

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE REPORT

2022 Legislative Session

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**Reference No.:** CR-027-2022

**Draft No.:** 1

**Committee:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**Date:** 5/10/2022

**Action:** FAV

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### REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable 11-0 (In favor: Council Members Hawkins, Burroughs, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Medlock, Streeter, Taveras, and Turner)

The County Council, sitting as the Committee of the Whole (COW), convened on May 10, 2022, to consider CR-27-2022, a Resolution to approve the restructuring of a Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) Program activity originally described in the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan as amended on November 16, 2021, and modified on February 28, 2022. The program activity is the Prince George’s County Economic Development Corporation’s “Export Business Technical Assistance.”

The Planning, Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) Committee summarized the purpose of the resolution and informed the Committee that Aspasia Xypolia, Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), and Ebony Stocks, Prince George’s County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Executive Vice President, were present to provide additional background on the resolution and respond to questions. Director Xypolia explained that the request for restructuring was received from EDC to broaden the scope of programs and services for the program activity. Ms. Stocks further explained that expenses that EDC has incurred for the Export Business Technical Assistance activity have not been eligible in the original scope and the request to restructure and repurpose allows EDC to be more generalized with the program providing services to small and medium businesses in the County.

This Resolution requires at least one (1) public hearing because the proposed amendment to the FY 2022 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. The public hearing for CR-27-2022 was held on May 10, 2022, prior to the COW and there were no speakers for the resolution.

After discussion, the Committee of the Whole voted favorable, 11-0, on CR-27-2022 as drafted.