

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: 11/25/2003

Reference No.: CR-74-2003

Proposer: County Executive

Draft No.: 1

Sponsors: Shapiro

Item Title: A Resolution approving the project submitted by the Neighborhood Design Center (NDC) to the State of Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for participation in the Neighborhood Partnership Program

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: __/__/__

Executive Action: __/__/__

Committee Referral: 10/28/2003 THE

Effective Date: __/__/__

Committee Action: 11/20/2003 FAV

Date Introduced: 10/28/2003

Public Hearing: __/__/__ __:__ __

Council Action: 11/25/2003 ADOPTED

Council Votes: PS:-, MB:A, SHD:A, TD:A, CE:A, DCH:A, TH:A, TK:A, DP:A

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks: _____

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE DATE: 11/20/03

Committee Vote: Favorable, 3-0 (In favor: Council Members Dean, Bland and Peters)

Staff summarized the purpose of the legislation and referral comments that were received. CR-74-2003 approves the project submitted by the Neighborhood Design Center (NDC) to the State of Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for participation in the Neighborhood Partnership Program. The Department will set aside an allocation of tax credits (\$12,500) for the NDC for school greening and playground improvement project requests received from the County's inner beltway communities. The NDC, a nonprofit organization located in North Brentwood, will sell tax credits to local contributors to raise money. The NDC

provides pro bono design and planning assistance to low-and moderate-income communities in distressed inner-beltway communities.

The Deputy Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development indicated that Templeton Elementary School has been a participant of the school greening improvement project. This program, working closely with the community, substantially beautifies the school grounds, and strengthens community preservation, neighborhood revitalization and citizen participation.

The Legislative Officer and the Office of Law find it to be in proper legislative form. The Office of Audits and Investigations determined that there should not be any negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of adopting CR-74-2003.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

This resolution will approve the application submitted by The Neighborhood Design Center (“NDC”) to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (MD/DHCD) for participation in the Neighborhood Partnership Program. NDC is a non-profit organization that provides pro bono design assistance to low and moderate-income communities in Prince George’s County. NDC volunteers include architects, landscape architects, engineers, interior designers, planners, developers, and other building industry professionals. NDC programs offer a self-help resource to community groups in the planning and implementation of projects to enhance their neighborhoods. The Department will set aside an allocation of tax credits for the expansion of the NDC’s *Community Design Works!* program to address the growing number of school greening and playground improvement project requests received by the NDC from inner-beltway communities in Prince George’s County.

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