



## Takoma Park City Council Meeting – April 10, 2024 Agenda Item 2

**In lieu of a City Council work session, these resolutions are being provided early for Council review. If there are any questions, please contact Ira Kowler. The resolutions are on the agenda for April 10.**

### **Voting Session (Consent Agenda)**

Resolutions Supporting the Two FY24 State Revitalization Program National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund (NED) Grants Awarded to the City and Authorizing the City Manager to Sign and Execute Grant Documents.

### **Recommended Council Action**

Authorize use of grant funds as dictated by the grant agreements and authorize City Manager to sign and execute grant documents and take any other actions necessary to carry out intent of resolution.

### **Context with Key Issues**

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) awarded the City of Takoma Park two FY24 State Revitalization Program National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund (NED) grants. \$175,000 was awarded to support the rehabilitation of The Richardson School of Music, a historic commercial property at 7312 Carroll Avenue. \$250,000 was awarded for Multifamily Building Improvements, assisting small scale rent-stabilized properties to complete weatherization, energy efficiency, and electrification improvements.

### **Council Priorities**

Environmentally Sustainable Community  
Community Development for an Improved & Equitable Quality of Life

### **Environmental Considerations**

The Multifamily Building Improvements Grant specifically addresses energy efficiency and climate change at the small-scale multifamily building level, where property owners are not often considered stakeholders in environmental decision-making.

### **Fiscal Considerations**

These projects will be fully funded through the NED Grants. As such, they will be completed with no impact on the City's general fund.

### **Racial Equity Considerations**

50% of City residents are renters, and non-Hispanic white households make up less than 20% of renter households. This is the demographic served by the Multifamily Buildings Improvement Grant. The Richardson School of Music is a minority-owned business expanding its operations in Takoma Park.

**Attachments and Links**

- Resolution of Support for NED Grant for Multifamily Building Improvements
- Resolution of Support for NED Grant for Richardson School of Music