COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND 2022 Legislative Session

Resolution No.	CR-099-2022
Proposed by	The Chair (by request - County Executive)
Introduced by	Council Members Hawkins, Harrison, Turner and Glaros
Co-Sponsors	
Date of Introduct	ion September 6, 2022

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION concerning

Fiscal Year ("FY") 2022 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development For the purpose of amending the Prince George's County Fiscal Year ("FY") 2022 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development by adding the HOME Investment Partnerships ("HOME") Program American Rescue Plan ("ARP"), Allocation Plan, an eligible activity not originally funded or described in the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan.

WHEREAS, under the terms of the American Rescue Plan, enacted March 11, 2021, which attempted to address the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, public health, State and local governments, individuals, and businesses, Congress designated funding to the HOME Investment Partnerships ("HOME") Program, allocated through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"); and

WHEREAS, through the American Rescue Plan funding appropriation to the HOME Investment Partnerships ("HOME") Program, Congress sought to address activities that primarily benefit qualifying individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or in other vulnerable populations, specifically with activities including the development and support of affordable housing, tenant-based rental assistance ("TBRA"), provision of supportive services, and acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the American Rescue Plan, Prince George's County is qualified as an urban county to receive entitlement HOME Investment Partnerships ("HOME") Program American Rescue Plan ("HOME–ARP") Program funds in the estimated amount of seven million, five hundred ninety-two thousand, eighty-five dollars (\$7,592,085) to provide homelessness assistance and supportive services; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") requires jurisdictions that receive assistance under certain community planning and development programs to submit a Five-Year Consolidated Plan and an Annual Action Plan to the Secretary of HUD that outlines ways to develop viable communities by: providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities principally for low- and moderate-income persons; and

WHEREAS, each jurisdiction is required to adopt a citizen participation plan as part of its Five-Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans; and

WHEREAS, a citizen participation plan sets forth the jurisdiction's policies and procedures for citizen participation, and must provide for and encourage citizens to participate in the development of the Assessment of Fair Housing, any revisions to the Assessment of Fair Housing, the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, any substantial amendment to the Consolidated Plan, and the Performance Report; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 15A-107 of the Prince George's County Code, the County Executive and the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland adopted CR-047-2020, which set forth the County's FY 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan, along with the County's FY 2021-2025 Citizen Participation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the County's 2021-2025 Citizen Participation Plan requires the County to submit to HUD, any amendments to the County's five-year Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan that constitutes a "substantial change;" and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the County's 2021-2025 Citizen Participation Plan, the following decisions constitute a "substantial change": (1) a change in the allocation priorities or a change in the method of distribution of funds; (2) the addition of an eligible activity not originally funded or described in the Annual Action Plan; (3) a change in the location, description, regulatory reference, national objective citation, and status of an activity originally described in the Annual Action Plan; (4) a change in the use of CDBG, HOME, Program Income, or ESG funds, exceeding at least \$250,000 from one existing activity to another existing eligible activity in any category within the applicable Program. All activities must have been in an approved Annual Action Plan; (5) designations for Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (NRSAs); and (6) a change in the proposed uses of HUD 108 Loan Guarantee and Section 108 Program Income; and

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WHEREAS, the County Council shall hold a public hearing for public input on any revision or amendment to the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan, and approve the amendment by resolution pursuant to Section 15A-106 of the County Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 15A-105(a)(2) of the County Code, the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan must be amended to include a detailed description of recommended housing and community development activities proposed for implementation during the succeeding program year; and

WHEREAS, in order to address the needs of HOME–ARP qualifying population, the HOME–ARP allocation will be used to carry out three proposed activities including: 1) Supportive Services; 2) Acquisition/Development of non-congregate shelter; and 3) development of affordable rental housing; and

WHEREAS, Attachment "A," consists of the County's FY 2022 Annual Action Plan, inclusive of the HOME Investment Partnerships ("HOME") Program American Rescue Plan ("ARP"), Allocation Plan, and attached hereto and made part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the addition of the HOME Investment Partnerships ("HOME") Program American Rescue Plan ("ARP"), Allocation Plan constitutes a "substantial change" to the County's FY 2022 Annual Action Plan because it is an eligible activity not originally funded or described in the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive recommends the amendments to the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan to include the addition of the HOME Investment Partnerships ("HOME") Program American Rescue Plan ("ARP"), Allocation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development, a copy of which shall be marked for identification by the Clerk of the County Council and maintained as a permanent record, is hereby amended to include the HOME Investment Partnerships ("HOME") Program American Rescue Plan ("ARP"), Allocation Plan, as described in Attachment "A", as attached hereto and made a part hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Executive or her designee is hereby authorized and empowered as the official representative of Prince George's County to submit the amended FY 2022 Annual Action Plan to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), along with all assurances contained therein, to act as necessary in connection with the submission, and to provide such additional information to HUD as may be required.

Adopted this 24^{th} day of <u>October</u>, 2022.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: <u>Calvin S. Hawkins, II</u> Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown Clerk of the Council