

Kentlands New Urbanism Scholarship

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Submitted by: The Kentlands Community Foundation Board of Directors

SUMMARY

A scholarship program that would provide financial support to architecture/urban planning students in contingent on a commitment by recipients to conduct a significant study of the Kentlands as part of their thesis project.

OBJECTIVE

To establish a program that fulfills the goal specified in Article II, § 2-105, paragraph (3)(d) of the Kentlands Community Charter for the Titleholder's Initial Contributions: "to be beneficial to the qualities of the social and cultural life in Kentlands," while also addressing a key components of the Foundation's mission to be an educational resource for New Urbanism.

By financially supporting the study of New Urbanism for selected Urban Planning/Architecture students, the program would keep the Kentlands at the center of the New Urbanist discussion; while helping the Kentlands grow and evolve based on meaningful and thoughtful input from new and emerging leaders in the field.

Over time, this will create a small community of New Urbanist scholars with special knowledge, commitment and connection to the Kentlands.

OPERATIONAL PLAN

Eligibility

Candidate must be enrolled in a graduate level Urban Planning program and must commit to a significant study of the Kentlands as part of their thesis project.

Selection Criteria

Based on demonstrated academic and non-academic commitment to the study and advancement of new urbanism, possibly with some preference for Kentlands residents and their families.

PARTNERSHIPS

The program would be administered by and through one or more universities with programs meeting the criteria (University of Maryland, a prime candidate), and funded by the Kentlands Community Foundation through an endowment from the TIC Fund. The Scholarship Fund could also seek donations

and other support and participation by a variety of stakeholders in New Urbanism, such as the [Congress on New Urbanism](#), partner universities, and others.

CAPITALIZATION

This program would require only a modest amount of seed funding as an endowment. We would not anticipate seeking material additional funding from the TIC or the Foundation, as we would seek additional donations and partner funding and plan to primarily use earnings from the principal to fund the scholarships. We would anticipate no financial return to the Foundation.

We propose an allocation of \$25,000 from the TIC fund as seed funding for this project, contingent on the successful identification of university and other partners.

We request authorization to proceed with seeking and negotiation with university and non-profit partners and to fully document the program.