

Introduced by: Councilmember Searcy

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2019-43**

**SUPPORT OF SUBMISSION OF FY20 STATE REVITALIZATION PROGRAM  
COMMUNITY LEGACY GRANT APPLICATION**

**WHEREAS,** the Takoma Park City Council recognizes that there is a significant need for reinvestment and revitalization of commercial and residential areas in the community; and

**WHEREAS,** the economic viability of the commercial area along New Hampshire Avenue have been the focus of numerous planning and economic development studies conducted by the City and other for over ten years; and

**WHEREAS,** the City has developed a State Revitalization project: the New Hampshire Ave Signage and Facade Program and applied for \$150,000 to provide grants for new signage and façade upgrades and beautification to local businesses and property owners in targeted areas along the corridor; and

**WHEREAS,** the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development may provide the majority of the funding for the Program in order to assist in making it financially feasible and leverage already budgeted funds for Neighborhood Commercial District Improvements; and

**WHEREAS,** the Program is located within a priority funding area and designated as an Opportunity Zone and a Sustainable Communities area and will conform to the local zoning code; and

**WHEREAS,** the Program will contribute to the goal of making art a part of daily life in the New Hampshire Avenue corridor by including an art component that will allow local artists to work with business owners on key design elements of their signs and facades.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,** the City Council of the City of Takoma Park supports the funding for the Project and endorses the submission of the City of Takoma Park's FY20 State Revitalization Program Community Legacy grant application for financial assistance totaling \$150,000, in the form of a grants for local businesses along the New Hampshire corridor; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute documents as “Legal Entity Official (LEO)” and take any action necessary to carry out the intent of the resolution.

**Adopted this 18th day of September, 2019.**

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk