

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2013 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-124-2013
 Proposed by The Chair (by request – County Executive)
 Introduced by Council Members Lehman, Patterson, Olson, Franklin,
Davis, Turner and Campos
 Date of Introduction October 8, 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 CASA de Maryland, 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, Sections 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, CASA de Maryland, Inc., a nonprofit organization, proposes to implement an
 21 Immigrant Integration Program within the Langley Park community, a State-identified Priority
 22 Funding Area, as more particularly described in Attachment A (the "Project"); as well as in other

1 Priority Funding Areas in Montgomery County and Baltimore City, Maryland; and

2 WHEREAS, CASA de Maryland, Inc., has applied to the Maryland Department of Housing
3 and Community Development for approval of the Project and an allocation of tax credits in the
4 amount of \$50,000.00 for business entities and individuals that contribute to the Project pursuant
5 to 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 CASA de Maryland, Inc. to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community
10 Development for participation in the Community Investment Tax Credit Program.

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

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
CASA de Maryland, Inc.
CASA Immigrant Integration Program
Community Investment Tax Credit Program

CASA de Maryland's office is located in COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 2

APPLICANT: CASA de Maryland, Inc.

CASA de Maryland, Inc. ("CASA") is a 501(c)(3) community based nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve the social and economic well-being and the quality of life for the Latino and immigrant community in Maryland. CASA is a community resource, facilitator and advocate for more than the 20,000 low-income and Latino and immigrant community members each year through seven offices, two of which are located in Langley Park, Maryland. The other five offices are located in Baltimore City and Montgomery County, Maryland. With an overall operating budget of \$7.1 million and 127 full and part time employees, CASA not only provides direct services, but also teaches participants ways to more fully participate in social, economic, and civic life through programs like employment, legal, and social services, education, health promotion and access, community organizing, and leadership development.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: CASA's primary mission is to work with the community to improve the quality of life and promote equal treatment and full access to resources and opportunities for low-income Latinos, the immigrant community, and their families. CASA advocates for social, political, and economic justice for all low-income communities.

CASA de Maryland's Immigrant Integration Program includes citizenship education, mentoring and interview preparation, application assistance, and post-naturalization support. It includes an innovative AmeriCorps program through which AmeriCorps members are housed at organizations throughout the State to teach citizenship, preparation classes, and provide one-on-one Application for Naturalization N-400 form assistance and support. In response to the barriers low-income immigrants face in obtaining citizenship, CASA also operates the Citizenship Maryland Loan Program, an award-winning program that has

received recognition from the Migration Policy Institute specifically for CASA's partnership with Citi Community Development to assist Legal Permanent Residents (LPR) in meeting the naturalization application fee. The loan program is critical for CASA's target population many of whom are low-wage and contingent immigrant workers facing a myriad of challenges.

Moreover, CASA's holistic program provides tax preparation assistance, financial literacy counseling and workshops on issues including: obtaining identification documents (Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN), passports, consular ID, CASA IDs and driver's licenses), opening a bank account, writing a check, using an ATM card, conducting debt analysis, financial planning, and creating and maintaining a household budget. For the low-income, immigrant community, secure economic health is not possible without the ability to manage household earnings and establish financial stability. Research has shown that legal citizenship plays a major role in economic success.

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**FINANCIAL AND
LOCAL CONTRIBUTION:**

Partners in this project to date include:
Low-Income Tax Credit Program (LITC), AmeriCorps FY14 Continuation, Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism (GOSV), HSBC Bank, PNC Bank, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Citi Foundation.

Donations obtained through the tax credit program will support CASA's Immigrant Integration Program at its seven locations.

CASA de Maryland, Inc. is applying for \$50,000.00 in Maryland Community Investment Tax Credits to support its Immigrant Integration Program.

**NEIGHBORHOOD/
LOCALITY:**

Prince George's County, Maryland
Montgomery County, Maryland
Baltimore City, Maryland