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# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

May 25, 2016

The Honorable Derrick Leon Davis  
Chairman  
Prince George's County Council  
County Administration Building  
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Dear Chairman Davis:

Enclosed for the County Council's consideration is a Resolution for the purpose of appropriating funding from grants in the amount of \$4,600,665 for Fiscal Year 2016. This request for additional appropriation authority will support new and/or continuing grant program efforts of eleven agencies. The agencies requesting additional appropriations are listed below.

The Circuit Court will need an adjustment totaling \$214,057 for three grant programs. Funding provides for the Reunification Celebrations Project; Veterans Court which will provide a court-supervised treatment program for veterans entering the judicial system with a non-violent and/or felony offense, and documented substance abuse and/or mental health issues; and technical assistance for the development of a strategic plan through the Building A Court Community in the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Maryland project.

The Department of Social Services will need an adjustment totaling \$347,644 for six grant programs. Funding provides for short-term intensive in-home services for those families whose children are at imminent risk of an out-of-home placement; transition to permanent housing funds, wages and benefits for case management staff costs, funding for homeless prevention and rapid re-housing and administrative costs; assistance to support the Point-in-Time (PIT) count in accordance with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidelines; and to hire additional staff to address timeliness issues relating to the processing of benefits for the Temporary Cash Assistance, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Temporary Disability Assistance, and Medical Assistance programs.

The Department of Family Services will need an adjustment totaling \$488,370 for sixteen grant programs. Funding provides for case management services for individuals referred by the courts and for whom the Department's Director has been appointed legal guardian; single point of contact for senior citizens who need information and assistance navigating and accessing services; support trained volunteers who provide free health insurance counseling to seniors; support to first time mothers under the age of twenty-five (25) and to the children's fathers; reduce existing gaps in services and increase community knowledge about human trafficking in efforts to reduce

the occurrence and increase the reporting of trafficking; target prevention and diversion efforts to reduce the number of clients with behavioral issues at imminent risk of homelessness due to eviction and/or foreclosures; comprehensive planning, monitoring and evaluation of all senior citizen programs in Prince George's County; services to caregivers to include information assistance, individual counseling, training, respite care, supplemental services and organization of support groups; administrative costs for the Division for Children, Youth and Families as well as the Local Access Mechanism and after school enrichment programs that promote positive youth development in a structured, supervised setting.

The Office of the Sheriff will need an adjustment totaling \$150,484 for three grant programs. Funding supports a Special Victims Advocate position which assists victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. An adjustment in the amount of \$8,396 is needed to reflect County matching funds that will be provided to support this initiative. It will also support a Bilingual Special Victims Advocate position(s), which assists victims of domestic violence in navigating the court process and through the provision of service navigation and human service agency referrals. An adjustment in the amount of \$16,700 is needed to reflect County matching funds that will be provided to support this initiative. The funding will also support the purchase of 40-50 body cameras and related accessories.

The Health Department will need an adjustment totaling \$1,737,705 for eleven grant programs. Funding will address high rates of tobacco sales to Maryland youth under the age of eighteen (18) through the enforcement of existing tobacco sale laws; certified technology to improve quality, safety, efficiency and reduce health disparities; medical, mental health, and dental services to children and adolescents on-site in four County high schools; implement Naloxone training, dispensing and prescribing efforts; diagnosis, treatment, follow-up and education for eligible HIV positive Maryland residents; outpatient and residential treatment to Prince George's County residents with substance abuse problems; improve patient safety in a primary care setting by engaging patients and their families; deliver better health, improved care and lower costs to people enrolled in Medicare, Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), particularly those with the highest health care needs; long-range planning for mental health services, needs assessments and the development of alternative resource providers and increased TB health assessment screening and case management services among refugee clients; and for the High Risk Infant program which provides early intervention services to Prince George's County newly delivering mothers and their infants who are at highest risk of poor health outcomes, with the goal of maximizing their health and well-being.

The Police Department will need an adjustment totaling \$143,507 for four grant programs. Funding will support the Department in the tracing of identified guns used in a crime; ensuring compliance with the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA); overtime costs to help reduce backlogs in the Drug Lab Units; and supporting overtime costs to help reduce the criminal activity of gangs.

The Fire/EMS Department will need an adjustment totaling \$171,808 for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant. Funding will provide for compensation and fringe benefits for 24 new firefighters.

The Office of Homeland Security will need an adjustment totaling \$33,250 for the Prince George's County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, the Exercise and Training Officer and the NIMS Compliance Initiatives.

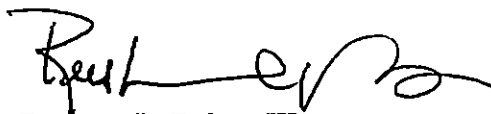
The Department of the Environment will need an adjustment totaling \$84,500 for the Maryland Smart Energy Communities (MSEC) grant. Funding will provide for the provision of technical assistance with regard to the installation of a rooftop solar photovoltaic array at 1801 McCormick Drive in Largo, Maryland.

The Department of Public Works and Transportation will need an adjustment totaling \$1,172,993 for the Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) grant. Funding will be used to design and construct Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant sidewalks, ramps, curbs, gutters and pavement markings in an effort to make communities safer for students to walk and bike to school.

The Department of Housing and Community Development will need an adjustment totaling \$56,347 for the HOME: Homeowner Rehabilitation Loan Program. Funding will be used for the new construction or rehabilitation of affordable and/or workforce housing opportunities.

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

Sincerely,



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Enclosures