

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE REPORT

2024 Legislative Session

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**Reference No.:** CR-035-2024

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**Committee:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**Date:** 5/28/2024

**Action:** FAV

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### REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 8-0 (In favor: Chair Ivey, Council Members Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Vice Chair Harrison, Council Members Olson, Oriadha, Watson)

The Prince George's County Council convened as the Committee of the Whole (COW) on May 28, 2024, to consider CR-035-2024. On this day, the County Council also held a public hearing on the resolution. On Tuesday, April 23, 2024, the County Council introduced CR-35-2024.

The Planning, Housing and Economic Development Director gave an overview of the resolution and the Policy Analysis submitted by the Office of Audits and Investigations. The County Executive transmitted this resolution for the Council's consideration to approve and adopt an amendment to the Prince George's County Fiscal Year ("FY") 2020 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development by adding new Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 Round 1 ("CDBG-CV1") and Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 Round 3 ("CDBG-CV3") Program activities not initially funded or described in the FY 2020 Annual Action Plan.

The resolution reprograms and reallocates one million, three hundred seventy-nine thousand, seven hundred thirty-four dollars (\$1,379,734) in previously approved FY 2020 Annual Action Plan funds to the CDBG-CV1 and CDBG-CV3 Program to support new activities.

The Budget and Policy Analysis Division submitted a policy statement stating that CR-35-2024 would offset impacts and expenditures. In addition, the resolution aligns with Plan 2035 goals and the FY 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan to prioritize affordable housing, economic development, improving public facilities and infrastructure, and providing support and services to people without housing and those at risk of homelessness.

Ms. Aspasia Xypolia, Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), explained that during COVID-19, the department received three allocations of CDBG-CV1 and CDBG-CV3 money from the federal government, the County Council approved the allocation of funds, and those funds were dispersed; as a result, many of those projects have

finished with a balance. The balance was about one million, three hundred thousand dollars (\$1,300,000) for public service activities. DHCD funded all eligible organizations.

Ms. Terry Bell, with the Office of Law, stated that the resolution is in proper legislative format, legally sufficient, and has no impediments to adoption.

Ms. Sakinda Skinner, County Council Liaison, stated that the County Executive's Office requested a favorable Committee of the Whole recommendation on the resolution.

On a motion made by Council Member Watson, seconded by Council Member Oriadha, the County Council Committee of the Whole voted 8-0 favorable on CR-035-2024.