

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2020 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-30-2020  
Proposed by The Chairman (by request – County Executive)  
Introduced by Council Members Turner, Harrison, Dernoga, Ivey, Streeter, Hawkins,  
Glaros, Taveras, Davis, Franklin and Anderson-Walker  
Date of Introduction May 11, 2020

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Fiscal Year (“FY”) 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community  
3 Development

4 For the purpose of amending the Prince George’s County Fiscal Year (“FY”) 2016-2020  
5 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development to modify its Citizen Participation  
6 Plan to include an expedited process for notice and reasonable opportunity to comment.

7 WHEREAS, under the terms of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security  
8 (“CARES”) Act, enacted March 27, 2020, part of which attempts to address a wide variety of  
9 needs including providing shelter to homeless individuals, increasing affordable housing options,  
10 and maintaining crucial public services during the current public health outbreak through a  
11 formula grant allocation, Congress designated funding to federal entitlement programs, allocated  
12 through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”); and

13 WHEREAS, under the terms of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security,  
14 (“CARES”) Act, Prince George’s County is qualified as an urban county to receive entitlement  
15 Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) Program funds in the estimated amount of  
16 three million, thirty six thousand, nine hundred fifty-eight dollars (\$3,036,958) and Emergency  
17 Solutions Grants (“ESG”) Program funds in the estimated amount of one million, five hundred  
18 twenty three thousand, nine hundred three dollars (\$1,523,903), to assist in the prevention,  
19 preparation for and response to the coronavirus crisis; and

20 WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) requires  
21 jurisdictions that receive assistance under certain community planning and development  
22 programs to submit a five-year consolidated plan and an annual action plan to the Secretary of

1 HUD that outlines ways to develop viable communities by: providing decent housing, a suitable  
2 living environment, and expanding economic opportunities principally for low- and moderate-  
3 income persons; and

4 WHEREAS, each jurisdiction is required to adopt a citizen participation plan as part of its  
5 five-year consolidated plan and annual action plan; and

6 WHEREAS, a citizen participation plan sets forth the jurisdiction's policies and procedures  
7 for citizen participation, and must provide for and encourage citizens to participate in the  
8 development of the Assessment of Fair Housing, any revisions to the Assessment of Fair  
9 Housing, the five-year consolidated plan, any substantial amendment to the consolidated plan,  
10 and the performance report; and

11 WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 15A-106 and 15A-107 of the Prince George's County  
12 Code, the County Executive and the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland  
13 adopted CR-08-2015, which set forth the County's FY 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan, along with  
14 the County's FY 2016-2020 Citizen Participation Plan; and

15 WHEREAS, in order to provide an immediate response to the rapidly evolving needs of  
16 Prince George's County residents as a result of COVID-19 and given the need to expedite  
17 actions in response to the effects of COVID-19, HUD issued a waiver of the statutory  
18 requirement related to the provision of reasonable notice and opportunity for citizens to comment  
19 on substantial amendments concerning the proposed uses of CDBG, HOME or ESG funds  
20 allowing that grantees may reduce its comment period to no less than five (5) days on each  
21 substantial amendment; and

22 WHEREAS, HUD recognized that the efforts to contain COVID-19 require limiting public  
23 gatherings, such as those often used to obtain citizen participation, and that there is a need to  
24 respond quickly to the growing spread and effects of COVID-19 and therefore, issued a waiver  
25 for in-person public hearings and provided flexibility on the provision of reasonable notice and  
26 opportunity to comment; and

27 WHEREAS, the County's FY 2016-2020 Citizen Participation Plan requires the County to  
28 submit to HUD, any amendments to the County's five-year Consolidated Plan or Annual Action  
29 Plan that constitutes a "substantial change;" and

30 WHEREAS, the establishment of expedited procedures to draft, propose or amend the Five-  
31 year Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and an accelerated Citizen Participation process,

1 including notice and reasonable opportunity to comment of no less than five (5) days, and the  
2 suspension of in-person public hearings requires a “substantial amendment” to the County’s FY  
3 2016-2020 Citizen Participation Plan and FY 2020 Annual Action Plan; and

4 WHEREAS, the County Council shall hold a public hearing for public input on any  
5 revision or amendment to the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan, and approve the  
6 amendment by resolution pursuant to Section 15A-106 of the County Code; and

7 WHEREAS, Attachment “A” consists of the County’s FY 2016-2010 Consolidated Plan, as  
8 amended, as attached hereto and made part hereof; and

9 WHEREAS, the County Executive recommends the amendment to the FY 2016-2020  
10 Consolidated Plan to include the modifications to the Citizen Participation Plan detailing an  
11 expedited process for notice and reasonable opportunity to comment.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
13 County, Maryland, that the FY 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community  
14 Development, is hereby amended to include the modifications to the Citizen Participation Plan,  
15 as described in Attachment “A,” as attached hereto and made a part hereof.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the adoption of this Resolution, it shall be  
17 transmitted to the County Executive by the Clerk of the Council, and that the County Executive  
18 or his designee is hereby authorized and empowered as the official representative of Prince  
19 George’s County to submit the amended Annual Action Plan to U.S. Department of Housing and  
20 Urban Development (“HUD”), along with all assurances contained therein, to act as necessary in  
21 connection with the submission, and to provide such additional information to HUD as may be  
22 required.

Adopted this 16th day of June, 2020.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Todd M. Turner  
Council Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council