

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2021 Legislative Session

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Committee: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date: 04/27/2021

Action: FAV

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 10-0 (In favor: Council Members Hawkins, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Taveras and Turner)

The Committee of the Whole convened on April 27, 2021 to discuss CR-28-2021, the FY2022 Annual Action Plan for the Department of Housing and Community Development. A public hearing was held on CR-28-2021 on April 12, 2021. The Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee Director summarized the purpose of CR-28-2021 indicating that the Annual Action Plan reflects the County's most critical housing and community development needs, as identified in the FY2021-2025 Consolidated Plan as adopted by CR-47-2020. Additionally, the Annual Action Plan serves as the grant application for the following federal entitlement program funds: Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Program, HOME Investment Partnerships ("HOME") Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grants ("ESG") Program.

Ms. Aspasia Xypolia, Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) provided a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the County's Annual Action Plan, Plan process, goals and targets for FY2022 as well as funding recommendations for each of the Programs. Director Xypolia was joined by Patricia Isaac, CDBG Program Manager, DHCD; Pamela A. Wilson, Housing Development Program Manager, DHCD; Renee Ensor-Pope, Assistant Director of Community Services, Department of Social Services (DSS) –Management and Oversight of the ESG Program on behalf of DHCD; and Shirley E. Grant, CPD Administrator, DHCD.

The Office of Audits and Investigations submitted a Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement dated April 26, 2021 indicating that adoption of CR-28-2021 would have offsetting impacts on revenue and expenditures as it represents an increase of \$9,152,822 in Department of Housing and Community Development spending, funded by an equivalent amount of entitlement funds, to address community concerns identified with the Consolidated Planning process.

Ms. Ensor-Pope responded to Council Members' questions concerning utilization of ESG funding for homeless shelters and the DSS plan for COVID vaccinations within the shelters.

Council Member Glaros commended DHCD for their continued work on the Annual Action Plan including outreach to Council Members to address any questions or concerns with funding recommendations in the Plan.

The Committee voted favorable on CR-28-2021 as drafted.