

Introduced by: Councilmember Male

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2013-56**

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH  
ETHIOPIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL/  
ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT GROUP**

**WHEREAS,** the Takoma Park City Council's vision for Takoma Park, as set forth in its FY10-FY15 Strategic Plan, is for the advancement of a sustainable and livable community with an engaged, responsive and service-oriented government; and

**WHEREAS,** the Council believes that to achieve this vision, it must work in partnership with city residents, community organizations, non-profits, the business community, and other governmental agencies; and

**WHEREAS,** to facilitate the creation of these desired partnerships, the Council established the Large Grant Program providing an annual funding opportunity for projects which further its vision for the community; and

**WHEREAS,** the Ethiopian Community Development Council / Enterprise Development Group (ECDC/EDG) applied for grant funds for the expansion of its *Microenterprise Loan Program*, providing capital and individualized technical assistance to new and expanding businesses owned or operated by low and moderate income residents and to businesses which employ low and moderate income Takoma Park residents; and

**WHEREAS,** the Council has endorsed ECDC/EDG's grant application and included \$15,000 in grant funds in its FY14 budget for the proposed project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND** to approve an award of grant funds in the amount of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) to the Ethiopian Community Development Council / Enterprise Development Group for its FY14 *Microenterprise Loan Program*.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute any agreements and take any action necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Adopted this 22nd day of July, 2013.

**ATTEST:**

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Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk