

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2019 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CR-82-2019

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Committee: PLANNING, HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Date: 11/07/2019

Action: FAV

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Glaros, Davis, Dernoga, and Hawkins)

The Planning, Housing, and Economic Development Committee Director summarized the purpose of the legislation. CR-82-2019 amends the Prince George's County Fiscal Year ("FY") 2020 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development by restructuring Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Program activities: Town of North Brentwood and Greater Baden Medical Services, Inc. The proposed amendment stems from a change in the location and description of the activities originally described in the FY 2018 and FY 2019 Annual Action Plans.

The County's FY2016-2020 Citizen's Participation Plan requires at least one public hearing because the proposed amendment to the FY2020 Annual Action Plan would constitute a "substantial change". A public hearing on CR-82-2019 was held on October 29, 2019.

Estella Alexander, Acting Director, Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), and LeShann Murphy, DHCD's CDBG Portfolio Manager, provided comments and answered questions by members of the Committee.

The Office of Audits and Investigations determined that the adoption of CR-82-2019 should not have an adverse fiscal impact on the County as County General Funds are not proposed for use in the proposed restructuring and amendment of the FY2020 Annual Action Plan. Adoption of CR-82-2019 may promote growth and economic development within the County by enhancing the County's appearance as well as increasing health service offerings that may encourage individuals to maintain residency within the County thereby increasing indirect sources of County revenue.

The Committee voted favorable on the legislation as drafted.