

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2019 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CR-83-2019

Draft No.: 1

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-83-2019 amends the Prince George's County Fiscal Year ("FY") 2020 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development by adding new Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Program activities. These eligible activities were not originally funded or described in the FY2020 Annual Action Plan, as modified on June 6, 2019.

Additionally, the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) proposes to reprogram and reallocate two million, eighty-seven thousand, eight hundred seventy-eight dollars and sixty-six cents (\$2,087,878.66) in CDBG Program funds from the FY2014, FY2015, FY2016, FY2017, FY2018 and FY2019 Annual Action Plans approved in prior years for the new CDBG activities.

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-83-2019 was held on October 29, 2019.

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

The Office of Audits and Investigations determined that the adoption of CR-83-2019 should not have an adverse fiscal impact on the County as County General Funds are not proposed for use in the new eligible CDBG activities nor the proposed restructuring and amendment of the FY2020 Annual Action Plan. Adoption of CR-83-2019 may promote growth and economic development by enhancing various neighborhoods within the County which may encourage individuals to maintain or establish residency thereby sustaining and possibly increasing indirect sources of County revenue.

The Committee voted favorable on the legislation as drafted.