

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: 7/22/97

Reference No.: CR-37-1997

Proposer: County Executive

Draft No.: 3

Sponsors: Council Members Del Giudice, Bailey, Russell, and Wilson

Item Title: Approval of the Housing Authority of Prince George's
County 1997 Single Family Mortgage Purchase Program
and authorizing issuance of bonds in an amount not to
exceed \$26,000,000

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: ___/___/___

Executive Action: ___/___/___

Committee Referral:(1) 6/3/97 THE

Effective Date: ___/___/___

Committee Action:(1) 7/10/97 FAV(A)

Date Introduced: 6/3/97

Pub. Hearing Date: (1) ___/___/___ __:___ __

Council Action: (1) 7/22/97 ADOPTED

Council Votes: DB:A, SD:A, JE:A, IG:A, WM:A, RVR:A, AS:A, MW:A

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks: _____

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE DATE: 7/10/97

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Russell, Scott, Bailey, Del Giudice and Estepp).

The Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development explained that this legislation will authorize the issuance of bonds in an amount not to exceed \$26,000,000 for the County's 1997 Single Family Mortgage Purchase Program. The Director further explained that the County's 1997 Single Family Bond Program retained several of the features of the 1995 program but also introduced some significant program changes. He also noted that to facilitate community revitalization, this program will not be restricted to current Prince George's County residents due to

higher incomes and purchase prices being targeted. The eligible family income limits is expected to significantly increase. The Director noted that this will make Prince George's County's 1997 program highly attractive to a wider range of income groups in the County as well as in the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area. Information on the County's 1997 Single Family Mortgage Purchase Program will be disseminated to County employees by way of paychecks.

A revised Attachment B, further detailing the Program, was distributed to the Committee members during the worksession.

The County Executive's cover letter to the Council Chair explains that the program will make mortgage credit available for households with eligible incomes who otherwise may be unable to afford the purchase of decent, safe and adequate housing or who may be unable to obtain market rate mortgage financing in the private marketplace.

The Legislative Officer finds it to be in proper legislative form and the Acting County Auditor has determined that there should not be any negative fiscal impact on the County.

The Committee moved favorable on CR-37-1997 with the addition of revised Attachment B.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

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

Since 1981, the Housing Authority's Single Family Mortgage Purchase programs have made available over 2,300 housing units for first time homebuyers in Prince George's County. The 1997 program will provide housing opportunities for approximately 170-180 eligible homeowners. The Housing Authority has secured an agreement from the Maryland Community Development Association to allow the issuance of a larger amount than the allocated authorization of the Housing Authority. The amount will be funded by a combination of a transfer of \$13 million of 1996 bond authority and \$13 million of 1997 bond authority allocated to Prince George's County provided the 1997 authority is used by October 1997. A public hearing is required. There is no direct fiscal impact to Prince George's County.

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