PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2021 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CR-104-2021

Draft No.: 1

Committee: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date: 10/28/2021

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 October 28, 2021 to discuss CR-104-2021, a Resolution to amend the Prince George's County Fiscal Year ("FY") 2020 Annual Action Plan ("AAP") for the Department of Housing and Community Development ("DHCD") for the purpose of changing the use of Emergency Solutions Grants COVID ("ESG-CV") Program funds, in the amount of three million, four hundred thousand, eight hundred ten dollars (\$3,400,810) from existing activities to an existing eligible activity. CR-104-2021 required at least one (1) public hearing, which was held on October 26, 2021, because the proposed amendments to the FY 2020 Annual Action Plan would constitute a "substantial change" under the FY 2021-2025 County Citizen Participation Plan, as described in the County's FY 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan.

Ms. Aspasia Xypolia, Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and Ms. Shirley Grant, CPD Administrator, DHCD were present for the discussion of the resolution. Ms. Xypolia summarized the purpose of the legislation and introduced Ms. Renee Ensor-Pope, Assistant Director of Community Services, Department of Social Services (DSS) – Management and Oversight of the ESG Program on behalf of DHCD to provide additional background. Ms. Ensor-Pope explained that the change in use is from the direct services programs to the shelter program to better utilize funds for capital projects.

The Office of Audits and Investigations submitted a Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement dated October 27, 2021 indicating that adoption of CR-104-2021 would have no fiscal impact as the funds are being reprogrammed from the FY 2020 Annual Action Plan (CR-024-2019). Adoption of CR-104-2021 may have a positive indirect fiscal impact through community resources and services to residents and businesses impacted by the public emergency.

The Office of Law reviewed CR-104-2021 as it was introduced on September 28, 2021 and found it to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its adoption.

On a motion by Council Member Glaros and second by Council Member Turner, the Committee

of the Whole voted favorable, 10-0, on CR-104-2021 Draft-1.