

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK, MARYLAND
Resolution 2022-R-15

Introduced by: CM David Lingua
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FOR THE PURPOSE OF establishing the Town of Riverdale Park's Flood Prevention and Damage Mitigation Grant Program, a component of the Town's Resilience Initiative, in response to recurring flood events in the Town.

WHEREAS, in 2017 the Mayor and Council adopted Resolution 2017-R-12 establishing a vision and commitment statement for Housing and Neighborhoods that delineates in part that housing and neighborhoods need to be clean, well-built, and maintained... and where the public and private sector invest; and

WHEREAS, a significant portion of the Town is located in a floodplain as determined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or by Prince George's County and their consultants; and

WHEREAS, residents and businesses in Town have suffered recurring flooding, along with the cost and time to cleanup and implement the necessary repairs, and that many of the residents and businesses impacted are in a low-to-moderate income census area; and

WHEREAS, the Town has an Emergency Repair Grant to assist these residents and businesses following a flood and the Town desires to encourage and assist residents in preventing and mitigating potential flood damage; and

WHEREAS, climate change will increase the frequency of flooding and the Town is working to have Prince George's County improve the public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to create the Flood Prevention and Damage Mitigation Grant Program to be available to residents and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Riverdale Park hereby establishes the Flood Prevention and Damage Mitigation Grant Program as follows:

1. Grants shall be available to qualified residents and businesses who purchase, install, or construct eligible items (Attachment A)
2. Qualified applicants must demonstrate they have either experienced flooding within the past ten years, have low-moderate income, are applying for a rental license, or reside in the County floodplain
3. Grants shall require a 1:1 match
4. Maximum grant award shall be five thousand dollars (\$5,000)

5. Grants shall be made from the Economic Recovery Strategy Fund
6. Grants are subject to funding availability
7. Program expires on December 31, 2022 unless extended by the Mayor and Council

ATTEST:

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
RIVERDALE PARK


Jessica E. Barnes, Town Clerk


Alan K. Thompson, Mayor

TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

Office of Development Services

Exhibit A

The purpose of this document is to provide a list of eligible flood mitigation practices. Several types of practices are considered through this Program to help mitigate flooding on private property and reduce the overall damage to property from flooding through flood protection. Other types of practices may be considered on a case-by-case basis and may be incorporated into the Program if warranted.

Floodproofing windows	Glass protection materials; fixed, translucent, water-tight covers; custom window wells and associated drains
Floodproofing doorways	Flood gates or panels; flood socks; temporary quick dams and sandless sandbags; traditional sandbags
Floodproofing basement	Battery-powered sump pumps; drain tiles below a basement floor; flood vents
Floodproofing utilities	Elevating electrical outlets and switches, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, and other appliances (indoors and outdoors); floodwalls, covers and shields for appliances
Modifying topography	Surface grading; protective walls; impermeable soil materials
Landscaping	Creating a swale, or rain garden and installation pervious paving
Other preventative measures	Flood alert system; portable submersible water pumps and hoses; installing flood-damage resistant thermal insulation and flood-resistant building materials; applying polyurethane concrete sealer to decrease concrete wall water absorbency