

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

Meeting Date: 5/19/98

Reference No.: CR-28-1998

Proposer: County Executive

Draft No.: 2

Sponsors: Wilson

Item Title: FY 1998-1999 Housing and Community Development
Annual Action Plan

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Housing

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Housing

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: __/__/__

Executive Action: __/__/__ __

Committee Referral: 3/24/98 THE

Effective Date: __/__/__

Committee Action: 5/12/98 FAV

Date Introduced: 3/24/98

Pub. Hearing Date: 5/4/98 7:00 P.M.

Council Action: 5/19/98 ADOPTED

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

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks: _____

5/19/98: Amended on the floor

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE DATE: 5/12/98

Committee Vote: Favorable 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Wilson, Scott, Estepp and Maloney).

The Committee reviewed the Annual Action Plan, focusing on issues raised at the Public Hearing held on April 4, 1998.

The Director of DHCD indicated that the Independence NOW recommended amount has been increased to reflect full funding of \$30,819 for twelve months instead of \$22,665 for nine months.

The Committee discussed the Top Banana Home Delivered Groceries, Inc. request of \$16,800 for grocery delivery service to elderly and homebound persons throughout the County. The committee recommended approval of the Department of Housing's recommended funding level of \$16,800 with the understanding that the Department will provide additional funding of \$23,200 for the maintenance of their existing van and/or the purchase of a new van.

The Committee also discussed the Mission of Love, Inc. request of \$131,717 for hiring of permanent employees to facilitate the expansion of program providing food, furniture, household items and housing counseling for approximately 13,800 homeless and at-risk families. Funding was recommended by the Department of Housing for the Mission of Love, Inc. at \$45,000. The Committee directed the Director of DHCD to provide additional funding in the amount of \$86,717 in support of the initial request.

Funding for the Melwood Training Center, Inc. was recommended by the DHCD in the amount of \$45,000 instead of the requested amount of \$77,000. The requested funding is for a recruiter and a trainer/counselor to conduct a skills training program to facilitate the placement and retention of 50 developmentally disabled welfare recipients in paying jobs with benefits. The Committee directed the Director of the DHCD to provide additional funding of \$20,000.

The proposed projects listed above are all public services projects and subject to the 15% cap. The Director of the DHCD indicated that attempts would be made to fund these requests through other sources (e.g., prior year residuals), which would be identified prior to the adoption of CR-28-2998.

St. Paul Community Development Corporation and the Walker Mill Community Outreach Center, Inc. are proposals being considered for CDBG funding under the Neighborhood Preservation Program. The Committee directed the Director of the DHCD to provide additional funding of \$350,000 and \$50,000 for St. Paul Community Development Corporation and the Walker Mill Community Outreach Center, Inc., respectively.

The Neighborhood Preservation project are not subject to the 15% cap. The Director of the DHCD indicated that attempts would be made to fund these requests through other sources (e.g., prior residuals) which would be identified prior to the adoption of CR-28-1998.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

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

This resolution will approve and adopt the FY 1998-1999 Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan covering the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Initiative Partnership (HOME) and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) programs.

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