

**RESOLUTION 54 -13  
THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION  
MARYLAND SMART ENERGY COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM  
GRANT AGREEMENT (THE "GRANT AGREEMENT")**

Introduced by: Mayor Jacqueline Goodall

**WHEREAS**, the Maryland Energy Administration ("MEA") administers the Maryland Smart Energy Communities ("MSEC") program, funded through the Strategic Energy Investment Fund ("SEIF"); and

**WHEREAS**, MEA has established the Maryland Smart Energy Communities Program pursuant to the authority provided in Sections 9-2003 and 9-20B-01 et seq. of the Maryland Code, State Government Article.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has authority pursuant to Section 33-20 of the Town Charter to make agreements with other governmental authorities for the joint performance of or for cooperation in the performance of any governmental functions, and to accept grants of Federal or of State funds from the Federal or State governments or any agency thereof, and to expend the same for any lawful public purpose, agreeably to the conditions under which the gifts or grants were made; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the subject Grant Agreement is to formalize the roles and responsibilities required of the Town-Grantee as part of the MSEC program, and agree that if the Town-Grantee is able to document to the Administration's satisfaction that at least two of the three Policies have been successfully adopted, including the creation of the required baselines and plans, and that all other Grant requirements have been complied with, the Administration will provide funding for energy efficiency and/or renewable energy and/or transportation petroleum reduction Project(s) occurring on or in a facility (or facilities) owned by the Grantee;

**WHEREAS**, the grant project implementation funding and reporting requirements are set forth in Attachments A through F of said Grant Agreement and the program term expires in June of 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the total amount of grant funding available is up to seventy-two thousand, five hundred dollars (\$72,500.00), and of this, the amount of grant funding available for general energy efficiency projects, renewable energy projects, or transportation petroleum reduction projects is up to thirty-seven thousand, five hundred dollars (\$37,500.00), and furthermore, the

amount of grant funding available for energy efficiency projects benefitting low-to-moderate income Maryland residents is thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00); and

**WHEREAS**, the Grant Agreement essentially requires the Town to create baselines and plans to be implemented for the two policies the Town chooses to pursue, and to adopt formal, written policies (i.e., resolutions for policies enumerated per Attachment B of the Grant Agreement) through its legislative body committing the local government to the policies specified in the Policy Guidance Documents, referenced in the Grant Agreement, and grant funding will not be released to the Grantee by MEA until the baselines, plans, and policies are in place and have received written approval by MEA.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Town Council of The Town of Forest Heights, Maryland hereby agree, ratify and approve the execution and delivery by the Mayor of the Maryland Energy Administration Maryland Smart Energy Communities Grant Program Grant Agreement, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as Exhibit A.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

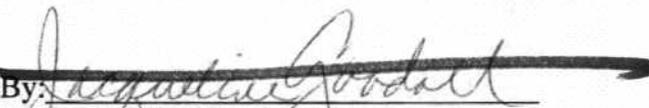
PASSED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 2013.

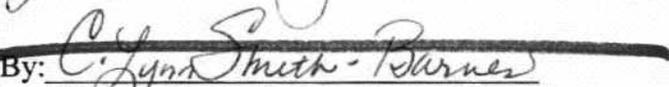
**APPROVED:** By Resolution of the Town Council of The Town of Forest Heights, Maryland

ATTEST:

  
Bonita C. Anderson, Town Clerk

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND

By:   
Jacqueline Goodall, Mayor

By:   
C. Lynn Smith-Barnes, Council President

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEA/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT

GOODALL	<u>YEA</u>
KENNEDY II	<u>YEA</u>
STONER	<u>YEA</u>
BARNES	<u>YEA</u>
MUHAMMAD	<u>YEA</u>
SMITH-BARNES	<u>YEA</u>
MANN	<u>YEA</u>

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify, as the duly appointed Town Clerk of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland, that on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 2013 with 7 Aye votes and 0 Nay, constituting a majority of at least four (4) affirmative votes, the aforesaid Resolution 54-13 passed.

  
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Bonita Anderson, Town Clerk

[Exhibit A- Grant Agreement]