

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2023 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CR-090-2023

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Committee: Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GAFP)

Date: October 26, 2023

Action: FAV

REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorable 5-0 (In favor Council Members Burroughs, Oriadha, Fisher, Harrison, and Ivey)

The Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee convened on October 26, 2023, to discuss CR-90-2023. The resolution promotes the allocation of grants to organizations that address maternal health disparities within the African-American community.

Pending financial support from budget allocations or public and private partnerships, the council will seek and allocate up to \$1 million to establish the Black Maternal Health Fund. This fund will concentrate on improving black maternal health by granting awards to non-profit organizations offering maternal health services.

The bill sponsor expressed support for the resolution, stating maternal health disparities within the African-American community are a critical issue that extends beyond the County and is a significant concern on a national level in the medical arena.

A Council Member inquired about the process for allocating funds to the non-profit organizations offering maternal health services. The bill sponsor suggested that the approach resemble the Council's Domestic Violence Grant model. A committee comprising diverse stakeholders would be chosen, and the allocation of funds would be contingent on the selected focus, which could change each year, providing flexibility. These funds would then be distributed to nonprofit organizations that align with the designated purpose.

The discussion revolved around the possibility of concurrently experiencing domestic violence and maternal health challenges.

The Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement indicates that the Adoption of CR-90-2023 will not have a direct adverse fiscal impact on the County because it

commits this Council to request that up to one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) of funding be allocated to the proposed Fund. Any direct fiscal impact will result from and in the amount of such future appropriation.

Adoption of CR-90-2023 may have a favorable indirect fiscal impact on the County to the extent that alleviating maternal health disparities positively impacts the health of County residents, though the exact impact is unknown.

The Office of Law finds CR-90-2023 to be in proper legislative form.

The Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee voted Favorably 5-0 on CR-90-2023.