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County Executive

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

October 23, 2015

The Honorable Mel R. Franklin
Prince George's County Council
County Administration Building
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Dear Chairman Franklin:

Enclosed for the County Council's consideration is a Resolution for the purpose of appropriating funding from grants in the amount of \$4,848,570.00 for Fiscal Year 2016. This request for additional appropriation authority will support new and/or continuing grant program efforts of nine (9) agencies. The agencies requesting additional appropriations are listed below.

The Department of Social Services will need an adjustment totaling two hundred ninety eight thousand thirteen dollars (\$298,013.00) for four (4) grant programs. Funding is provided to: support homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing services that provide short-term rental assistance; encourage permanent housing for homeless people with disabilities; support costs related to assisting food stamp recipients in attaining long-term self-sufficiency and employment-related assistance to clients of various benefit programs which seeks to reduce welfare dependency through employment.

The Circuit Court for Prince George's County will need an adjustment totaling eighty two thousand three hundred thirty two dollars (\$82,322.00) for several court programs. The Family Services grant provides a one-stop information and referral center. The various problem-solving court programs promote the full institutionalization of the Drug Court program across the State of Maryland. The funds support salary and benefits for grant-funded court positions limited to the Problem-Solving Court Coordinator and Case Manager(s).

The Department of Family Services will need an overall adjustment totaling fourteen thousand eighty five dollars (\$14,085.00) for four (4) grant programs primarily related to a decrease in the County cash contribution. However, additional grant funding totaling one hundred one dollars (\$101.00) is provided for: the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program and the Foster Grandparent Program within the Aging Division; and the Children in Need of Supervision Program and the Multi-Systemic Therapy Program within the Children, Youth and Families Division.

The Department of Corrections will need an adjustment totaling thirty one dollars (\$31.00) for the Community Services Program. Funding develops and establishes non-profit, charitable, and governmental work sites for adult, non-violent offenders who are assigned by the

court to perform community service work as a condition of their probation.

The Office of Community Relations will need an adjustment totaling fourteen thousand eight hundred fifty dollars (\$14,850.00) for the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Work Sharing Agreement. These funds are provided as a result of investigations conducted by the Commission regarding allegations of discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, age (40 years old or older), disability or genetic information that occur in Prince George's County. The EEOC reimburses the Commission a fixed amount per case.

The Police Department will need an adjustment totaling seventeen thousand (\$17,000.00) for a grant received from the Target Corporation. Funding will be used to enhance community relations by providing assistance to under privileged children. Funding will also support the purchase of equipment to identify suspects involved in organized retail theft for the Department's Retail Theft Unit.

The Health Department will need an adjustment totaling \$2,104,212.00 for thirteen (13) grant programs. Funding is provided to: support the goal to decrease breast cancer mortality among vulnerable populations; make improvements to the health system infrastructure; improve the oral health of County residents; provide nutrition education and selected supplemental foods to low income pregnant women; breastfeeding and postpartum women with children ages birth to five (5) years of age; provide HIV clients with accessible, comprehensive and coordinated medical services; assist Medicaid eligible clients and HealthChoice recipients to navigate the HealthChoice system; support the existing offender reentry services provided by the Behavioral Health Services Program; create Ebola and communicable disease presentations in conjunction with an on-line training; and enhance the County's preparedness for a bioterrorism event.

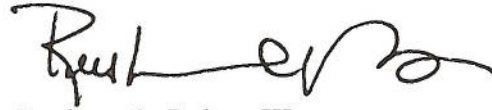
The Department of Housing and Community Development will need an adjustment totaling three hundred seventy one thousand two hundred twenty seven dollars (\$371,227.00) for the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Program and the HOME Investment Partnership Program. Additional funding will support the development of viable communities by: providing decent housing; providing a suitable living environment; expanding economic opportunities; and providing down payment and closing cost assistance to eligible homebuyers to purchase for sale, foreclosed, or owner-occupied short-sale residential properties in the County.

The Fire/EMS Department will need an adjustment totaling \$1,975,000.00 for the BioWatch Program. Funding will support the mission to deploy, sustain, and maintain a national operation, to respond to a bioterrorist event.

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The County Council's favorable consideration of this legislation is requested. If you have any questions, please contact my office or Terri Bacote-Charles, Director, Office of Management and Budget at (301) 952-3300.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rushern L. Baker, III". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a long horizontal stroke.

Rushern L. Baker, III
County Executive

Enclosures