



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Office of Audits and Investigations


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MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert J. Williams, Jr.
Council Administrator

William M. Hunt
Deputy Council Administrator

THRU: Josh Hamlin 
Senior Legislative Budget and Policy Analyst

FROM: Warren E. Burris, Sr. 
Senior Legislative Budget and Policy Analyst

RE: Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement
CR-086-2021 FY 2020 Annual Action Plan Reallocation (DR-1)

CR-086-2021 (*proposed by: Council Chair Hawkins by Request of the County Executive*)

Assigned to Committee of the Whole (COW)

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT for the purpose of amending the Prince George's County Fiscal Year ("FY") 2020 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development in order to allow for change in use of Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 Round 1 ("CDBG-CV1") Program Funds, in the amount of One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand dollars (\$1,750,000) from existing activities to other existing activities; by adding eligible CDBG-CV1 Program activities not originally funded or described in the FY 2020 Annual Action Plan, and by changing the description of CDBG-CV1 Program activities originally described in the FY 2020 Annual Action Plan by adding eligible Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) activities not originally funded or described in the FY 2020 Annual Action Plan.

Fiscal Summary

Direct Impact:

Expenditures: None as Funds are being reprogrammed from FY2020 Annual Action Plan

Revenues: None

Indirect Impact:

Likely Positive

Legislative Summary:

CR-086-2021, proposed by the County Executive and sponsored by Councilmembers Hawkins, Glaros, Taveras, Turner, Harrison, and Davis, was introduced on September 14, 2021 and referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Public Hearing was held on October 5, 2021. CR-086-2021 seeks to reallocate \$1,750,0000 of FY 2020 CDBG CV-1 Program Funds to support other eligible program activities not originally described in the Annual Action Plan.

Current Law/Background:

The federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act, enacted March 27, 2020) and the US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) awarded billions of CDBG Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds to the state CDBG and local governments to address the resource needs caused by the nationwide Coronavirus pandemic. There were three rounds of COVID-CV funding distributed by the federal government.

The County's Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has received COVID-CV funding to address the needs of the residents as a result of the pandemic and public emergency. Whereas the availability of these funds was not previously known nor anticipated, the DHCD must amend its Annual Action Plan to the Community Development Block Grant by adding program activities not originally funded or described in its FY 2020 Annual Action Plan.

In accordance with 24 CFR § 91.505, and pursuant to Prince George's County Code Section 15A-107, when amending its approved Consolidated Plan, CR-024-2019, DHCD must complete a Substantial Amendment that has to be approved by HUD. The jurisdiction shall amend its approved plan whenever it makes one of the following decisions:

- To make a change in its allocation priorities or a change in the method of distribution of funds;
- The addition of an eligible activity not originally funded or described in the Annual Action Plan; or

- A change in the location, description, regulatory reference, national objective citation, and status of an eligible activity originally described in the Annual Action Plan; or
- A change in the use of CDBG, HOME, Program Income, or ESG funds, exceeding \$250,000 from one existing activity to another existing eligible activity in any category within applicable program.

Therefore, the FY 2020 Annual Action Plan of the five-year Consolidated Plan must be amended to include proposed activities for the CDBG-CV Round 1 (CDBG-CV1) funds received by DHCD that were not previously discussed or described in the Annual Action Plan.

Resource Personnel:

DHCD Staff
Council Administration

Discussion/Policy Analysis:

The source of the reprogrammed activity funding is found in Attachment A. The \$1,750,000 reprogrammed funds come from the Emergency Rental Program and is being re-programmed to: Maryland Legal Aid (\$283,106); Capital Area Food Bank (\$300,000) and the Navigator programs from 6 local organizations (\$1,166,894). Attachment B provides the change in scope of the 5 currently funded programs. The change in scope is still applicable and appropriate use of eligible funding activity.

- *Potential Benefits of Adopting CR-086-2021*

Adoption of CR-086-2010 would provide assistance and resources needed to address concerns from the COVID-19 pandemic. COVID-19 is a national pandemic that caused a disturbance in the County and residents' ability to go about normal work and daily activities. Due to the scope and size of the impact of the pandemic, the County still faces challenges in meeting the needs of the residents. These reprogrammed funds and changes in scope of services will assist in meeting the needs of the residents.

- *Potential Costs of adopting CR-086-2021*

Adoption of CR-086-2021 would represent no costs as the funds are being reprogrammed from FY 2020 Annual Action Plan (CR-024-2019).

Fiscal Impact:

Direct Impact

Adoption of CR-086-201 would have no fiscal impact as the funds are being reprogrammed from FY 2020 Annual Action Plan (CR-024-2019).

Indirect Impact

Adoption of CR-086-2021 may have a positive indirect fiscal impact through community resources and services to residents and businesses impacted by the public emergency.

Appropriated in the Current Fiscal Year Budget

No

Effective Date of Proposed Legislation:

The Resolution shall become effective as of the date of its adoption.

If you require additional information, or have questions about this fiscal impact statement, please reach me via phone or email.