COMMISSIONERS OF OXFORD

RESOLUTION NUMBER:

INTRODUCED BY: Tom Costigar

DATE: May 14, 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF OXFORD, MARYLAND TO APPROVE A MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY LEGACY GRANT APPLICATION FOR FUNDS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO BUSINESSES OWNERS AND TOURISM ENTITIES LOCATED IN SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES DESIGNATED AREAS FOR FAÇADE AND INTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS.

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 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Oxford, designated as a DHCD Sustainable Community, is eligible to apply for funds from the DHCD through this program; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Oxford recognize that there is significant need for reinvestment and revitalization of the commercial properties identified in the town's Sustainable Communities Plan; and

WHEREAS, the 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 in order to assist in making it financially feasible; and

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

WHEREAS, the Town successfully established a Mini Grant Program with funding assistance from the Maryland DHCD CL Program in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the applicable law and regulations require approval of the Community Legacy Project and project financing by the Commissioners of Oxford.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Commissioners of Oxford hereby authorize the submission of an application for Community Legacy funds to forward the Town's revitalization efforts. This will be accomplished by applying for an additional \$100,000 of grant funds for the Town's already established Mini Grant Program, which will be awarded to business owners and tourism entities located in the identified Sustainable Communities area for FAÇADE and INTERIOR improvements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Commission President is hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any action necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution; and

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

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION was introduced and duly passed at a meeting of the Commissioners of Oxford, Maryland held on May 14, 2024, and is to become effective immediately.

COMMISSIONERS OF OXFORD:

Tom Costigan, President

Susan Delean-Botkin, Commissioner

Karrina Greer, Commissioner

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was passed by a yea and nay vote of the Commissioners of Oxford on the 14th day of May 2024.

Attest:

Vickie Sharp, Clerk-Treasurer

Town of Oxford