



## Legislation Text

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Submitting Department: Community & Economic Development  
Agenda Section: Consent

**Item Title:**

Cooperation Agreement Regarding Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Urban County Qualification - Federal FY 2024-2026

**Suggested Action:**

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with Prince George's County, Maryland, to continue participation in the County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and the Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) for a three-year period during Federal Fiscal Years 2024 through 2026.

**Summary Background:**

The County is in the process of requalifying its entitlement status as an urban county to receive CDBG and HOME Program grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for federal fiscal years 2024-26. The County intends to use the grant funding, in part, to undertake eligible community development and housing activities that will primarily benefit low- to moderate income individuals and families residing in the County.

The cooperation agreement with the County authorizes the County to include the municipality's population with the County population and enables the City to compete for funds that meet the eligibility criteria. The City of Hyattsville opted into the County CDBG program in 2021. As part of the County's requalification process, the County is required to notify the City of its options to either continue participation in the program, terminate its participation, or participate for a in only FY24, FY25, or FY26. Participation in the County's program makes the City ineligible to apply for CDBG funds under the State CDBG program.

Failure to provide written notice electing to participate under the County's program or to provide notice to HUD and the County prior to the dates outlined in the letter dated May 5, 2023, (included in Council's packet) will be interpreted by the County and HUD as inclusion and participation in the County's program.

**Next Steps:**

Upon approval, the City Administrator will execute the Cooperation Agreement and Certification Form and send formal notification by letter including two copies of the Agreement and Form back to the County no later than July 7, 2023.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Should the City be awarded funding through participation in the County's program, any awarded grant funding will require acceptance by the City Council and will be reflected in the City Budget - Special Revenue for the applicable fiscal year (FY24-FY26).

**City Administrator Comments:**

Recommends support.

**Community Engagement:**

N/A

**Strategic Goals:**

Goal 2 - Ensure the Long-Term Economic Viability of the City

**Legal Review Required?**

Pending