

Introduced by: Councilmember Small

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2023-1

**AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO PROCEED WITH A STATE CAPITAL GRANT
PROPOSAL AND ENGAGE THE STATE LEGISLATURE
FOR MATCHING GRANT FUNDS**

WHEREAS, in FY18, the City was awarded a State Capital Grant in the amount of \$300,000 for the Library and Community Center Redevelopment Project, secured with matching funds from the bond authorized by the Takoma Park City Council in Ordinance 2017-27; and

WHEREAS, this grant was used in its entirety by the end of FY22 in accordance with Ordinance 2019-26, wherein the Takoma Park City Council authorized entering into a contract with RRMM Lukmire on April 16, 2019 to continue work on the design, engineering, and construction administration of a replacement Library, at a cost not to exceed \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, in FY22, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in the amount of \$2 million were allocated to the Library and Community Center Redevelopment Project, which may be considered a new source for matching funds; and

WHEREAS, an additional \$2 million of the ARPA funds are being held for this same project if its use is required for completion; and


WHEREAS, the City staff proposes to engage the state legislature to explore the possibility of securing a State Capital Grant with these newly identified matching funds, which will further ensure the successful completion of the Library and Community Center Redevelopment Project and may allow for the potential of the second \$2 million in ARPA funding being held for this project to be reallocated for priorities and projects identified by the Takoma Park City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, THAT City staff be allowed to engage with the state legislature to proceed with a proposal to acquire a State Capital Grant in the amount of \$2 million.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any ARPA funds freed up by use of State Capital Grant funds acquired be utilized for other ARPA-eligible programs that benefit our most vulnerable residents.

Adopted this 25th day of January, 2023.

Attest:


Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk