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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

May 25, 2021

The Honorable Calvin S. Hawkins, II
Chairman
Prince George's County Council
County Administration Building
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Dear Chairman Hawkins:

Enclosed for the County Council's consideration is a Resolution for appropriating funding from grants in the amount of \$81,177,721 for Fiscal Year 2021. This request for additional appropriation authority will support new and/or continuing grant program efforts of twelve (12) agencies. The agencies requesting additional appropriations are listed below.

The Office of the State's Attorney will need an adjustment totaling \$548,067 for three (3) programs. Funding will support investigative activities for prosecuting violent cold cases, domestic violence cases and auto theft cases apprehension of suspects pretrial preparation.

The Department of Corrections will need an adjustment totaling \$500,000. Funding will support the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE), information technology equipment and promote behavioral health to relieve stressors associated with the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

The Circuit Court will need an adjustment totaling \$15,600. Funding will enhance virtual capacity needed for ongoing services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual abuse, human trafficking and elder abuse during the pandemic.

The Police Department will need an adjustment totaling \$1,287,514 for five (5) programs. Funding will provide assistance with recruiting new sworn officers and retaining veterans; software used by latent print examiners; overtime to place more officers in the community to replace officers affected by the pandemic; and help reduce criminal activity by dismantling gangs, distribution of illegal drugs and the use of firearms in crimes of violence.

The Office of the Sheriff will need an adjustment totaling \$128,000 for four (4) programs. Funding will provide training on communication techniques to recognize verbal and nonverbal cues that can lead to a dangerous situation; equipment used to teach youth how to become a vehicle of change in their community; improving apprehending persons wanted for violent crimes and safely delivering the arrested for detention.

The Fire Department will need an adjustment totaling \$1,218,521 for six (6) programs. Funding will support a full-time manager to oversee fire liaisons who provide critical information to first responders on the rail system; the purchase of decontamination equipment and supplies for fire and emergency medical services personnel; fire, rescue and ambulance services of volunteer fire companies; and the purchase of ballistic PPE.

The Department of Housing and Community Development will need an adjustment totaling \$57,724,859 for three (3) programs. Funding provide loans to homeowners to upgrade deteriorated dwellings to property standards and eliminate housing code violations and provide rental assistance to renters who are struggling to pay their rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Department of Family Services will need an adjustment totaling \$756,616 for fourteen (14) programs. Funding will support health awareness and wellness among older Americans; administrative costs for home delivered meals, weekly delivered meals and services to caregivers for respite care during the pandemic; ability to report health insurance fraud; the coordination of early care and education services for infants, toddlers and their families; domestic violence survivors with emergency assistance and relocation; meals to residents aged (60) years and over; residential living support to individuals at least (62) years of age; assistance to residents who are transitioning from an institution back into the community; and administration costs for delivering level one screens for the anticipated influx for request for the community options waiver registry.

The Department of Public Works and Transportation will need an adjustment totaling \$174,935 for two (2) programs. Funding will support the cash match required for medical assistance transportation services for persons who require dialysis treatments and replace vehicles to enhance existing services.

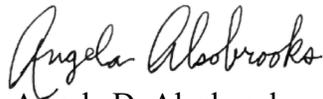
The Health Department will need an adjustment totaling \$8,528,846 for thirty-one (31) programs. Funding will provide clean needle exchange services; support to effectively plan for and execute COVID-19 vaccination activities and clinics; human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) preventive services and testing; tuberculosis medical attention; access to dental services and education; family planning services; breastfeeding and peer counseling for new mothers; and a center for adults experiencing behavioral health related crisis. Funding also will support rental assistance payments for homeless mentally ill individuals involved with the criminal justice system; awareness of suicide risks for first responders and residents; Drug Treatment Court to restore defendants as productive non-criminal members of society; an Injury Prevention Advisory Taskforce; and strategies to prevent morbidity and mortality associated with opioid overdoses. Funding will improve health outcomes for children with lead exposure; response to large public health emergencies with life-saving medicines, supplies and capabilities; local capacity medical reserve corps; maternal and birth outcomes; and support salaries for two community health workers for the COVID Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) program.

Non-Departmental will need an adjustment totaling \$7,877,440 for four (4) programs. Funding will enable the County to issue grants to restaurants and hotels to promote and encourage stabilization within the hospitality and restaurant industry; grants to businesses to assist in setting up online sales framework and offer employee telework opportunities; and grants to local nonprofits organizations that have experienced an adverse economic impact resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and/or services.

The Department of Social Services will need an adjustment totaling \$2,417,323. Funding will provide emergency assistance to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on vulnerable households.

The Council's favorable consideration of this legislation is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact my office or Stanley Earley, Director, Office of Management and Budget, at (301) 952-3300.

Sincerely,


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Enclosures