

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2023 Legislative Session

Reference No.:	CR-085-2023
Draft No.:	1
Committee:	Health, Human Services, and Public Safety
Date:	10/24/2023
Action:	FAV w/Amendments

REPORT: Favorable with Amendments 8-0: Council Members Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Olson, Oriadha, Watson

The County Council convened as the Committee of the Whole on October 24, 2023, to review and discuss CR-085-2023, the Prince George's County Local Impact Grant Fund, Multiyear Spending Plan for FY 2024-FY 2026. The plan was also discussed in committee on October 17, 2023, and no action was taken. Consideration of this plan is necessary pursuant to State and Local law, which requires that before any expenditures, the County must develop a multiyear spending plan. As detailed in the plan, Local Impact Grants would be used to improve the communities within a 6-mile impact area surrounding the Prince George's County video lottery facility.

The plan was transmitted by the County Executive via a letter dated May 31, 2023, to the council. On June 20, 2023, the council reviewed the plan, which was returned amended to the County Executive. As required, the LDC was given 45 days to comment. After reviewing that information, the County Executive returned the plan to the County Council referenced in Attachment A Draft 1 on September 25, 2023. During the October 24, 2023, Committee of the Whole meeting, Council Member Burroughs offered an amended spending plan Attachment A Amendment 1, Draft 2.

During the meeting, a discussion about some of the differences in the plan took place, and the rationale for each change was provided. The proposed amendments under discussion were:

1. Prince George's County Memorial Library System \$800,000.
2. Office of Community First \$250,000.
3. Revenue Authority \$144,000.
4. Department of Environment \$308,000.

5. DPW&T \$519,800.

With these changes, funds were restored for the Hillside and Jacobs Ladder programs, and additional organizations were added, including the 100 Black Men of Prince George's County and the Southern Prince George's County Community Charities will run programs for young men and women, respectively. Further potential changes were discussed, and it was resolved that any additional changes would need to be addressed using other sources of funds or during the next legislative year.

The County Council Liaison stated that the County Executive does not support the legislation.

The Office of Law finds CR-085-2023 to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment.

After further discussion, the County Council sitting as the Committee of the Whole voted favorably with amendments 8-0.