

Mayor Report (Dec 2022)

Key Highlights Rollup

Mayor Cashenna A. Cross Report (Nov 27, 2022-Dec 27, 2022)

1. Accomplished:

a. Resolutions/Council Actions:

- i. Coordinated the signature of the snow removal contract to city council
- ii. Requesting discussions reopen on necessary traffic Calming measures, Ordinance on Traffic regulation, several tragic accidents occurred over the last month from Glenarden Parkway to MD-704 (Martin Luther King Jr highway).

b. FY23 Budget relative to the Executive branch zeroed out by city council, treasurer, acting city manager there is no budget to pay for mayoral dues, conferences, or support equipment for the mayoral office over the course of FY23 several impacts expected in the growth strategy across the city. The city projects and supporting efforts will be strained; though, "Moving the Mission Forward, citizens will continue to receive support under the Executive branch as an elected official utilizing the support of over 50 grassroots community partners.

c. The Mayor's Office has been extremely busy this holiday season supported/fielded 25 office calls/meetings.

- i. Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award for Volunteer Service Medal Awardee Mayor Cashenna A. Cross Glenarden Maryland was honored to present four new community partners with the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award for Volunteer Service Medal. Citation signed by President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. for diplomacy in Community Leadership and Humanitarian work presented Dec 4, 2022, during the Mr. DC Royal Ambassadors Charity Gala. Mayor Cross also served as the keynote speaker delivering a message on "The Importance of Volunteering."

- ii. Prince George's Hope in Action Task Force and the Hope Collective. Mayor Cross serves on the Hope in Action Task Force selected by County Executive Alsobrooks as the Chairman for the Community Assessment Committee. Eight areas of community concern are being developed to address the ongoing disenfranchisement of youth across Prince George's County. Advising the county on progressive alternatives and solutions in short and long-term strategies to prevent violence. The Hope Coalition, and Violence Interrupters will additionally be supporting Community events to grow the skillsets and creative strength of the youth of Glenarden.

<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/4308/Hope-in-Action>

- iii. Maryland Black Mayors Inc. Work ongoing to secure access for our cities to various Pilot Programs – Planning Grants and Capital Construction Grants.
- iv. Attending mental health support for families’ community workshop. Glenarden citizens in need of assistance in mental health ASSISTANCE/SUPPORT now have access to a free consultations and enrollment assistance contact the office of the Mayor for assistance support.
- v. Attendance of the inaugural events for the county council, and County Executive Alsobrooks.
- vi. NAACP Prince George’s County Board of Directors; at-large committee meeting.
- vii. Attendance invitation on behalf of Delegate Elect Tiffany Alston to the Prayer Breakfast honoring Delegate Carolyn Howard among other awardees in community service and excellence at Newton White Mansion.
- viii. Attended the National Black Chamber of Commerce and the Nation of Africa and World Conference of Mayors International Affairs Committee under invite of The Honorable Johnny Ford. The US Director of Commerce and the NBCC, created a Memorandum of Agreement with the African Nations in the fashion and entertainment industries.
- ix. Radio interview with H.E. Ambassador Dr. E. Faye Williams Radio station WPFW FM 89.3--Pacifica affiliate.
- x. LGIT training session Public Information Act.
- xi. Supported three toy drives and two food distributions.
- xii. Glenarden Housing Authority Meeting and three office calls.
- xiii. Laid wreaths with Post 275: December 17, 2022, at 12:00 pm, Wreaths Across America at Maryland Veterans Cemetery at Cheltenham to Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each veteran aloud.
- xiv. Prince George’s County Sheriff Melvin C. High Funeral Services attendance.
- xv. Glenarden PD: Santa with a Badge.
- xvi. City adults only Christmas Party.
- d. Mayoral Proclamation Actions:
 - i. GIS Soccer Academy, invited as a Chief Guest at organizations 3rd Award Night on December 17th, 2022, letter of recognition provided.
 - ii. Glenarden American Legion Auxiliary Post 275 early request for Proclamation on the Military Child Day recognition “Purple UP Day 2023.”
 - iii. Mayoral Proclamation for a Glenarden Policeman – William H. Wright III former Assistant Chief (deceased) 11/29/2022
- e. City of Glenarden Polar Express, December 3rd was huge success, thank you to all the residents coming out to make the event a success. Over 300 attendees came together to watch the movie Polar Express starring Tom Hanks, drink hot chocolate, devour

s'mores indoors and play family friendly games win some awesome prizes, and enjoy the firsts gifts of Christmas for every child.

- f. Grateful to report nearly 50 community partners demonstrated great resilience in the face of these times, and have joined to support your Mayor Cashenna A. Cross to keep moving the mission forward in support of bring much needed: mental health and wellness programming, financial health programming, returning citizens support, single parent support, veteran benefits, homelessness care, youth conferences and essential resources, clothing, supplies, food, life-skills events and activities and yes, even more has been offered as appropriate for the betterment of our community at the grassroots. Contact THE OFFICE OF THE Mayor for assistance. Residents of Glenarden call 301-773-2100 with your need, to be collaborated with a volunteering non-profit partner.

- i. Building Change Inc. (formerly BCFF), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization working with support from members of the Municipal Collaboration and jurisdictions in the Southern and Central Districts of Maryland, are providing weatherization upgrades funded by an MEA grant. Qualified homeowners get upgrades at no cost that will save money on monthly utility bills and make your homes more energy efficient. Website: <https://www.edge-gogreen.com/grants/> and, <https://buildingchange.net/> Please contact Lt. (Ret) James (Jim) Flynn 240-417-9098 (cell), Fax# 240-786-4186, or Alison Miller 301-908-4079 to verify.
- ii. The Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) was created under section 3206 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. It provides residential mortgage assistance to Maryland homeowners who have experienced hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic to avoid loss of residence for eligible homeowners. The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development will administer the funds to support mortgage relief, weatherization, housing counseling and legal services. PROGRAM INCEPTION AND DURATION The Maryland Homeowner Assistance Fund Whole Home Grant opened to homeowners statewide in January 2022. The program will continue until September 30, 2026, or until funding is fully reserved, whichever comes first.

1. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- a. In order to be eligible under the Whole Home HAF Grant, all borrowers will have to be/have:
 - i. an eligible COVID-19 financial hardship after January 21, 2020
 - ii. (Includes hardships that began before January 21, 2020, but continued after that date)
 - iii. Maryland resident
 - iv. homeowners residing in their primary residence

- v. homeowners by evidence of the deed.
 - vi. Applicant must be at/or below 150% County AMI per Household Size (see chart below)
- 2. In order to receive assistance, eligible homeowners must have experienced a COVID-19 related financial hardship, as defined in U.S. Treasury Department guidance, after January 21, 2020. The hardship will be self-attested by the borrower in the HAF application form and can be due to decrease in household income, increase in household expenses or other situations. Examples of COVID-19 related hardship include having to perform essential work during the pandemic; childcare/educational costs; costs of caring for an elderly, disabled, or sick family member; illness; death in the family; divorce/separation, etc.
- 3. TOTAL PROGRAM ALLOCATION Whole Home HAF Grant: \$10,000,000
- 4. The property must be a one-to-four unit, including condominium units, owner-occupied primary residence located in Maryland. Acceptable property types are detached, single family, duplex, triplex, fourplex, condominium, co-op, and manufactured housing. Mobile Homes are not permitted.
 - a. PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION
 - i. Toll Free: 877-568-6105
 - ii. Email: Rehab.HAFApplications@Maryland.gov
- 5. OTHER CRITERIA CONTRACTOR BID AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION should state:
 - a. A staff member will review said proposal that validates it is an eligible proposal Contractor to complete Bid Form as well as supply their professional license, insurance, Letter of Good Standing from SDAT and an executed W-9
 - b. The Homeowner Assistance Fund Whole Home Grant will help Maryland homeowners who have critical repairs in their primary residence that they are unable to address because of the financial impact of COVID-19. Without addressing these repairs, it will cause the homeowner to be “involuntarily displaced” from the property. The grant will be capped at \$10,000 and will be used to address any critical repairs, including but not limited to:

- Mold/Mildew Remediation
- Asbestos removal
- No Heat/No Air
- Electrical Repairs
- Plumbing Septic Repairs

- Roof repair/replacement
- Reduce/eliminate Lead Paint Hazards
- Structural/Maintenance Issues
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- g. Mayor Cashenna A. Cross Mayoral Community Forum: December "Veterans @ Christmas w/ Post 275, Community & Intl. Business Owners (BNI)" <https://www.prlog.org/12940413-business-group-hosts-coat-drive-for-homeless-veterans.html> This Glenarden Mayoral Community Forum sought to not only encourage the collection of over 60 warm coats for veterans who will unfortunately spend the frigid cold winter months outside in the cold, but to build an advocacy for residents and citizens in need of resources. It's critical that each member of society can reach their maximum potential through greater independence, productivity, and increased integration within the community. By raising community awareness on trust, we are uniting to find solutions for better inclusion by increasing awareness to not only understand but to engage citizens on how to become more aware and improve their day-to-day wellbeing. <https://cityofglenarden.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5abec302cc1343d899b3a3686&id=843cb24e4c&e=be2f121f4b>
- h. Delivery of 15 Christmas gift bags filled with nutritional food items enough for three meals for the holiday season to residents identified for additional support.
- i. The 1st quarter 2023 community events newsletter submission. January-March 2023 City quarterly newsletter; delivering to residents the week of December 26th, 2022.
- j. Mayoral Community outreach program: Partnership building in the coming FY23 legislative year from the Prince George's County to Annapolis. Set to attend four executive meetings in the New Year.
- k. Supported National Panhellenic Council and the American Red Cross hosting blood drive. Site: Glenarden Community Center.
- l. County Click 311 is a one-stop call center that residents may call to get answers to questions and receive assistance with resolving non-emergency issues. This system makes it easier to reach county departments/services and greatly expands information available online. 311 allows citizens to have a quick, easy-to-remember, single point of access for non-emergency government information and services. What Happens After 311 is Contacted. The Call Center Representative will either provide you with the information you requested or send a service request to the appropriate department or County agency on your behalf. You will be given a service case request number which you may track the progress of your request online or through a follow-up phone call. Call Center Representatives may also check the status of a service request, but the task of ensuring that a service request is resolved will be the responsibility of the department handling your request. ****Important Notes and Tips**** Do not contact 311 repeatedly for the same service request. Always reference the original service request number if calling for the status of your request. Reporting the same complaint multiple times will create duplicate entries and place your service request at the back of the queue.

2. Annapolis Legislative communication/ attendance strategy.
 - a. Often during session, municipal officials are asked to come to Annapolis to testify at bill hearings or meet with Senators and Delegates on issues affecting local municipal government. In the upcoming FY23, it is imperative to build progressive relationships and connections with the elected members at the state level to maintain an active and effective presence in the General Assembly and with the new administration. Citizens are respected by this administration and look forward to building citizen legislative forums in FY23 to host discuss and thrive community forums as an extension to the Mayoral Community Forums. The goal is to increase community –wide knowledge of actions happening in Annapolis and on Capitol Hill impacting the City of Glenarden.
 - b. DHCD Project Restore FY23: The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, through Project Restore, is providing financial support to Maryland’s existing or new businesses to help incentivize commercial investment in vacant retail and commercial properties. <https://onestop.md.gov/forms/dhcd-project-restore-fy23-6297ba1eb0bf73019eeb8143>
3. Administration Projected:
 - a. Expanded Community Communication Strategy:
 - i. Hire new City Manager. City Manager application period (closes 1/31)
 - ii. Updates, upgrades to the television station green room by newly hire Steelbeach Post Productions, LLC.
 - b. Annual State of the Glenarden Mayoral Address.

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Website: <https://www.edge-gogreen.com/grants/> and, <https://buildingchange.net/>

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All homeowners must meet income criteria and be willing to provide documentation of income.

Page 1 and Page 2 of Federal Income Tax Return form 1040 or SS Benefit Statement

Gas (if applicable) and Electric Utility Bill

Number of People Living in House	Owner(s) Only Annual Income Must Be Less than		Number of People Living in House	Owner(s) Only Annual Income Must Be Less than
1 ➡	\$59,234.00		2 ➡	\$67,681.00
3 ➡	\$76,128.00		4 ➡	\$84,575.00
5 ➡	\$91,375.00		6 ➡	\$98,122.00
7 ➡	\$104,922.00		8 ➡	\$111,669.00

The following make the home ineligible for this opportunity: **False Income Statements** or; Aggressive dogs not being safely handled; Drug use on premises; Threats to auditor; Home found structurally inadequate; Rental property; and/or any safety or other issues prohibited by grant special conditions.

In addition to the above, the following could (after inspection) also make the home ineligible:

Nub and Tub wiring (means you can't install attic insulation); Mold problem; water problem such as a hole in the roof or standing water in the basement; home sealed too tight resulting in the inability of fumes to escape through natural ventilation; major roof issues; major plumbing issues; or a Gas leak.

Veterans and/or Retired Homeowners will be given preference.

See accompanying Income Affidavit and Agreement, complete and then: Fax, email or Mail to:

Attn: Lt. (Ret.) James (Jim) Flynn, Building Change Inc., is located at 6852 Distribution Drive, Beltsville, MD 20705, 240-786-4186 (fax); email: JF258@aol.com or Alison Miller: stg_am@msn.com



EmPOWER CLEAN ENERGY Communities Grant Program
Building Change Inc., Municipal Collaboration for L/M Income Energy Efficiency Upgrades
Maryland Energy Administration Grant No.: 2022-02 and 04-331S1
Website: <https://www.edge-gogreen.com/grants/> and
<https://buildingchange.net/>

Affidavit of Income

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Work: _____ email: _____

____ I am a Veteran ____ I am a Senior Citizen

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I certify that there are [] persons living in the house and my/our annual gross income is LESS THAN the stated maximum allowable income identified above in the "Income Table." Supported by the following document which is attached: _____ (*initial*)

I understand that this information is subject to verification by the State of Maryland.

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2021 or 2022 Federal Form 1040 Income Tax Return (**Page 1 and Page 2 only**)

or

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Social Security Annual Benefit Stub or proof of income (*if you're not required to file*)

Utility and Energy Supplier Information

Gas Utility: _____ Account #: _____ bill attached _____

Electric Utility: _____ Account #: _____ bill attached _____

Other Fuel Supplier: _____ ☐ Oil ☐ Propane / Account #: _____

How did you hear about this program?

____ Friend/Family/Neighbor ____ Facebook/Social Media ____ NextDoor ____ Newsletter ____ other

Thank you for sharing our program!

Please complete and return the affidavit with your TAX Forms (income verification) to:
Lt. (Ret.) James (Jim) Flynn, Building Change, Inc., located at 6852 Distribution Drive, Beltsville, MD 20705,
240-786-4186 (fax); email: JF258@aol.com or Alison Miller at email: stg_am@msn.com , for appropriate processing.

I understand COVID-19 is contagious and I am comfortable with the contractors performing services while utilizing PPE equipment for our mutual safety. I solemnly declare, under oath, and subject to the penalties of perjury, that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Affiant

Date

Person Receiving Affidavit

Date



UPDATED 10/28/22

HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE FUND - WHOLEHOME GRANT

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COVID-19 RELATED FINANCIAL HARDSHIP REQUIREMENT	In order to receive assistance, eligible homeowners must have experienced a COVID-19 related financial hardship, as defined in U.S. Treasury Department guidance, after January 21, 2020. The hardship will be self-attested by the borrower in the HAF application form and can be due to decrease in household income, increase in household expenses or other situations. Examples of COVID-19 related hardship include: having to perform essential work during the pandemic; child care/educational costs; costs of caring for an elderly, disabled, or sick family member; illness; death in the family; divorce/separation, etc.
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PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Toll Free: 877-568-6105• Email: Rehab.HAFApplications@Maryland.gov
OTHER CRITERIA	CONTRACTOR BID AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION should state: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• At the time of application submission; applicant(s) will provide a detail work proposal (within the past 60 days) including costs from a licensed and insured Maryland Home Improvement Contractor for their critical repair with photos and/or drawings• A staff member will review said proposal that validates it is an eligible proposal• Contractor to complete Bid Form as well as supply their professional license, insurance, Letter of Good Standing from SDAT and an executed W-9

HAF 150% AMI LOW INCOME LIMITS BY HOUSEHOLD SIZE (CAPPED AT US MEDIAN)

JURISDICTION	1 PERSON	2 PERSON	3 PERSON	4 PERSON	5 PERSON	6 PERSON	7 PERSON	8 PERSON
Allegany	\$79,900	\$86,400	\$97,200	\$108,000	\$116,650	\$125,300	\$133,950	\$142,600
Anne Arundel	\$110,400	\$126,150	\$141,900	\$157,650	\$170,300	\$182,900	\$195,500	\$208,100
Baltimore	\$110,400	\$126,150	\$141,900	\$157,650	\$170,300	\$182,900	\$195,500	\$208,100
Baltimore city	\$110,400	\$126,150	\$141,900	\$157,650	\$170,300	\$182,900	\$195,500	\$208,100
Calvert	\$135,450	\$154,800	\$174,150	\$193,500	\$209,000	\$224,500	\$239,950	\$255,450
Caroline	\$79,900	\$86,400	\$97,200	\$108,000	\$116,650	\$125,300	\$133,950	\$142,600
Carroll	\$110,400	\$126,150	\$141,900	\$157,650	\$170,300	\$182,900	\$195,500	\$208,100
Cecil	\$99,250	\$113,400	\$127,600	\$141,750	\$153,100	\$164,450	\$175,800	\$187,150
Charles	\$135,450	\$154,800	\$174,150	\$193,500	\$209,000	\$224,500	\$239,950	\$255,450
Dorchester	\$79,900	\$86,400	\$97,200	\$108,000	\$116,650	\$125,300	\$133,950	\$142,600
Frederick	\$135,450	\$154,800	\$174,150	\$193,500	\$209,000	\$224,500	\$239,950	\$255,450
Garrett	\$79,900	\$86,400	\$97,200	\$108,000	\$116,650	\$125,300	\$133,950	\$142,600
Harford	\$110,400	\$126,150	\$141,900	\$157,650	\$170,300	\$182,900	\$195,500	\$208,100
Howard	\$110,400	\$126,150	\$141,900	\$157,650	\$170,300	\$182,900	\$195,500	\$208,100
Kent	\$82,450	\$94,200	\$106,000	\$117,750	\$127,200	\$136,600	\$146,050	\$155,450
Montgomery	\$135,450	\$154,800	\$174,150	\$193,500	\$209,000	\$224,500	\$239,950	\$255,450
Prince George's	\$135,450	\$154,800	\$174,150	\$193,500	\$209,000	\$224,500	\$239,950	\$255,450
Queen Anne's	\$110,400	\$126,150	\$141,900	\$157,650	\$170,300	\$182,900	\$195,500	\$208,100
St. Mary's	\$114,150	\$130,450	\$146,750	\$163,050	\$176,100	\$189,150	\$202,200	\$215,250
Somerset	\$79,900	\$86,400	\$97,200	\$108,000	\$116,650	\$125,300	\$133,950	\$142,600
Talbot	\$91,800	\$104,900	\$118,000	\$131,100	\$141,600	\$152,100	\$162,600	\$173,100
Washington	\$81,100	\$92,650	\$104,250	\$115,800	\$125,100	\$134,350	\$143,600	\$152,900
Wicomico	\$79,900	\$86,400	\$97,200	\$108,000	\$116,650	\$125,300	\$133,950	\$142,600
Worcester	\$83,800	\$95,800	\$107,750	\$119,700	\$129,300	\$138,900	\$148,450	\$158,050