

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2011 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-69-2011

Proposed by The Chairman (by request – County Executive)

Introduced by Council Members Olson, Lehman and Campos

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction October 25, 2011

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 6-406 of the Housing and Community Development
7 Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, established the Neighborhood and Community Assistance
8 Program to assist nonprofit organizations in carrying out approved projects in designated priority
9 funding areas, to encourage businesses to invest in priority funding areas, and to strengthen
10 public-private partnerships; and

11 WHEREAS, Section 6-404 provides for the allocation of tax credits to business entities that
12 contribute to approved projects of nonprofit organizations that provide services to priority
13 funding areas; and

14 WHEREAS, Section 6-405(c) provides that the Maryland Department of Housing and
15 Community Development may not approve a proposal for participation in the Neighborhood and
16 Community Assistance Program unless the proposal is approved by the governing body of the
17 county that includes any of the priority funding area benefited by the project; and

18 WHEREAS, CASA de Maryland, Inc., a nonprofit organization, proposes to implement an
19 educational and service program and job and self-sufficiency training to the Langley Park
20 community, a State-identified Priority Funding Area in its recently-established Multicultural
21 Center in Hyattsville, Maryland, as more particularly described in Attachment A (the "Project");
22 and

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

5 WHEREAS, the County Council has previously expressed approval of developing a
6 Multicultural Services Center in the Langley Park Area by the adoption of Council Resolution
7 CR-60-2002; 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 CASA de Maryland, Inc. to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community
12 Development for participation in the Community Investment Tax Credit Program.

Adopted this 1st day of November, 2011.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Ingrid M. Turner
Chair

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

Date: _____

BY: _____
Rushern L. Baker III
County Executive

ATTACHMENT A

PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET
CASA Multicultural Center
Community Investment Tax Credit Program

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

APPLICANT: CASA de Maryland, Inc.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: 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. Since June 2010, CASA has operated the CASA Multicultural Center at the site of the McCormick-Goodhart Mansion, a property listed in the National Register of Historic Places. CASA is a community resource, facilitator and advocate for more than the 20,000 low-income and Latino and immigrant community members each year. With an overall operating budget of approximately \$5,500,000 and a staff of over fifty, 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 series, education health promotion and access, community organizing, and leadership development.

CASA de Maryland, Inc. renovated and reclaimed the deteriorating historic building and opened its doors to the community in June, 2010. The Multicultural Center is within walking distance of over 2,000 residential units in the heart of Langley Park's low-income immigrant community. CASA provides education and service programs at this site, expanding the number of people to be served by its English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), financial literacy, computer training, vocational training classes, citizenship, health and legal programs to service over 6,000 individuals annually.

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FINANCIAL AND
LOCAL CONTRIBUTION:

Partners in this project to date include the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Maryland Historic Trust, Bank of America, Enterprise Community Investment, the Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Montgomery County Department of General Services. Private partners include the Kresge Foundation, the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, the Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation, the Eugene and Agnes E. Meyer Foundation, the University of Maryland, and Washington Adventist Hospital. Donations obtained through the tax credit program will support CASA's program costs of implementing its ESOL, financial literacy, citizenship, legal, and health programs at this new site.

NEIGHBORHOOD/
LOCALITY:

Prince George's County, Maryland