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Proposal to Build Residential Housing on Prospect Center Campus to Be Considered for Funding *Congressman Trone Advances Request for \$7.5 Million*

FREDERICK, Md. – To help address the critical need for affordable housing, County Executive Jessica Fitzwater has proposed building affordable units on land owned by Frederick County Government. That plan recently earned the support of Congressman David Trone. The Prospect Center Affordable Housing initiative is one of 15 Community Projects requested by the Congressman to receive federal funding. Frederick County applied for \$7.5 million. If approved, the funding would be part of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development federal appropriations bill.

“I am thrilled and grateful that Congressman Trone supports our Prospect Center Campus Affordable Housing Project and has submitted our proposal for consideration for Community Project Funding,” County Executive Fitzwater said. “This project is part of my vision for addressing the high cost of housing. We know housing costs place a heavy burden on 36% of Frederick County residents, who struggle to make ends meet, according to the most recent United Way [ALICE Report](#). I am proud to work in partnership with Congressman Trone to address this housing crisis head-on with creative and sustainable solutions.”

The Prospect Center Affordable Housing initiative will set the stage for workforce or senior housing on a parcel of land next to the County’s Prospect Center building off Himes Avenue in Frederick. In addition to assessing County-owned land for affordable housing development as a strategy, the Fitzwater Administration is following through on its commitment to conduct a housing needs assessment. This assessment will identify current challenges and create strategic solutions to the shortage of affordable housing. A Request for Proposals for the assessment was posted this week on the County’s [website](#), FrederickCountyMD.gov.

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