PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT 2017 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CR-44-2017

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Committee: TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Date: July 12, 2017

Action: FAV

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<u>Committee Vote</u>: Favorable 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Turner, Lehman, Patterson, Taveras)

CR-44-2017 amends the FY 2017 Annual Action Plan to include the addition of the Pathway to Purchase Program and the reprogramming and reallocation of \$257,383.48 in HOME funds to support the Program. The Pathway to Purchase Program will assist income eligible first time homebuyers to purchase eligible properties by providing homeownership assistance as needed for mortgage principle reduction, down payment and/or closing cost assistance.

The County's FY2016-2020 Citizen's 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". The substantial change is the addition of an eligible activity not funded or described in the Annual Action Plan. Revisions or amendments to the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan require a public hearing and approval by resolution.

A public hearing on this resolution has been held.

Eric C. Brown, Director, Department of Housing and Community Development and Estella Alexander, Deputy Director, Department of Housing and Community Development provided an overview of the legislation and urged support.

The Office of Law determined that CR-44-2017 was in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its adoption.

The Office of Audits and Investigations determined that the adoption of CR-44-2017 should not have an adverse fiscal impact on the County as County General Funds are not proposed for use in the proposed reprogramming and reallocation.