

## PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

May 5, 2023

The Honorable Thomas E. Dernoga Chair Prince George's County Council Wayne K. Curry Administration Building 1301 McCormick Drive Largo, Maryland 20774

Dear Chair Dernoga:

Enclosed for the County Council's consideration is a Resolution for appropriating funding from grants in the amount of \$16,441,593 for Fiscal Year 2023. This request for additional appropriation authority will support new and/or continuing grant program efforts of eight agencies and Non-Departmental. The agencies requesting additional appropriations are listed below.

The Police Department will need an adjustment totaling \$\$1,549,466 for eight programs. Funding will support deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) analysis to handle, screen and analyze backlogged forensic DNA casework; a robust crime intelligence system; overtime for personnel to conduct commercial motor vehicle enforcement and inspections; the purchase of license plate readers; community intervention and narcotic enforcement.

The Fire/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) will need an adjustment totaling \$5,000. Funding will provide scholarships to recruit residents into the fire service.

The Department of Family Services will need an adjustment totaling \$315,305 for twelve programs. Funding supports complaint investigations and advocacy services to all residents living in long-term care facilities; decrease food insecurities; subsidy payments for providers who are assisting residents in group homes; direct assistance to survivors and victims of domestic violence; telephone reassurance, legal assistance and adult daycare programs services for elderly family members; nutrition services to the residents 60 and older; assistance, counseling and training for caregivers; advocacy for residents of nursing homes; and assistance available related to guardianship issues.

The Health Department will need an adjustment totaling \$12,131,769 for twenty-three programs. Funding will the support a media campaign for community outreach services to prevent illegal drug involvement; health equity by identifying and eliminating tobacco, diabetes,

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and chronic disease related inequities and disparities; substance abuse being a factor for the criminal justice system entry and recidivism; offenders being released from the local detention center receive recovery support and housing; substance prevention and education services to families; septic and on-site disposal systems upgrades to reduce nitrogen pollution; responding to the economic and public health impacts of COVID-19; and Hepatitis B screening, prevention, immunization, education and outreach services. Funding also provide the expansion of services to individuals with human immunodeficiency viruses (HIV) and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS); care for pregnant and postpartum people at an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19; public awareness in relation to risks of opioid use; comprehensive healthcare for school-aged children and youth; improved outcomes for at-risk pregnant woman; telehealth for family planning services; routine immunizations against childhood diseases; lifesaving medicines and medical supplies to respond to large public health emergencies; and recruitment efforts to strengthen accountability and performance management including accreditation. Funding will address health disparities, expand access to health services and improve health outcomes; efforts to prevent terrorism; public health emergency response capability enhancements; transformative ways to modernize the public health infrastructure; and transformative ways to modernize the public health infrastructure.

The Department of Social Services will need an adjustment totaling \$341,343 for two programs. Funding will support transportation for low-income persons seeking to maintain employment and homeless stabilization services.

The Department of Public Works and Transportation will need an adjustment totaling \$126,518 for two programs. Funding will provide street smart displays in public locations and replace aging paratransit vehicles.

The Department of Housing and Community Development will need an adjustment totaling \$760,192 for two programs. Funding provides direct rental assistance to low-income households.

The Department of the Environment will need an adjustment totaling \$1,112,000 for four programs. Funding supports the placement of dogs and cats; a scholarship for four staff to attend the Best Friends National Conference; planting 2,000 native trees; and opportunities for climate resilience enhancement.

Non-Departmental will need an adjustment totaling \$100,000. Funding supports a rent stabilization study.

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 at (301) 952-3300.

Sincerely,

Angela D. Alsobrooks County Executive

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**Enclosures**