

**THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS
RESOLUTION 31-23**

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (DHCD) NATIONAL CAPITAL STRATEGIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT FOR A TOWN ROADS AND SIDEWALK REPAIR PROJECT

Requested By: Town Administrator

Introduced By: Mayor Washington

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Town Charter, §33-20, the Council shall have, in addition, the power to pass ordinances not contrary to the laws and Constitution of this State, for the following specific purposes: (11) (Cooperative activities) to make agreements with other municipalities, counties, districts, bureaus, commissions, and governmental authorities for the joint performance of or for cooperation in the performance of any governmental functions, and (25) (Grants-in-Aid) to accept gifts and 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, an Agreement to carry out a \$500,000 grant for a Town Roads and Sidewalk Repair Project has been offered to the Grantee-Town pursuant to §§6-701 through 6-710 of the Housing and Community Development Article (the "Act") and the regulations promulgated thereunder and set forth in COMAR 05.20.04 (the "Regulations") and said Act establishes the National Capital Strategic Economic Development Program (the "Program") as described in the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the National Capital Strategic Economic Development Program is to: 1. Provide strategic investment in local housing and businesses to encourage healthy, sustainable communities with a growing tax base and enhanced quality of life; and 2. Focus on areas where modest investment and coordinated strategies will have an appreciable neighborhood revitalization impact; and

WHEREAS, the roads and sidewalk repair project as described in Section 1 (the "Project Description") of Exhibit A - NCSEDF-2023-ForestHts-00408 of said Agreement, regarding streetscape and engineering improvements to address dilapidated streetways on Cree Drive and Seneca Drive to reduce flooding that has led to damaged roads, sidewalks, and property to be carried out at the location(s) set forth in Section 2 of said Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council finds that the roads and sidewalk repair project will support the design and construction of drainage improvements, slope stabilization and road repair (approximately 2,850 feet of roadway improvements) and improvements within the Town of Forest Heights, and the scope of services are anticipated to consist of designing drainage improvements, performing survey, improving stormwater run-off, drainage improvements, slope stabilization, road milling, repaving, residence drainage connections and curb and gutter replacement; and

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WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council further finds that improvements at the "Project Address(es)" described in Exhibit A - NCSEDF-2023-ForestHts-00408 of said Agreement will enhance and support the Grantee's neighborhood revitalization plan that includes community enhancement projects located within a geographic area that has been designated by the Smart Growth Subcabinet (as defined in §9-1406 of the State Government Article) as a Sustainable Community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council further finds that it is in the best interest of the Town to accept the Program grant and approve the referenced Agreement in order to enhance the quality of life in the Town and attain the stated purposes and goals of said Program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council hereby approves the above-referenced Department of Housing and Community Development National Capital Strategic Economic Development Program Grant Agreement with exhibits incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Acting Treasurer in cooperation with the Town Attorney shall prepare any necessary amendatory budget ordinances or resolutions, and any corresponding detailed line-item budgets to accommodate the necessary appropriations and authorized expenditures derived from the allocated funds totaling \$500,000 to provide a complete financial plan for the applicable budget year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute on behalf of the Council said Grant Agreement and any other ancillary documents, exhibits, certificates, affidavits, waivers or related minor agreements with the Commission to provide said funding and services relating to said Program and carry out the purposes of this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is further authorized to sign this Resolution on behalf of the Council for said funding providing such agreement is approved by the Council; and

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

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PASSED this 6 day of March 2023.

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

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE</u>	<u>YEA/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT</u>
LILLY	<u>Yea</u>
KENNEDY II	<u>Absent</u>
NOBLE	<u>Yea</u>
BARNES	<u>Yea</u>
HINES	<u>Yea</u>
WASHINGTON	<u>Yea</u>
ATKINSON	<u>Absent</u>

ATTEST:

THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS,
MARYLAND

Sherletta Hawkins
Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk

By: Calvin Washington
Calvin Washington, Mayor

By: Froy Lilly
Froy Lilly, Council President

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify, as the duly appointed Town Clerk of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland, that on the 6 day of March 2023 with 5 Aye votes and 0 Nay votes the aforesaid Resolution 31-23 passed.

Sherletta Hawkins
Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk

*[Exhibit A - DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
NATIONAL CAPITAL STRATEGIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
GRANT AGREEMENT]*