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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

TO: Jennifer A. Jenkins
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THRU: Josh Hamlin 
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RE: Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement
CR-038-2023 Resolution for Consultant Services Agreement

CR-038-2023 (*Proposed and introduced by:* The Chair of the Council at the request of the County Executive)

Assigned to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING CONTRACT APPROVAL for the purpose of the approval of a multi-year Consultant Services Agreement pursuant to the Prince George's County Charter Section 819.

Fiscal Summary

Direct Impact:

Expenditures: Additional expenditures of up to \$2,000,000 from the execution of the agreement to a maximum of 36 months thereafter. Further funding is subject to appropriation.

Revenues: No anticipated revenue impact.

Indirect Impact:

Potentially favorable.

Legislative Summary:

CR-038-2023 is proposed by the Chair of the County Council at the request of the County Executive and sponsored by Council Chair Dernoga and Council Members Ivey and Oriadha. This Resolution was introduced on May 9, 2023 and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee. CR-038-2023 would approve a contract for financial-related, project and economics-related technical assistance and analysis services associated with developing the County's Climate Action Plan Implementation Strategy.

Current Law/Background:

Under the Charter for Prince George's County, Maryland Section 819, the County Council must approve, by resolution, all multi-year contracts exceeding an aggregate of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000). This bill is meant to facilitate the implementation of the County's Climate Action Plan Implementation Strategy. On July 12, 2022 the County Council adopted CR-032-2022 that established a county-wide emissions reduction goal of achieving an emission rate of 50% below 2005 levels by 2030 and achieving carbon-neutrality by 2050.¹ Additionally, it adopts the County's Climate Action Plan and supports the creation of the Climate Action Implementation Task Force mandated by Executive Order 5-2022.² Executive Order No. 5 2022 was signed into effect on May 6, 2022 and affirms the County's emissions goals, establishes the Prince George's County Climate Action Implementation Task Force and County Resident Advisory Group for Climate Action and Environmental Justice. The executive order tasks both of the aforementioned organizations with developing strategies to ensure that the County meets its environmental goals with a date of expiration set for May 5, 2023.

Discussion/Policy Analysis:

CR-038-2023 would approve a multi-year contract (the "Agreement") with the University of Maryland, College Park Environmental Finance Center³ (the "Consultant") to provide technical assistance, professional support, research, and analysis to assist in the implementation of the County's Climate Action Plan Implementation Strategy. The Consultant has more than 25 years of experience "working with communities to protect natural resources by strengthening the capacity of decision makers to assess needs, develop effective financing methods, and catalyze action." The Consultant's areas of focus include: climate resilience and energy; sustainability;

¹ Prince George's County- [CR-032-2022](#)

² Prince George's County- [Executive Order 5-2022](#)

³ <https://arch.umd.edu/research-creative-practice/centers/environmental-finance-center>

water quality; green infrastructure; air quality; agriculture finance; program and policy analysis; and technical assistance.

The amount payable under the Agreement is not to exceed \$2,000,000 over the 36-month term. The Agreement provides that the County shall have five (5) options to renew this Agreement for three-years each. The Agreement is included as Attachment B to the Resolution, and includes specific provisions related to the: scope of work; work requirements; fees and expenses; payment; and term. The specifics of the scope of work are set forth in Attachment A to the Agreement. The areas of work include technical expertise, facilitation, coordination, research, and other (as requested by the County). A timeline for services set forth therein is as follows:

- Climate Task Force Working Group Support: November 14, 2022, thru through June 30, 2023.
- Climate Resident Advisory Group Support: November 14, 2022 thru through June 30, 2023.
- Presentation and document creation for County Council Presentation by June of 2023.
- Climate Task Force Magnitude of Cost and Analysis: November 14, 2022, thru through June 30, 2022.
- Support of County agencies and entities to identify costs, risk avoidance from climate implementation actions: November 14, 2022, thru June 30, 2023.

Fiscal Impact:

Direct Impact

The adoption of CR-038-2023 will have an adverse fiscal impact on the County in the form of additional expenditures of up to \$2,000,000 dollars over the 36-month period term of the Agreement.

Indirect Impact

The adoption of CR-038-2023 may have a favorable indirect impact. To the extent that the Consultant contributes to the successful implementation of the Climate Action Plan, the County could expect to see effects of long-term implementation of clean energy, climate change resiliency, increased building and transportation efficiency, and smart-growth policies and actions. This could lead to a probable healthier environment for its residents and workers, resulting in a higher quality of life, as well as significant cost savings to the County in lower utility and fuel bills, and decreased cost in infrastructure development and maintenance.

Appropriated in the Current Fiscal Year Budget

No, however the contract has been included in an enhancement package for the FY 2024 Operating Budget request.

Effective Date of Proposed Legislation:

The proposed Resolution shall be effective on the date of adoption.

If you require additional information, or have questions about this fiscal impact statement, please contact me.