

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORT
2022 Legislative Session

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REPORT: Favorable 9-0: Council Members Hawkins, Burroughs, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Medlock, Streeter, Taveras, and Turner.

The Prince Georges County Council convened as the Committee of the Whole on May 9, 2022, to consider CR-037-2022. CR-037-2022 is a Resolution for appropriating funding from grants in the amount of \$73,079,902 for Fiscal Year 2022. This request for additional appropriation authority will support new and/or continuing grant program efforts of ten agencies. The agencies requesting additional appropriations are listed below.

The Circuit Court will need an adjustment totaling \$89,702. Funding will provide strategies and access to mental health services for law enforcement.

- The Office of the State's Attorney will need an adjustment totaling \$383,680 for two programs. Funding will provide aid to domestic violence victims and compensation for a prosecutor assigned to the Guns and Drugs Unit.
- The Police Department will need an adjustment totaling \$479,684. Funding will support the purchase of tactical equipment. The Department of Corrections will need an adjustment totaling \$83,128. Funding will support operating expenses for the Employee Wellness and Critical Incident Stress Management Program.
- The Fire/EMS Department will need an adjustment totaling \$499,586. Funding will support an intelligence-based medical and biodefense architecture program.
- The Department of Family Services will need an adjustment totaling \$3,746,058 for two programs. Funding will provide assistance for the Title III Aging Administration, meal services, and caregivers' supportive services. Funding will also help enhance the quality of life for people affected by dementia.
- The Health Department needs funding totaling \$1,559,131 for six programs. Funding will support the Local Overdose Fatality Review Team; the transition of the National Suicide Hotline to a 988-call center; the goal to reduce sexually transmitted infections; services in assisted living homes and the prevention of child exposure to lead.
- The Department of Social Services will need an adjustment totaling \$220,810. Funding will

provide water and wastewater bill assistance to low-income families.

- The Department of Public Works and Transportation will need an adjustment totaling \$37,958,192 for nine programs. Funding will support operations of the public transit system; bike and roadway safety education and outreach; the purchase of battery-electric buses; replacement of aging para-transit vehicles; and preventing, preparing for, and responding to the coronavirus pandemic.
- The Department of Housing and Community Development will need an adjustment totaling \$28,059,931. Funding will support rental assistance, housing services, and shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness.

During the committee session, questions were raised about the use of grant funds, specifically those funds slated for the Department of Public Works and Transportation.

The Office of Law reports CR-037-2022 to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its adoption.

After discussion, the Prince Georges County Council, sitting as the Committee of the Whole reported CR-037-2022 out favorably, 11-0.