submitted by the
5 Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County and its "Maryland Park Drive and Southern
6 Avenue Pedestrian and Roadway Improvements" project.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Council of Prince George's
8 County, Maryland, hereby expresses approval of the application submitted by the
9 Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County for funding in the amount of \$393,940 from
10 the Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Fund.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Secretary of the
12 Department of Housing and Community Development of the State of Maryland.

Adopted this 22nd day of October, 2013.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Andrea C. Harrison
Chair

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Rushern L. Baker, III
County Executive

ATTACHMENT A

PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County
 Maryland Park Drive and Southern Avenue Pedestrian and Roadway Improvements
 Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Fund

Redevelopment Authority's office is located in COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 7

APPLICANT:

The Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County is the local government agency that is applying for the funds. The Redevelopment Authority is one of the agencies responsible for the local implementation of HUD regulations, administration of federal funds and housing voucher program and revitalization projects. In addition to administering Community Development Block Grants and HOME funds from HUD, the Redevelopment Authority will be partnering with the Prince George's County Planning Department, Department of Environmental Resources, Department of Public Works and the Economic Development Corporation to achieve the desired outcomes and ensure timely completion of this project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The funds from SGIF will be used to extend the Watts Branch Trail from 61st Street NE and Banks Place NE in the District of Columbia into Prince George's County via Maryland Park Drive, establishing a connection to the trail from the north side of 63rd Street NE. The project recaptures roadway space for pedestrian and bicycle pathways and improves pedestrian and bicycle crossing at the intersection. The Redevelopment Authority, in conjunction with the County's Department of Housing & Community Development, would like to develop housing on 6.6 acres of land that it currently owns, located at the intersection of Southern Avenue and Maryland Park Drive. This future residential development of diverse mix of housing strategically placed on Southern Avenue and Maryland Park Drive will facilitate growth in the community and provide housing choices for area residents consistent with transit-oriented development. Project funds will help revitalize the surrounding Capitol Heights and Seat Pleasant communities by providing infrastructure improvements.

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FINANCIAL AND
LOCAL CONTRIBUTION: Federal and State grants fund DHCD's projects

NEIGHBORHOOD/
LOCALITY: Capitol Heights, Prince George's County, Maryland
COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 7