

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

Resolution No. CR-80-2014

Proposed by The Chairman (by request – County Executive)

Introduced by Council Members Lehman, Olson, Franklin, Campos, Davis, Patterson

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction September 2, 2014

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 State of Maryland Community Legacy Program

3 For the purpose of approving the application submitted by CASA de Maryland, Inc. to the
4 Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for Community Legacy
5 Program funds in the approximate amount of \$131,264.11.

6 WHEREAS, Prince George’s County, Maryland (the “County”) recognizes that there is a
7 significant need for reinvestment and revitalization of the communities of the County; and

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

13 WHEREAS, Section 6-206 (b)(1) of the Housing and Community Development Article
14 Annotated Code of Maryland, provides that the Maryland Department of Housing and
15 Community Development may not approve an application for participation in the Community
16 Legacy Program unless the application is approved by the political subdivision in which the
17 proposed project is located; and

18 WHEREAS, CASA de Maryland, Inc. (“CASA”) is applying to the Maryland Department
19 of Housing and Community Development, Community Legacy Program, for funds to carry out
20 its Somos Langley Park Internet Hotspot Project (the “Project”) and technological upgrades, as
21 described in “Attachment A” and incorporated herein by reference; and

22 WHEREAS, the Project will create an internet hotspot to bridge the digital divide for

1 thousands of low-income families in Langley Park, believing that one cannot fully engage in
2 civic life, enter and compete in the workforce, or excel in school without internet access. The
3 Project will establish and implement an internet hotspot covering a two-block radius surrounding
4 CASA’s Multicultural Center and offer service to thousands of disadvantaged households; and

5 WHEREAS, the Project, located within a priority funding area under Section 5-7B-02 of
6 the State Finance and Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, is located in a
7 Sustainable Community, as identified in Section 6-205 of the Housing and Community
8 Development Article, Annotated Code of Maryland and will conform to the local zoning code;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, the County Executive, by his signature, expresses approval of the application
11 submitted by CASA de Maryland, Inc.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Council of Prince George’s
13 County, Maryland hereby expresses support and approval of the application of CASA de
14 Maryland, Inc., submitted to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community
15 Development for participation in the Community Legacy Program in the approximate amount of
16 \$131,264.11.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of the
18 Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (the “Department”) for
19 consideration by the Department.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 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
Somos Langley Park Internet Hotspot Project

APPLICANT: CASA de Maryland, Inc.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Community Legacy Program funds are requested to support the Somos Langley Park Internet Hotspot Project (the "Project") and technological upgrades to CASA de Maryland, Inc.'s ("CASA") Langley Park Multicultural Center, located at 8151 15th Avenue, Hyattsville, Maryland 20783. The Project will create an internet hotspot to bridge the digital divide for thousands of low-income families in Langley Park. In 2014, one cannot fully engage in civic life, enter and compete in the workforce, or excel in school without internet access. Yet through its Langley Park Promise Neighborhood (LPPN) needs assessment, CASA found that many families lack internet access in the home. The Project will establish and implement a Somos Langley Park internet hotspot covering a two-block radius surrounding CASA's Multicultural Center and offer services to thousands of disadvantaged households.

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NEIGHBORHOOD/LOCALITY: Prince George's County, Maryland
Councilmanic District 2