

**Budget & Policy Analysis Division** 

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# FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

TO: Jennifer A. Jenkins Council Administrator

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- THRU: Josh Hamlin Director of Budget and Policy Analysis
- FROM: Shalene Miller-Whye Legislative Budget and Policy Analyst
- RE: Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement CR-029-2025 New Carrollton – Affordable – Phase 2 Project HITF

<u>CR-029-2025</u> (*Proposed by:* The Chair of the Council at the request of the County Executive)

Introduced by: Council Members Watson, Olson, Harrison, Ivey, Hawkins and Dernoga

Assigned to the Committee of the Whole

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING HOUSING INVESTMENT TRUST FUND ("HITF") FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT For the purpose of committing and allocating the amount of two million, five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) in Prince George's County Housing Investment Trust Fund ("HITF") Program funds to the New Carrollton – Affordable – Phase 2 project, an eligible activity, for gap financing of new affordable rental housing construction.

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### **Fiscal Summary**

### **Direct Impact**

*Expenditures*: \$2,500,000 in additional expenditures from the Housing Investment Trust Fund (HITF).

*Revenue*: No revenue impact likely.

### **Indirect Impact**

Potentially favorable.

#### Legislative Summary:

CR-029-2025<sup>1</sup>, proposed by the Council Chair at the request of the County Executive, was introduced by Council Members Watson, Olson, Harrison, Ivey, Hawkins and Dernoga and referred to the Committee of the Whole. CR-029-2025 would provide The New Carrollton – Affordable – Affordable – Phase 2 Project with \$2,500,000 from the HITF for gap financing. The project involves the new construction of 102 units of new affordable multi-family rental housing for low-income to moderate-income families.

Project Information							
Developer:	Urban Atlantic Development LLC						
Owner:	New Carrollton Affordable Multifamily II, LLC						
Description:	A one hundred two (102) unit affordable rental apartment community for families that will be constructed in New Carrollton, Maryland. All units will be affordable, and rents will be restricted for forty (40) years.						
Duration:	At least 40 years						

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>CR-029-2025</u>

### **Background/Current Law:**

The Housing Investment Trust Fund, a non-lapsing fund, was created through legislation, CB-021-2012<sup>2</sup>, and further amended under CB-057-2017<sup>3</sup>, and is codified in Subtitle 10, Division 19 of the County Code. The purposes of the Fund are to:

- 1. Develop effective strategies to strengthen County neighborhoods impacted by foreclosures consistent with the County's Five-Year Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan;
- 2. Provide for gap financing to enable the County to support the development of new construction and preservation of existing workforce and affordable housing;
- 3. Provide for housing counseling, rental, down payment, and closing costs assistance for eligible persons to retain or purchase vacant, abandoned, and foreclosed properties;
- 4. Acquire, rehabilitate, resell, or lease-purchase of vacant, abandoned, and foreclosed properties to eligible residents, not-for-profit organizations, and for-profit affordable housing providers;
- 5. Provide for land banking of vacant, abandoned, and foreclosed properties;
- 6. To otherwise reduce and minimize the occurrence of foreclosures by coordination and use of County, State, and Federal resources and program; and
- 7. To increase and preserve the supply of safe and affordable homeownership opportunities for the purpose of growing the County's tax base revenue.

The Fund may also assist, in the form of loans and grants, to finance programs to meet the goals stated above for the benefit of existing and potential homeowners or renters, not-for-profit organizations, and for-profit affordable housing providers.

The Fund is currently financed from a variety of sources, which may include:4

- 1. Current expense funds;
- 2. Contributions, donations, or appropriations by the United States, Maryland, or any other political jurisdiction, or private entity;
- 3. Interest income;
- 4. Fees or other charges levied on loan or grant recipients;
- 5. 20% of the recordation tax collected (of no less than \$10 million);<sup>5</sup> and
- 6. Any other funds designated and provided by the County.

#### **Resource Personnel:**

- Aspasia Xypolia, Director, Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)
- Adedamola George, Esq., Chief Compliance and Program Manager, DHCD

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> <u>CB-021-2012</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> <u>CB-057-2017</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Code of Prince George's County, <u>Sec. 10-296. – Financing the Fund</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The Recordation tax source was added under CB-004-2021 and took effect on June 30, 2022.

### **Discussion/Policy Analysis**

The New Carrollton – Affordable - Phase 2 project (the "Project") is to be located at 4051 Garden City Drive, Hyattsville, Maryland 20785, and is a 102-unit transit-oriented affordable housing development for families. Under the proposed agreement, for at least a 40-year term, Urban Atlantic Development LLC (the "Developer") will construct one hundred two (102) units for families whose incomes are at or below seventy percent (70%) of the Area Median Income ("AMI"). The Project will consist of seventy-two (72) one (1) bedroom units, fifteen (15) two (2) bedroom units, and fifteen (15) three (3) bedroom units within one (1) elevator building of four (4) or fewer stories. The Project will have a shared access easement for the amenities in the Senior Phase (New Carrollton - Affordable – Phase 1).

#### Units and Rents:

Median Income	Bedrooms	Baths	Number of Units	(Net leasable Sq. Ft.)	Tenant Utilities*	Contract Rent
70%	1	1	15	550	\$132	\$1,775
60%	1	1	42	550	\$132	\$1,560
60%	2	1	15	774	\$175	\$1,890
60%	3	2	15	960	\$216	\$2,175
50%	1	1	15	550	\$132	\$1,775
Total			102			

The Project is expected to cost \$34,975,431. Financing includes Tax-Exempt Bond Financing in the amount of \$13,190,000, subordinate Rental Housing Program funds through the State of Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) in the amount of \$3,500,000, equity from the sale of Low-Income Housing Tax Credits ("LIHTC") in the amount of \$13,357,167, a deferred developer fee in the amount of \$1,702,964, and Interim Income in the amount of \$725,300. Additionally, the project will be financed by the Prince George's County Housing Investment Trust Fund ("HITF") in the amount of \$2,500,000<sup>6</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> <u>CR-029-2025</u>

The project will receive approximately \$9,175,209 or 26.2% of its total funding from the County, as demonstrated below. The terms of the PILOT agreement include 100% tax waivers of 122 units for the next 40 years, with a 2% annual escalation per unit over that period.

Total aid received	l from the Count	y:
PILOT Agreement:	\$	6,675,209
HITF	\$	2,500,000
County Subsidy as a percentage	of Total Cost:	26.2%

Projects Pipeline DHCD Has Provided Support Letters to Include in Maryland DHCD LIHTC Program:

	Council	Number	Number of Affordable		
Project Name	District	of Units	Units	HITF	Status
Flats at Glenridge	3	245	245	\$2,500,000	LIHTC Application
The Bedford	7	175	175	\$3,000,000	LIHTC Application
Residences at Silver Hill East (Rehab)	7	90	90	\$2,500,000	LIHTC Application
Residences at Silver Hill West (Rehab)	7	124	124	\$2,500,000	LIHTC Application
New Carrolton Phase III	5	102	102	\$2,500,000	LIHTC Application
Silver Hill 4%	7	150	150	\$3,000,000	LIHTC Application
Silver Hill 9%	7	50	50	\$2,800,000	LIHTC Application
Total		936	936	\$18,800,000	

**Projects Progressing Towards Closing:** 

Project Name	Council District	Number of Units	Number of Affordable Units	HITF
210 on the Park	7	158	123	\$3,000,000
Cottage City Towers	5	100	100	\$2,500,000
Addison Park Metro	7	293	293	\$3,000,000
Hamlet Woods	5	59	59	\$2,500,000
The Highlands	5	138	138	\$2,500,000
Total		748	713	\$13,500,000

Increasing the availability of affordable housing through the construction of new housing and the rehabilitation of existing housing is a stated objective of the Council and a key component of the Comprehensive Housing Strategy.<sup>7</sup>

The Median Household income for the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria-DC-VA-MD-WV Metro Area region is \$121,469, and the average household size is 2.6.<sup>8</sup> The median household income in Prince George's County is \$98,027, and the average household size is 2.6<sup>9</sup>. Based on the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria-DC-VA-MD-WV Metro Area regional guidelines, this project includes 102 affordable housing units at 70% or less than AMI. When considering the AMI of the general DMV region, 70% is \$80,360 for a one-person household and \$91,840 for a two-person household.<sup>10</sup>

2025 Adjusted Home Income Limits									
Program	1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person	7 Person	8 Person	
30% Limits	34,400	39,360	44,280	49,170	53,130	57,060	60,990	64,920	
50% Limits	57,400	65,600	73,800	81,950	88,550	95,100	101,650	108,200	
70% Limits	80,360	91,840	103,320	114,730	123,970	133,140	142,310	151,400	
80% Limits	91,840	104,960	118,080	131,120	141,680	152,160	162,640	173,120	

Washington-Arlington-Alexandria-DC-VA-MD-WV Metro Area Adjusted Home Income Limits

#### Fiscal Impact:

• Direct Impact

Adoption of CR-029-2025 would have an adverse impact of \$2,500,000 in expenditures from the HITF.

• Indirect Impact

Adoption of CR-029-2025 aligns with County Plan 2035<sup>11</sup> goals and will focus on the initial goals set in place by the FY 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan to prioritize affordable housing, economic development, rental assistance, and homeowner's assistance.

• Appropriated in the Current Fiscal Year

Yes

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> <u>Comprehensive Housing Strategy Report</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metro Area - Profile data - Census Reporter

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> <u>Prince George's County, MD - Profile data - Census Reporter</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> FY 2025 Multifamily Tax Subsidy Project Income Limits Documentation System -- Summary for Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD HUD Metro FMR Area (huduser.gov)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> <u>Plan 2035</u>

## **Effective Date of Proposed Legislation:**

The proposed Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

If you require additional information, or have questions about this fiscal impact statement, please email me.