

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

**Meeting Date:** 7/2/96

**Reference No.:** CR-21-1996

**Proposer:** County Executive

**Draft No.:** 2

**Sponsors:** Council Members Scott and Wilson

**Item Title:** The FY 1996 - 1997 Annual Housing and  
Community Development Action Plan

**Drafter:** Kenneth H. Collins,  
Housing

**Resource Personnel:** Michael A. Doaks  
Housing

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

**Date Presented:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Executive Action:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Committee Referral:**(1) 4/30/96 THE

**Effective Date:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Committee Action:**(1) 6/13/96 FAV(A)

**Date Introduced:** 4/30/96

**Pub. Hearing Date:** (1) 6/10/96 7:00 P.M.

**Council Action:** (1) 7/2/96 ADOPTED

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

**Pass/Fail:** P

**Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**      DATE: 6/13/96

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 4-0 (In favor: Council members Bailey, Gourdine, Russell, Scott).

The FY97 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development contains total funding of \$9,460,889, which is allocated as follows: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - \$7,048,889; Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) - \$2,165,000; and the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) - \$247,000. The Action Plan also includes the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) grant, which passes through the District of Columbia. The Prince George's share of the HOPWA grant for FY97 is estimated at \$554,954, which will provide rental assistance and emergency subsidies for approximately 75 persons. The HOPWA grant does not appear in CR-21-1996 since it is applied for and received by the District of Columbia.

Michael Doaks, Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), indicated that the final entitlements received from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) were \$71,889 less than anticipated when the Annual Action Plan was prepared.

The majority of the reduction (63,000) affected the ESG entitlement and , as recommended by the Department of Social Services, will result in the reduction of funds administered by the Department of Social Services (DSS) for emergency services and case management as well as a reduction in the number of apartment leases provided through a private contractor. The reductions to CDBG (\$4,889) and HOME (\$4,000) funds were negligible and will be covered by adjustments to program income and administrative costs.

The Committee reviewed the Annual Action Plan, focusing on issues raised at the Public Hearing held on June 10, 1996. The Committee discussed the Town of Cheverly's request of \$100,000 for modifications to the Town's Municipal Building to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The committee recommended approval of the Department of Housing's recommended funding level of \$64,000 with the understanding that the Department will provide additional funding if the low bid for this project exceeds the \$64,000 level.

The Committee also discussed a verbal request by Crescent City Charities for \$65,000 to complete design costs of a project previously approved in program year 21. This request was not applied for through the normal CDBG proposal process and had not been reviewed by DHCD staff or the County Executive's Office. DHCD staff indicated that attempts would be made to fund this request through other sources (e.g., prior year residuals), which would be identified prior to adoption of CR-21-1996.

The Legislative Officer proposed technical amendments regarding the deletion of references to Subtitle 15A of the County Code, which is now obsolete. The Committee discussed the need to update the County code to reflect the Consolidated Plan process and the inclusion of an annual citizen participation plan. Council staff was directed to work with DHCD staff in drafting legislation to this effect.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT**

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

This resolution will approve and adopt the FY1996 - 1997 Annual Housing and Community Development Action Plan.

## **CODE INDEX TOPICS:**