

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2020 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CR-047-2020

Draft No.: 2

Committee: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date: 07/14/2020

Action: FAV (A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 11-0 (In favor: Council Members Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras)

The Committee of the Whole met on July 14 to discuss CR-47-2020, a Resolution to approve and adopt the Prince George's County Fiscal Year ("FY") 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan for Department of Housing and Community Development ("DHCD"). The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), Office of Community Planning and Development, requires Prince George's County, as a recipient of federal entitlement grant funds, to develop a Consolidated Plan every five (5) years. Specifically, Prince George's County is the recipient of funds under three federal entitlement programs covered by the Consolidated Plan, including the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Program, HOME Investment Partnerships ("HOME") Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grants ("ESG") Program. Additionally, the Consolidated Plan identifies federal, state and local resources expected to be available for the next five years and the institutional structure in which the Consolidated Plan will be implemented. A public hearing was held on CR-47-2020 on July 7, 2020. CR-47-2020 was discussed in conjunction with CR-46-2020, a Resolution for the purpose of approving and adopting the Prince George's County Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development ("FY 2021 Annual Action Plan").

On or about March 13, 2020, the County Executive transmitted Draft-1 of the FY2021-2025 Consolidated Plan to the County Council. Since that time, amendments were made to the Plan and submitted as a Proposed Draft-2 to the County Council on June 30, 2020 to reflect an abbreviated Citizen Participation Plan based on HUD guidance for an abbreviated review period from 30 days to 5 days, to provide for a virtual public hearing, to reference Prince George's County's opportunity for application to HUD for Section 108 loans, to reflect changes to the neighborhood revitalization strategy area, and to provide for an August 16, 2020 transmittal of the FY2021-2025 Consolidated Plan to HUD.

Ms. Estella Alexander, Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) provided a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the "Five-Year Consolidated Plan and First-Year Action Plan".

The Office of Law reviewed CR-47-2020 and finds it to be in proper legislative form and legally sufficient with no legal impediments. The Office of Audits and Investigations submitted a Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement dated July 13, 2020 which indicated no direct fiscal impact of adopting CR-47-2020 as no general funds will be used in the provision of programs and services of the general funds. Adoption of CR-47-2020 would set the County's framework for allocation of federal funds from the Department of Housing and Community Development over the next five years consistent with the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plans. Adoption of CR-46-2020 may promote positive indirect impact through economic development of the County by enhancing various neighborhoods, which may encourage individuals to maintain or establish residency thereby sustaining and possibly increasing indirect sources of County revenue. Adoption of CR-47-2020 should leverage additional resources and opportunities to promote community development revitalization through the gap financing for affordable housing and economic development.

The Committee accepted the amendments as reflected in CR-47-2020 (Draft-2) Attachment A as described by Director Alexander. On a motion by Council Member Glaros, and second by Council Member Dernoga, the Committee of the Whole voted favorable 11-0 on Draft-2.