

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

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**Meeting Date:** 5/21/2002**Reference No.:** CR-16-2002**Proposer:** County Executive**Draft No.:** 1**Sponsors:** Scott, Wilson, Dernoga, Estepp, Russell, Hendershot**Item Title:** A Resolution approving and adopting the FY 2003  
Housing and Community Development Prince  
George's County Annual Action Plan

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**Drafter:** Jalal Greene, Director  
DHCD**Resource** Jalal Greene, Director  
**Personnel:** DHCD

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:****Date Presented:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_**Executive Action:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_**Committee Referral:** 4/9/2002 C.O.W.**Effective Date:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_**Committee Action:** 5/14/2002 FAV**Date Introduced:** 4/9/2002**Public Hearing:** 5/8/2002 7:00 P.M.**Council Action:** 5/21/2002 ADOPTED**Council Votes:** PS:A, DB:-, TD:A; JE:A, TH:A, RVR:A, AS:A, MW:A**Pass/Fail:** P**Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**

DATE: 5/14/2002

Committee Vote: Favorable, 6-0 (In favor: Council Members Wilson, Shapiro, Bailey, Scott, Hendershot, and Dernoga)

Staff explained the purpose of CR-16-2002 and informed the Committee of referral comments that were received at the public hearing held on May 8, 2002. The Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development 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) to the CDBG funds, the Home Investment Partnership Program and the Emergency Shelter Grant Program. The Director indicated that for Program Year 28, Seventy-seven project proposals totaling nearly \$15.5 million were received against the \$7,123,000 available. The CDBG funding is 2% less than last year.

The Plan allocates the maximum of funding allowed by law to Public Service Projects (15%) and Program Administration (20%). The remaining \$4.5 million is divided among Acquisition and Rehabilitation, Economic Development, Relocation and Public Facilities.

This year's proposed Annual Action Plan shifts some of the funding that was previously routinely granted to municipalities to the efforts of the Redevelopment Authority. While the Department remains committed to supporting infrastructure improvements in municipalities, their priorities have shifted somewhat to economic development efforts in those same municipalities. Their belief is that these efforts will spawn increased tax revenues through residential and commercial redevelopment that will in turn support street and road improvements.

The Committee expressed concern that the municipalities weren't informed of the funding shift in priorities that impacted them. The Committee requested that prior to the next Program Year, discussions should be held with the municipalities regarding this change. Also, the Committee suggested that Housing staff and the Council collaborate on ideas to provide financial assistance to the municipalities for street lights and infrastructure.

The Committee-of -the -Whole (COW) reviewed the Annual Action Plan, focusing on each of the above-mentioned categories and approved the County Executive's recommendations.

Office of Law finds CR-16-2002 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 2003 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:**