

Memo

To: City Council
From: Jim Chandler, Assistant CA, Director, Community & Economic Development
CC: Tracey Nicholson, City Administrator
Ron Brooks, Treasurer
Date: February 1, 2023
Re: Maryland DHCD Grant Agreement Authorization

The following memo is for the purpose of providing the City Council with

- On December 18, 2018 the City Council approved, through Motion # HCC-157A-FY18, the transfer of State of Maryland DHCD Smart Growth Impact grant funding to the Prince George’s County Revenue Authority for the purpose of developing a structured parking facility in the City of Hyattsville;
- The Revenue Authority was also awarded \$400,000 in SGIF funding from Maryland DHCD to assist with financing of a structured parking facility;
- In July 2021, City Treasurer Brooks and ACA Chandler met with representatives from the Revenue Authority (RA) and determined that there is not a viable path forward with a structured parking facility that includes the RA and that all dedicated SGIF funding should be transferred to the City, pending approval of Maryland DHCD;
- In September 2021, Maryland DHCD approved the transfer of \$400,000 in SGIF funding from the Revenue Authority to the City, along with the balance of original funds awarded to the City, in the amount of \$283,000.
- On Council approved HCC-XXX-FY22, which grants authority to the City Treasurer to accept and appropriate the transferred funding, consistent with the terms of the grant agreement. The fund balance of \$683,000 remains with the City of Hyattsville.
- In November 2022, the City was informed by Maryland DHCD that, per the Secretary’s directive, the City would be required to return the funds to Maryland DHCD or propose an alternative use for the funds with specific conditions, including but not limited to (1) a capital improvement, (2) limited to the original subject sites and (3) must be completed by June 30, 2024. Provided the City could agree to these conditions, Maryland DHCD would grant an extension to the funds. The specifics of the site will need to be determined through a dialogue with City Council and the community, prior to proceeding.
- In December 2022, the City submitted a concept to utilize the subject sites of 4503-4508 Hamilton Street as a public use trailhead and community hub. In January 2023, the City was advised that the proposed use and timeline were acceptable and an ‘Amendment’ agreement was authorized by Maryland DHCD. The funds, in total, have already been ‘appropriated’ by City Council, therefore the limit of this ‘Action’ is to authorize the Mayor to execute the ‘Amendment’ to the grant agreement.