

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: 5/16/95

Reference No.: CR-17-1995

Proposer: County Executive

Draft No.: 1

Sponsors: Wilson, Scott, Russell, and Maloney

Item Title: To approve the FY 1996-2000 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development and Combined Federal grants application for FY95-96 entitlements of various funds

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: ___/___/___

Executive Action: ___/___/___

Committee Referral:(1) 4/4/95 THE

Effective Date: ___/___/___

Committee Action:(1) 5/4/95 FAV

Date Introduced: 4/4/95

Pub. Hearing Date: (1) 5/2/95 7:00 PM

Council Action: (1) 5/16/95 Adopted

Council Votes: AMc:A, DB:A, SD:A, JE:A, IG:A, WM:A, RVR:A, AS:A, MW:A

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks: _____

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WORKSESSION

Date: 5/4/95

Committee Vote: Favorable, 7-0 (In favor: Council members Bailey, Estepp, Gourdine, Maloney, Russell, Scott and Wilson).

J. Kenneth Battle, Director, Transportation, Housing and Environment Committee, briefed the Committee on the components of the Consolidated Plan which consists of: a Citizen Participation Plan (Part I), a Housing and Homeless Needs Assessment (Part II), a Housing Market Analysis (Part III), a Five-Year Strategic Plan (Part IV), and an Action Plan for FY1996 (Part V). The worksession then focused on the FY1996 entitlements for the following grants:

Home Investment Partnerships (HOME)

\$2,165,000 will be used to provide incentives for developers and certified non-profit organizations to provide affordable housing; to provide assistance for first-time home buyers and special populations and; to provide funding for the rehabilitation of single family housing.

Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG)

\$247,000 will be utilized for client services and case management at County-operated shelters (i.e. Shepherd's Cove, Prince George's House and the Family Emergency Shelter).

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

\$677,963 will provide rental subsidies and emergency assistance for persons with HIV/AIDS who are no longer able to work, allowing them to remain in their homes during the advanced stages of the illness.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

\$7,458,472 will be provided for the following activities:

Public Facilities - \$3,462,238

This category involves infrastructure improvements such as street resurfacing, curb and gutter replacement sidewalk repairs and handicapped accessibility improvements.

Public Services - \$1,160,108

This category involves health services, counselings training/tutorial programs, transportation and support services for a variety of target groups (i.e. seniors, homeless, teen and other at risk parents, inmates and non-english speaking residents).

Housing and Economic Development - \$1,337,420

This category includes costs incurred by the Department of Housing and Community Development in the implementation of the Housing Rehabilitation program and the CHOICE (Creating Housing Opportunities In Communities Everywhere) program.

General Administration/Section 8 Loan Guarantee Repayment - \$1,498,706

This activity represents the costs incurred by the Department of Housing and Community Development in the administration of the grant (i.e., gathering information, public modification, assisting applicants, coordination of proposal reviews, preparing HUD submittal, monitoring accounts).

The Committee's discussion focused on the block grant, specifically on projects in the public facilities and public services categories. As a result of public hearing testimony, significant discussion occurred regarding projects in the Suitland area. The Department of Housing and Community Development and the Department of Public Works and Transportation staff provided information on current activity and Housing staff indicated that project proposal numbers 28 (Silver Hill Road from Suitland Road to Porter Avenue) and 32 (various streets in Suitland Manor) will be

funded through a combination of prior year residuals, current year Public Works allocation, Neighborhood Preservation financing, and HOME funds. The Committee recommended that a letter be drafted for the Chairwoman's signature to the County Executive indicating that the Suitland area should remain a priority for revitalization efforts.

After discussion regarding several municipalities with prior year residuals for street projects, the Committee recommended that the Department of Public Works increase its efforts to assist municipalities in completing unfinished projects.

In the public services category, the Committee expressed support for the Literacy Council's adult tutoring program which will receive \$6,000 less than requested. The Committee indicated that efforts would be made to provide this amount through the General fund if funding becomes available.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

This resolution will approve and adopt the FY 1996-2000 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development, and combined Federal grants application for Prince George's County's FY 1995-1996 entitlements of Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Shelter Grant funds.

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