

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2025 Legislative Session

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Date: March 27, 2025

Action: FAV

REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorably 3-0 (Council Members Watson, Harrison, and Dernoga) Absent: Oriadha and Hawkins

The Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee convened on March 27, 2025, to consider CB-022-2025 an act concerning Supplementary Appropriations for the purpose of declaring additional revenue and appropriating to the General Fund, Internal Service Fund, Special Revenue Fund, and Enterprise Fund to provide for costs that were not anticipated and included in the Approved Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. CB-45-2024, as amended, adopted and enacted the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Prince George's County for Fiscal Year 2025, and set forth the amount of appropriations and revenue estimates. Sections 814 and 815 of the County Charter provide guidance on this process.

This legislation would provide additional appropriation authority totaling \$10,785,900 in the General Fund. The additional resources will increase the Fiscal Year 2025 General Fund Budget from \$4,588,593,200, as expressed in CB-45-2024, to \$4,599,379,100. The legislation appropriates additional use of unassigned fund balance (an increase of \$10.8 million) as the revenue source.

Details of the changes and agencies involved are as follows:

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF)
Agency Reallocations in the General Fund and Internal Service Fund: Under the SLFRF grant program, the County was required to obligate 100% of the ARPA funds by December 31, 2024, and expend 100% of the funds by December 31, 2026. To meet the obligation deadline, the County moved \$44.8 million in Police Department sworn salary expenditures from the General Fund to the ARPA grant. Based on this action, the legislation reallocates approximately \$44.8 million in appropriation from the Police Department to various agency operating budget appropriations to allow the agencies to spend their remaining SLFRF projects within the General Fund.

Other General Fund Adjustments: This legislation increases the expenditure appropriation by (1) \$6,814,000 to support additional funding needs for the FY 2025 snow and ice control season as administered by the Department of Public Works and Transportation; (2) \$3.0 million for a PAYGO (“pay-as-you-go”) transfer to the Strategic IT Initiatives capital project (#8.23.0002) under Non-Departmental that did not occur as budgeted in FY 2024; (3) \$400,000 transfer to the Fair Election Special Revenue Fund that did not occur in FY 2024 as budgeted; and (4) \$571,900 to address projected overages in the Department of the Environment due to additional overtime costs in the Animal Services Division, large employee leave payouts and lower-than-anticipated staff attrition.

Internal Service Fund Adjustments: This legislation also includes a transfer of \$737,800 from the General Fund to the Information Technology Internal Service Fund to reflect the transfer of remaining former SLFRF project funds for the Office of Information Technology to support IT digitization and cybersecurity projects. Overall, the Fiscal Year 2025 Internal Service Fund Budget (Information Technology and Fleet Management) as expressed by CB-45-2024 increases from \$76,573,200 to \$77,311,000.

Special Revenue Fund Adjustments: This legislation also includes a net adjustment of \$5,048,900 to Special Revenue Fund to reflect changes in the (1) Drug Enforcement and Education Special Revenue Fund to primarily reallocate resources to the proper expense character (net increase of \$15,200); (2) Fair Election Special Revenue Fund to reflect a transfer of \$400,000 from the General Fund that did not occur in FY 2024 (the \$400,000 transfer-in is 100% offset by removal of the appropriated fund balance revenue allocation); (3) Housing Investment Trust Fund to reflect a transfer in of \$4.1 million from the remaining former SLFRF project funds primarily support the Affordable Housing - Right of First Refusal and Housing Rehab Assistance programs; and (4) Transportation Services Improvement Special Revenue Fund to reflect the PAYGO transfer of \$900,000 to the Bus Mass Transit/Metro Access 2 (#4.66.0006) capital project (this capital project currently has spending appropriation in the current year but the \$900,000 in special revenue funding was not transferred to the project in FY 2024). Overall, the Fiscal Year 2025 Special Revenue Fund Budget, as expressed by CB-45-2024, increases from \$293,539,100 to \$298,588,000.

Enterprise Fund Adjustments: Finally, this legislation also includes a transfer of \$1,486,200 from the General Fund to the Stormwater Management Enterprise Fund to reflect the transfer in of remaining former SLFRF project funds for the Department of the Environment to support a flood study. Overall, the Fiscal Year 2025 Enterprise Fund Budget (Solid Waste, Stormwater Management and Local Water Quality) as expressed by CB-45-2024 increases from \$262,062,700 to \$263,548,900.

Ms. Terry Bell, representing the Office of Law, noted that the legislation had been reviewed and found to have no legal impediments to enactment.

Ms. Sakinda Skinner, representing the Office of the County Executive, asked for the

committee's support for the legislation.

Brent E. Johnson, the Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget also participated in the meeting.

After further discussion, the Prince George's County Council's Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee reported CB-22-2025 out of committee favorably, 3-0