

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2020 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CR-097-2020

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Committee: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date: 09/29/2020

Action: FAV (A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 11-0 (In favor: Council Members Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras)

The Committee of the Whole met on September 29 to consider CR-97-2020. The Chairman of the County Council, Chairman Turner, the Legislative Officer, Kathleen Canning, and Estella Alexander, Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development summarized the purpose of the resolution.

CR-97-2020 approves the application to be submitted by Prince George's County, through its Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), for funding in the amount of two million, six hundred seventy-two thousand, seven hundred twenty-five dollars (\$2,672,725.00) from the State of Maryland Community Development Block Grant Program COVID Round 2 Funding and authorizing the County Executive to execute certain documents required for the submission of the application.

Ms. Canning informed the Committee of revisions in the Attachment to CR-97-2020 as follows:

1. Page 44-45 - Replaces the County Council's public hearing notice for CR-97-2020 with updated hearing date and time information
2. Pages 46-53 - DHCD adds public hearing notices for English and Spanish ads placed for the CR-97-2020 public hearing

The only change to the resolution was to revise the designation of DR-2 in the header.

Ms. Alexander indicated that, if awarded, the COVID Round 2 funding will assist 463 families based on eligibility by providing them with an average of \$1,800 per month for a maximum of three months of emergency rental assistance. Five DHCD staff members will be assigned to work on program administration.

The Citizen Participation Plan requires at least one public hearing, which was held on September 29, 2020. The Liaison to the County Executive Terry Bell, had no additional comments.

The Associate County Attorney, Ms. Denison, provided that the resolution, including the amendments in the Attachment, was in proper legislative form and there were no legal impediments to adoption of the resolution.

The Office of Audits and Investigations reviewed CR-97-2020 and determined that there would be no negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of adopting the resolution.