

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2014 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CR-012-2014
Draft No.: 2
Committee: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Date: 4/08/2014
Action: FAV (A)

REPORT:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date 4/8/2014

Vote: Favorable with Amendments, 9-0 (In favor: Council Members Franklin, Campos, Davis, Harrison, Lehman, Olson, Patterson, Toles and Turner)

CR-12-2014 amends the Prince George's County FY 2014 Annual Action Plans for Housing and Community Development to reprogram and reallocate \$1,696,830.86 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the FY 2011, FY 2012, FY 2013 and FY 2014 Annual Action Plans to a new eligible activity – the County's Single-Family Homeowner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Assistance Program ("Program"), which will provide financial assistance in the form of an amortized loan, deferred payment loan or a grant to qualified homeowners in an amount not to exceed \$60,000. The Program would be operated pursuant to Federal Regulations for a Lump Sum Drawdown Agreement, operated under procedures adopted in CR-25-2013 and administered by a competitively selected Third Party Administrator.

The Committee reviewed the reprogramming of funds and a Proposed Draft 2 offered by the County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) seeking to increase the amount of the reprogramming to \$2,669,276.78 from the FY 2000, FY 2001, FY 2002, FY 2003, FY 2004, FY 2005, FY 2006, FY 2007, FY 2008, FY 2009, FY 2010, FY 2011, FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014 Annual Action Plans and to designate the County Redevelopment Authority and Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc. (HIP) as the Third Party Administrator. Staff oriented the Committee on the comment period, public hearing and the referral documents.

DHCD Director Eric Brown, Deputy Director Estella Alexander, and County Redevelopment Authority Executive Director Howard Ways provided comments and answered questions by the members of the Committee regarding the reprogramming and restructuring process, funding recommendations and the new Program contained in CR-12-2014.

The COW amended CR-12-2014 as follows: the City of Hyattsville – Commercial Façade Improvement activity and funds of \$126,681 for PY 37 be removed from the proposed Draft 2 thereby reducing the total amount of the reprogramming to \$2,542,595.78. The amended reprogram activities are reflected in Attachment B of CR-12-2014 (Draft 2).

The Office of Law finds the CR-12-2014 is in proper legislative form and saw no legal impediments to its adoption.

The Office of Audits & Investigations found that enactment of CR-12-2014 will not have a negative or adverse fiscal impact on the County since it deals with federal funds.

**TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND THE
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Date 3/26/2014

Held - No Action.

A briefing was held on CR-12-2104 in the Transportation, Housing and Environment (THE) committee to orient the members on the new activity proposed and reprogramming recommendations.