

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2025 Legislative Session**

Bill No. CB-086-2025

Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Hawkins

Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction \_\_\_\_\_

**BILL**

1 AN ACT concerning

2 The Legacy Wealth Construction Incentive Program

3 For the purpose of establishing an incentive program to reduce disparities in private sector  
4 construction projects by increasing economic opportunities for minority-owned businesses and  
5 locally owned and operated businesses in Prince George's County.

6 BY adding:

7 **SUBTITLE 10. FINANCE AND TAXATION.**

8 **Section 10-364**

9 The Prince George's County Code

10 (2023 Edition; 2024 Supplement).

11 **WHEREAS** the Prince George's County Office of Central Services contracted with MGT  
12 Consulting Group to conduct a Prince George's County Utilization and Availability Study  
13 ("County Disparity Study"), released in December of 2019, which assessed racial and ethnic  
14 disparities in private sector opportunities in the Prince George's County Government from 2010  
15 and 2018;

16 **WHEREAS** the County Disparity Study found that only 3.1% of private sector  
17 construction dollars spent in Prince George's County were awarded to contractors who were  
18 minority or woman-owned businesses;

19 **WHEREAS** the County Disparity Study found several statistically significant racial and  
20 ethnic disparities within multiple categories of private sector spending, especially in private  
21 sector construction activities;

1       **WHEREAS** the County Disparity Study recommends utilizing a combination of racially  
 2 neutral and narrowly tailored racially conscious policy measures to reduce disparities in  
 3 economic opportunities for minority and women owned firms doing business in Prince George's  
 4 County;

5       **WHEREAS** private sector spending with businesses based in Prince George's County,  
 6 especially those with majority ownership by County residents, promotes the local circulation of  
 7 legacy wealth within communities in the County, creating positive improvements to Prince  
 8 George's County's business tax base by the increasing the ability to invest in important public  
 9 priorities like public education, public roads and transit services, public safety, and services for  
 10 seniors and veterans, while reducing the need to burden residential property taxes for such  
 11 services, NOW THEREFORE,

12       SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,  
 13 Maryland, that Section 10-364 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby  
 14 added:

15                               **SUBTITLE 10. FINANCE AND TAXATION.**

16                       **DIVISION 36. LEGACY WEALTH CONSTRUCTION INCENTIVE PROGRAM.**

17       **Sec. 10-364. Legacy Wealth Construction Incentive Program established.**

18       (a) An applicant for a building or grading permit authorized by Subtitle 4 of the Code shall  
 19 receive reimbursement from the County equivalent to 50% of the amount of any fees required or  
 20 authorized under Subtitle 4 paid for the approval of such building or grading permit if, upon  
 21 completion of the permitted work,

22       (1) At least 50% of the expenditures for the work that was approved by the permit were  
 23 paid to

24               (A) County-based Minority Businesses Enterprises and/or

25               (B) Locally-owned and Operated Businesses; and

26       (2) The prime or general contractor (or prime or general contractor team or joint venture)  
 27 for the work that was approved by the permit consisted of one or more businesses that are

28               (A) County-based minority business enterprises and/or

29               (B) Locally-owned and Operated Businesses; and

30       (3) The Supplier Development and Diversity Division (SDDD) approves in writing that the  
 31 requirements of Paragraphs (1) and (2), above, have been satisfied.

(b) In this Section, **County-based Minority Business Enterprise** has the meaning set forth in Section 10A-101(a)(13.2) and **Locally-owned and Operated Business** has the meaning set forth in Section 10-335(a)(4).

(c) SDDD shall establish an application and approval process for the Legacy Wealth Construction Incentive Program to determine whether applicants meet the requirements of Subsection (a)(1) and (a)(2), above.

(d) Upon receiving written approval of an approved Legacy Wealth Construction Incentive from SDDD in accordance with the process authorized pursuant to Subsection (c), above, the Office of Finance shall remit payment of the incentive to the applicant in the amount in accordance with Subsection (a), above.

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SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection, or section.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Edward P. Burroughs III  
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Aisha N. Braveboy  
County Executive

KEY:  
Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.  
Asterisks \*\*\* indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.

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