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# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

May 19, 2020

The Honorable Todd M. Turner  
Chair  
Prince George's County Council  
County Administration Building  
14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive  
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Dear Chair Turner:

Enclosed for the County Council's consideration is a Resolution for appropriating funding from grants in the amount of \$191,257,202 for Fiscal Year 2020. This request for additional appropriation authority will support new and/or continuing grant program efforts of (12) twelve agencies. The new funding includes \$180,892,332 of grant resources dedicated to support the County's COVID-19 response. The agencies requesting additional appropriations are listed below.

The Circuit Court will need an adjustment totaling \$627,591 for six (6) programs. Funding will support services for veteran's substance abuse offenders, the purchase of security related goods and services, specialized court dockets for defendants with mental illness, check-in computer kiosks and practices to assist families before Court.

The Office of the State's Attorney will need an adjustment totaling \$222,412 for three (3) programs. Funding will support the prosecution of offenders of drug and theft crimes, investigations of wrongful convictions and training for graduates performing legal work.

The Fire/EMS Department will need an adjustment totaling \$784,785 for five (5) programs. Funding provides air quality control for airborne biological agents, rescue and ambulance quality services, cases of decontamination wipes for cleaning, emergency management service equipment and software enhancements.

The Department of Public Works and Transportation will need an adjustment totaling \$17,506,124 for five (5) programs. Funding will support a feasibility study for transit services; the purchase of vehicles with advanced technologies and replacement buses; operating and capital costs related to COVID-19 response activities; and lost revenue for fixed routes and demand response.

The Health Department will need an adjustment totaling \$3,562,925 for eighteen (18) programs. Funding provides lead paint poisoning prevention, improved health outcomes for infants, children and families, transportation assistance for medical appointments, services for residents living with Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome immunodeficiency virus (HIV/AIDS), public health emergency preparedness and immunization services. Funding also provides wellness centers at four high schools; opioid treatment needs; approaches to prevent behavioral health trauma; support for local medical reserve corps units; and coronavirus lab testing cost coverage.

The Department of Social Services will need an adjustment totaling \$38,088 for two (2) programs. Funding will provide training for child trafficking investigations and advance policies that support the transformation and healing of transition-age youth (ages 16-17) and young adults (ages 18-24) in low-income communities.

The Department of Family Services will need an adjustment totaling \$2,796,500 (exact amount is \$2,796, 499.91) to support FY 2019 and FY 2020 grant programs. The FY 2019 adjustments total \$95,127 for eight (8) grant programs. Funding will support activities related to assisting individuals with the application process for long term services and health care services, comprehensive planning, monitoring and evaluation of all senior citizen programs in the County; meals to residents aged sixty (60) and over throughout the County and respite care services to caregivers. The FY 2020 adjustment totals \$2,701,373 for twenty-two (22) grant programs. Funding will provide assistive technology to individuals with disabilities; meals to residents aged sixty (60) and over; residential living support for older residents; support the public's ability to report health insurance fraud; assistance to residents transitioning from institutions back into the community; costs for delivering level one screening; high quality home visiting services; and training to low-income older residents to enter into productive work. Funding also will enable older and disabled adults to remain in a community setting in place of a long-term facility; low-income senior citizens as foster grandparents to work with handicapped children; County government and non-profit agencies volunteer service opportunities; health and wellness among older Americans; counseling, training and respite care services to support caregivers; the purchase of a stove and refrigerator for the CAFÉ program; administrative and caregiving support along with nutritious meals to residents age sixty (60) and older who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Department of Housing and Community Development will need an adjustment totaling \$4,616,442 for four (4) programs. Funding will provide a broad range of physical improvements for those areas of the County designated for redevelopment. Funding will also support the revitalization, emergency, transitional and supportive shelter assistance to the homeless and other temporarily displaced county residents. Additional funding will support emergency rental assistance, food distribution, emergency shelter hotel placements, mental health monitoring, security, personal protective equipment, sanitation services and transportation services in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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The Office of Homeland Security will need an adjustment totaling \$448,575 for five (5) grant programs. Funding supports the establishment of a team to develop basic plans and management of training initiatives; ability to prevent, deter, respond to and recover from threats and incidents of terrorism; technology enhancements for the Emergency Operations Center; response and recovery capabilities needed to manage cyber intrusions and cyber continuity; and an on-site mobile office for emergencies and other events.

The Police Department will need an adjustment totaling \$1,255,726 for eight (8) grant programs. Funding will provide sexual assault kits for in-house tests and use outsourcing services; online sexual child exploitation crimes training for three (3) investigators; assistance with recruiting new sworn officers and retaining veterans; and support for crime laboratories that conduct DNA analysis. Funding will also assist with combating terrorist activity; Criminal Apprehension and Suppression Team (CAST) overtime assignments; and combating terrorist activity.

The Office of the Sheriff will need an adjustment totaling \$4,000. Funding will provide recruiting incentives to attract quality law enforcement officers to fill its vacancies and adequate law enforcement coverage countywide.

The Department of Corrections will need an adjustment totaling \$644,034. Funding will support overtime and fringe benefit costs incurred by public safety agencies.

Additional funding is authorized to the County through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) of 2020. An adjustment totaling \$158,750,000 will be allocated to various agencies to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Sincerely,



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Enclosures