

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2018-14**

RESOLUTION NO. 37-2018

Title of Resolution: Grant Application – Maryland Community Development Block Grant – Warwick Mushrooms

Synopsis: A Resolution to authorize the Cecil County Department of Community Services, Housing and Community Development Division, to apply for funds from the Maryland Community Development Block Grant program through the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development.

Introduced by: Council President on behalf of the County Executive

Introduced and order posted on: August 7, 2018

Public hearing scheduled on: September 4, 2018

Scheduled for consideration on: September 18, 2018

By: _____
Council Manager

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice of time and place of public hearing and title of this Resolution having been posted on (date) at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland, and having been published on (dates). A public hearing was held on (date) and concluded on (date).

By: _____
Council Manager

Explanation: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING ORDINANCE.
~~Strike through~~ indicate matter deleted from existing ordinance.
Underlining indicates language added by amendment.
~~Double Strike through~~ indicates language deleted by amendment.

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1 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 505 of the Cecil County Charter, on April 1, 2018, the
2 County Executive submitted a proposed budget to the County Council for Fiscal Year 2019; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 506 of the Cecil County Charter, the County Council held
4 public hearings on the proposed budget submitted by the County Executive for Fiscal Year 2019; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 507(b) of the Cecil County Charter, on June 5, 2018, the
6 County Council adopted the budget for Fiscal Year 2019; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the State of Maryland through the Department of Housing and Community
8 Development has solicited applications from eligible jurisdictions to apply for funding under the
9 Maryland Community Development Block Grant Program; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Cecil County is eligible to apply for funds from the Maryland Community
11 Development Block Grant program through the Maryland Department of Housing and Community
12 Development; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Community Services, representing Cecil County, has been
14 authorized to apply for up to \$508,000 in grant funds received from loan repayments and interest
15 capitalized by Community Development Block Grant funding designated for economic development
16 projects in Cecil County; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Community Services, through its Housing and Community
18 Development Division and in collaboration with the Cecil County Department of Economic
19 Development, has identified Warwick Mushrooms as an eligible recipient of said grant funds; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Warwick Mushrooms has agreed to use County grant funds to acquire equipment
21 that is required for an expansion of its operations in Warwick, Cecil County, Maryland, with such
22 expansion to add approximately 28 full time equivalent jobs within 24 months; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the County has held the required public hearing related to the formulation of the
24 County’s Block Grant Application; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the County Council understands and acknowledges that the County would be
26 responsible for completion of grant activities and any corrective actions including the repayment of
27 funds if necessary.

28 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**
29 **MARYLAND**, that the County Executive, by and through the Cecil County Department of Community

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30 Services, is authorized to submit an application for Community Development Block Grant funds in the
31 amount of \$508,000 for the following project(s): Warwick Mushrooms Expansion – Equipment
32 Acquisition.

33 **AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Executive or his designee is authorized and
34 empowered to execute any and all documents required for the submission of the application.

35 **AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect on the date of its passage by
36 the County Council of Cecil County, Maryland.

INTRODUCED: August 7, 2018

ADOPTED: _____

President of the Council

ATTEST:

Council Manager

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Project Information

Community Development Block Grant Funding (CDBG):

- The anticipated State of Maryland Community Development Block Grant allocation for SFY 2019 is approximately \$7,114,498;
- Cecil County has been authorized to apply for up to \$508,000 in grant funds received from loan repayments and interest capitalized by Community Development Block Grant funding designated for economic development projects in Cecil County.

*Eligible Activities that **may** be undertaken with CDBG funds through the normal application process:*

- Acquisition of real property; acquisition, construction, reconstruction, or installation of public works facilities;
- Code enforcement in deteriorating areas;
- Clearance, demolition, removal, reconstruction and rehabilitation of buildings and improvements;
- Removal of materials which restrict mobility and accessibility of elderly or handicapped persons;
- Provision of a new or quantifiable increase in a public service;
- Payment of the non-federal share required in connection with a federal grant-in-aid program undertaken as part of the program;
- Relocation payments for displaced individuals, families, businesses, organizations and farm operations;
- Planning;
- Payment of administrative costs;
- Assistance including loans and grants for activities carried out by public or private nonprofit entities;
- Assistance to neighborhood-based nonprofit organizations, local development corporations, and nonprofit organizations serving the development needs of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, to carry out a neighborhood revitalization or community economic development or energy conservation project;
- Activities necessary to the development of energy use strategies related to the recipient's development goals;
- Provision of assistance to private for-profit entities, when the assistance is appropriate to carry out an economic development (ED) project;

- Rehabilitation or development of housing assisted under former Section 17 of the United States Housing Act of 1937;
- Housing services such as housing counseling, energy auditing, preparation of work specifications, loan processing, inspections, tenant selection, management of tenant based rental assistance;
- Direct assistance to facilitate and expand homeownership among LMI persons.

Cecil County is authorized to utilize grant funds designated for economic development projects in Cecil County.

Proposed Project:

- Cecil County has identified Warwick Mushrooms as an eligible recipient of grant funds to acquire equipment required for an expansion of its operations;
- The expansion will add an additional 80,000 square feet of growing surface, spread amongst sixteen growing rooms, incrementally producing an additional 80,000 pounds of mushrooms and creating approximately 28 new, full-time equivalent jobs within 24 months.