

Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 5/4/2004
Reference No.: CR-017-2004
Draft No.: 3
Proposer(s): County Executive
Sponsor(s): Bland
Item Title: A Resolution approving and adopting the FY 2005 Housing and Community Development Prince George's County Annual Action Plan

Drafter: Linton E. Jones, DHCD
Resource Personnel: Thomas M. Thompson, DHCD

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented:	Executive Action: 5/5/2004 S
Committee Referral: 3/23/2004 - THE	Effective Date:
 Committee Action: 4/28/2004 - FAV(A)	
 Date Introduced: 3/23/2004	
Public Hearing: 4/27/2004 - 7:00 PM	
 Council Action (1) 5/4/2004 - ADOPTED	
Council Votes: MB:A, SHD:A, TD:A, CE:A, DCH:A, TH:A, TK:A, DP:A, PS:A	
Pass/Fail: P	
Remarks:	

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING & THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Date 4/28/2004

Committee Vote: Favorable as Amended, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Harrington, Dean, Knotts and Peters).

Staff explained the purpose of CR-17-2004 and informed the Committee of referral comments that were received at the public hearing held on April 27, 2004. The Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) explained the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) proposal submittal process that represents seven months of work by the Department, municipalities, other government agencies and non-profit public service agencies. The Plan serves as the application to Housing Urban Development (HUD) for the CDBG funds, the Home Investment Partnership Program and the Emergency Shelter Grant Program. The Director indicated that for Program Year 30, 109 project proposals for CDBG totaling over \$19 million were received against the \$7,678,000 available. The County's CDBG allocation is 2% less than last year. This decrease is due to calculations based on the Congressional appropriations. Projected "program income" from HUD funded activities is higher in FY2005, making the total amount available the same, \$7,678,000.

The Annual Plan allocates the maximum funding allowed by law to the eligible categories: Public Service Projects

(15%) and Program Planning and Administration (20%). The remaining \$5,049,000 million is allocated among the eligible activities; acquisition and rehabilitation; economic development; relocation and public facilities.

The DHCD Director indicated that funding is recommended for Independence NOW, Access Housing Program, in the amount of \$25,000. He further recommended that the Prince George's Office of Community Relations, Youth Leadership and Employment Program be funded at \$50,000.

The Office of Law presented a proposed Draft 2 for the Committee's consideration. Prince George's County is entitled to receive \$218,347 for FY 2003 and \$257,665 for FY 2004, totaling \$476,002, in American Dream Down payment Partnership Program (ADDI). ADDI is a new component under the HOME investment Partnership Program (HOME). Draft 2 contains clauses adding ADDI to the Annual Action Plan. This Program will provide down payment assistance to low-income families who are first-time homebuyers for the purchase of single-family housing. The DHCD Director indicated that outsourcing the ADDI program to nonprofit housing entities would be an option for administering the ADDI program. The Transportation, Housing and Environment Committee agreed that this would be a preferred option for the carrying out the ADDI objectives. This would be a viable option since administrative fees are not allocated directly from ADDI. Administrative cost up to 10% of the 2003 ADDI amount would have to be absorbed by the HOME Program's administrative line budget.

The Transportation, Housing and Environment Committee reviewed the Annual Action Plan, focusing on each of the above-mentioned categories and proposed changes as reflected in CR-17-2004 Draft 2.

ATTACHMENT A – Acquisition and Rehabilitation:

District Heights - Commercial Area Revitalization - increase \$50,000 to \$100,000

Faith Outreach Community Dev. Corporation - Faith Outreach Child Dev. Center - increase 0 to \$75,000

First Baptist Church of Fairmount Heights - Baal-Perazim Learning Center - increase \$25,000 to \$50,000

Pr. Geo Co DHCD/Housing Dev. Div - Housing Programs Staff Support - decrease from \$1,040,000 to \$880,000

Pr. Geo Co DHCD/Housing Dev Div. - Single Family - Rehabilitation Loan Program - decrease from \$800,000 to \$700,000

Economic Development

Economic Development and Training Institute, Inc. - Prince George's County Business Express - increased 0 to \$60,000

Economic Development Corporation Of Prince George's County (EDC) - Small & Minority-Owned Business Assistance and business Visitation Program - decrease from \$110,000 to \$100,000

Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County - Widows and Orphans of God - decrease from \$475,000 to \$425,000

Planning and Administration

Neighborhood Design Center - Community Design and Planning Assistance - increase \$52,200 to \$100,000

Pr Geo Co DHCD/Community Planning and Dev Div - Planning and Administration of CDBG Program - decrease from \$1,436,800 to \$1,369,000

Public Facilities

Brentwood, Town of - 34th Street Improvements - increase 0 to \$20,000

Capitol Heights, Town of - Balboa Avenue Street Construction -increase \$50,000 to \$70,000

Glenarden, City of - Glen Reed Court East & West Street Improvements - increase \$55,000 to \$100,000

Greenbelt, City of - Ridge Road Street Improvements Phase II -increase \$55,000 to \$100,000

Pr Geo Co Dept. of Public Works and Transportation - Infrastructure Redevelopment and Blight Removal – to include Forest Heights Street Improvements - decrease from \$330,000 to \$310,000

Seat Pleasant, City of - Street Repairs and Sidewalk Project -increase \$50,000 to \$70,000

Public Services

Dimensions Healthcare System - Senior Health Center - removed funding of \$50,000

Independence NOW - Access Housing Program - add \$25,000*

Mission of Love, Inc. - Emergency Assistance Program - increase \$75,000 to \$125,000

Pr Geo Co Office of Community Relations - Youth Leadership and Employment Program - decrease from \$75,000 to \$50,000

Pr Geo Co Police Dept - Building Safer Communities - remove funding of \$50,000

TBSC - TBSC-Building Leadership Through Competitive Swimming - increase 0 to \$25,000

The Committee requested the Department of Public Works and Transportation provide the Committee with their original priority list of infrastructure projects prior to the adoption of CR-17-2004 Draft 2. Under “Public Facilities,” the Committee reduced the proposed amount of funding for the Prince George’s County Department of Public Works and Transportation, “Infrastructure Redevelopment and Blight Removal,” from \$330,000 to \$310,000 and stipulated that \$10,000 go towards planning for A/E cost for Forest Heights street improvements.

The Committee removed funding from the Dimensions Healthcare System and the Police Department and will consider other funding sources for these programs.

The Office of Law and the Legislative Officer find CR-17-2004 Draft 2 to be in proper legislative form

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

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

This resolution will approve and adopt the FY 2005 Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan covering the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) programs.

CODE INDEX TOPICS:

INCLUSION FILES:
