

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2009 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-10-2009

Proposed by The Chairman (by request – County Executive)

Introduced by Council Members Harrison and Campos

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

Date of Introduction March 10, 2009

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 State of Maryland Community Legacy Program

3 For the purpose of approving the application by Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc. (“HIP”), a  
4 Maryland nonprofit, to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for  
5 funding through the Community Legacy Financial Assistance Fund.

6 WHEREAS, Section 6-201 through Section 6-213 of the Housing and Community  
7 Development Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, established the Community Legacy Program  
8 to preserve existing communities as desirable places to live and conduct business and provide  
9 financial assistance to sponsors for the development of community legacy plans or community  
10 legacy projects; and

11 WHEREAS, Section 6-207 (b)(1) of the Housing and Community Development Article,  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland, provides that the Community Legacy Board may not approve an  
13 application for participation in the Community Legacy Program unless the application is  
14 approved by the political subdivision; and

15 WHEREAS, HIP is applying to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community  
16 Development, Community Legacy Program, for funds to carry out its “Acquisition and Rehab,”  
17 “Street Scholarships,” and “Infamous Houses” projects (collectively, the “Projects” in the Palmer  
18 Park community (the “Area”), as described in Attachment “A” and incorporated by reference; and

19 WHEREAS, the Projects promote the rehabilitation of abandoned homes, home ownership,  
20 and education, thereby contributing to the reinvestment and revitalization in the Area; and

21 WHEREAS, the Area is located within a priority funding area under Section 5-7B-02 of the  
22 Smart Growth Act and the Projects will conform to the local zoning code; and

1 WHEREAS, the County Executive expresses approval of the application submitted by HIP  
2 and its "Acquisition and Rehab," "Street Scholarships," and "Infamous Houses" projects.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Council of Prince George's  
4 County, Maryland, hereby approves the application of Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc.  
5 submitted to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for  
6 participation in the Community Legacy Program in the approximate amount of \$550,000.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Executive, by his signature, expresses  
8 approval of the application submitted by Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of the  
10 Department of Housing and Community Development of the State of Maryland for consideration  
11 by the Community Legacy Board.

Adopted this 24th day of March, 2009.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marilynn M. Bland  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Redis C. Floyd  
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jack B. Johnson  
County Executive

ATTACHMENT A

PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET  
Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc.  
Palmer Park Community Legacy Area Projects  
MD DHCD Community Legacy Program

HIP's office is located in COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 2

APPLICANT: Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc. ("HIP") is a certified Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO).

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS: ACQUISITION AND REHAB PROJECT:

Using Community Legacy funds, HIP will acquire three vacant and/or derelict houses, rehabilitate them to a high standard, and sell them to low and moderate income purchasers. This will address multiple needs within the community by removing a potentially hazardous eyesore while providing homeownership opportunities to families who may not otherwise have the opportunity.

STREET SCHOLARSHIPS PROJECT:

Using Community Legacy funds, HIP will enroll unemployed and underemployed Palmer Park residents in classes at Prince George's Community College. By improving the education of these residents, their employment prospects will be enhanced, contributing to the revitalization of the Palmer Park community.

INFAMOUS HOUSES PROJECT:

Using Community Legacy funds, HIP will work to get vacant and abandoned houses back into occupied status and back onto the tax rolls. According to 2000 Census Summary File 1 data, nearly 11% of the homes in Palmer Park were vacant. This project will proactively address the problem of abandoned homes, contributing to the revitalization of the Palmer Park community.

OPERATING FUNDS:

HIP will use Community Legacy funds to support staffing for its Palmer Park projects.

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FINANCIAL AND  
LOCAL CONTRIBUTION: Prince George's County HOME funds are used to  
assist with acquisition and rehabilitation of properties.

NEIGHBORHOOD/  
LOCALITY: Palmer Park, Prince George's County, Maryland