

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE REPORT

2020 Legislative Session

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**Reference No.:** CR-29-2020

**Draft No.:** 1

**Committee:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**Date:** 6/4/2020

**Action:** FAV

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### REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable (11-0); No Amendments. (In Favor: Council members Turner, Hawkins, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Streeter, and Taveras.)

The Chairman of the County Council, Chairman Turner, the Legislative Officer, Kathleen Canning, and Estella Alexander, Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development summarized the purpose of the resolution.

CR-29-2020 (DR-1) amends the Prince George's County Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development by adding Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding of \$3,036,958 and adding \$1,523,903 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding. This funding is Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, CARES Act, funding from Federal government appropriations related to COVID-19.

Ms. Alexander indicated that the two fundamental uses of the funds are for rental assistance and food insecurity. She provided that there is rental assistance for funding for approximately 600 families, with an award of monthly assistance in the approximate amount of 1,400 per month, for a 1-3-month period.

Chairman Turner asked questions regarding the allocation process to organizations of the COVID-19 funds. Council Member Taveras provided information regarding a disallowance of benefits to persons because their zip code is 20904, which registers with Silver Spring in Montgomery County, Maryland. Council Member Anderson-Walker inquired about whether mortgage assistance funds are available in the CARES Act appropriations. Council Member Glaros discussed the census tracts regarding food distribution. Council Member Dernoga discussed the need for funding emergency food sites in North County.

The County FY 2016 Citizen Participation Plan requires at least one public hearing because the proposed amendment to the FY 2020 Annual Action Plan would constitute a "substantial change". A public hearing on CR-29-2020 was held on June 2, 2020. The Liaison to the County Executive, Terry Bell, had no additional comments.

The Associate County Attorney, Ms. Skinner, provided that the resolution was in proper legislative form and there were no legal impediments to adoption of the resolution.