

RESOLUTION NO. 2320

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND TO APPROVE A MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY LEGACY GRANT APPLICATION FOR FUNDS TO PROVIDE REHABILITATION GRANTS TO OWNERS OF BUSINESSES LOCATED IN DOWNTOWN SALISBURY FOR INTERIOR AND/OR EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PERMANENT STRUCTURE IN WHICH THEIR BUSINESS IS HOUSED.

WHEREAS, the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has solicited applications from eligible jurisdictions to apply for funding under the Community Legacy Grant Program for FY 2014; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury is eligible to apply for funds from DHCD; and

WHEREAS, DHCD, either through Community Legacy or through other Programs of the Department, or in cooperation with other State Departments or agencies, may provide some or all of the financing for the Project (the "Project Financing") in order to assist in making it financially feasible; and

WHEREAS, the Project is located within a priority funding area under Section 5-7B-02 of the Smart Growth Act and the Project will conform to the local zoning code; and

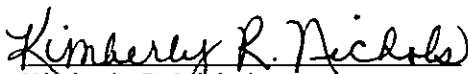
WHEREAS, the applicable law and regulations require approval of the Community Legacy Project and the Project Financing by the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Salisbury.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland does hereby authorize the submission of an application for Community Legacy funds to forward the City's revitalization initiatives. This will be accomplished by applying for \$150,000 to provide funds for rehabilitation grants which will be awarded to owners of businesses located in Downtown Salisbury for interior and/or exterior improvements to the permanent structure in which their business is housed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, James Ireton, Jr., Mayor, is authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents required for the submission of this grant application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, copies of this Resolution be sent to the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Community Development of the State of Maryland for consideration by the Community Legacy Board.


THE ABOVE RESOLUTION was introduced and duly passed at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland held on August 26, 2013, and is to become effective immediately.


Kimberly R. Nichols
CITY CLERK


Jacob R. Day
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY ME THIS

29th day of August, 2013


James Ireton, Jr.
Mayor

Office of Community Development

MEMO

To: Tom Stevenson

From: Deborah Stam

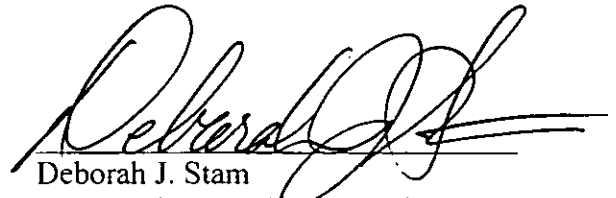
**Subject: Resolution of Support for the FY 2014
Community Legacy Application -
Rehabilitation Grants for Downtown Businesses**

Date: August 16, 2013

As you are aware, we have submitted a Community Legacy (CL) funding application to the Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) for the FY 2014 funding round. This application is for \$150,000 in CL funds to provide a pot of money for rehabilitation grants which will be awarded to owners of businesses located in Downtown Salisbury for interior and/or exterior improvements to the permanent structure in which their business is housed. This amount of funding will allow us to assist at least five (5) business owners with grants of up to \$30,000 each. A copy of the Executive Summary page of the Community Legacy application is attached, along with a copy of the Sustainable Community Area boundaries map.

The Community Legacy application requires a Resolution of Support for funding consideration. Unfortunately, we were not able to get the resolution on the City Council agenda in time to get it passed before the application due date. However, we received permission from DHCD to submit the application with an un-signed resolution, with the understanding that we will forward the signed copy as soon as the resolution is passed.

Attached is the Resolution of Support for the FY 2014 Community Legacy funding application for *Rehabilitation Grants for Downtown Businesses*. Please forward this Resolution to the City Council so that it may be placed on their agenda for the meeting on August 26, 2013.


Deborah J. Stam
Community Development Director

Attachments

COMMUNITY LEGACY APPLICATION

APPLICANT: City of Salisbury

NAME OF SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY: Salisbury

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Salisbury Department of Community Development will offer grants to local business owners for the rehabilitation of their buildings located in the Downtown Salisbury section of the Sustainable Community area. These grant funds may be utilized for interior and/or exterior improvements to the building.

This program is designed to aid in the revitalization of the Downtown area by fostering the growth of new businesses and assisting expanding businesses. The objectives are to improve the physical appearance of both the interiors and exteriors of commercial and mixed use buildings and to increase the City's tax base. This program also helps to preserve historically architecturally significant structures and address safety issues by eliminating code deficiencies.

This activity will directly impact at least five (5) business owners in the Downtown area by providing them with up to \$30,000 in grant funds for building rehabilitation projects. Well-maintained buildings act as a stabilization force within the community, while extensive deterioration invites vandalism and the onset of de-stabilization.

CITY OF SALISBURY



City of Salisbury "Sustainable Community Area"

