

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

Meeting Date: 7/10/2001

Reference No.: CR-34-2001

Proposer: County Executive

Draft No.: 1

Sponsors: Russell, Estepp

Item Title: A Resolution expressing the Prince George's County Council's approval of the Housing Authority of Prince George's County's 2001 Single Family Mortgage Purchase Program and authorizes the issuance of Taxable Down Payment Assistance Investment Notes in amount not to exceed \$2,500,000

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Bond Counsel

Resource Jalal Greene
Personnel: Housing

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: __/__/__

Executive Action: __/__/__

Committee Referral: 7/10/2001 THE

Effective Date: 7/31/2001

Committee Action: 7/24/2001 FAV

Date Introduced: 7/10/2001

Public Hearing: __/__/__ __:__ __

Council Action: 7/31/2001 ADOPTED

Council Votes: RVR:A, DB:A, JE:A, IG:A, TH:A, WM:A, AS:A, PS:A, MW:A

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks: _____

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE DATE: 7/24/01

Committee Vote: Favorable, 5-0, (In favor: Council Members Estepp, Shapiro, Bailey, Gourdine and Hendershot).

Staff explained the purpose of the resolution and informed the Committee of referral comments that were received. The Legislative Officer and the Office of Law have reviewed CR-34-2001 and determined that it is proper legislative form. Audits and Investigations determined that there should not be any negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of adopting CR-34-2001. The Executive Branch supports the resolution.

The Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) indicates that CR-34-2001 authorizes the issuance of Taxable Down Payment Assistance Investment Notes in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000. The proceeds of which will be used to purchase second mortgage loans made to persons of eligible income, to make available downpayment and closing assistance. The Program will provide up to 5% downpayment assistance.

The DHCD Director further stated that the Down Payment Assistance Program is referred to as the Step Up Program. The program affords citizens an opportunity to purchase a more expensive second home in the County. The Program eliminates the first-time home buyer requirement and allows for higher incomes and higher purchase price limitations. The income criteria is based upon 150% of the area medium income (\$83,600); which is approximately \$125,000.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

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

This resolution approves one of the two components comprising the Housing Authority of Prince George's County's 2001 Single Family Mortgage Purchase Program and authorizes the issuance of Taxable Down Payment Assistance Investment Notes in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 to fund second mortgage loans which provide downpayment and closing cost assistance. A public hearing is not required.

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