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The Honorable Calvin S. Hawkins, II  
Chair  
Prince George's County Council  
County Administration Building  
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Dear Chair Hawkins:

The Maryland State Department of Housing and Community Development (MD-DHCD) offered the Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development to opportunity to reprogram the **\$2,672,725.00** of CDBG CV 2 funding our agency received from the State for emergency rental assistance. MD-DHCD acknowledges that the funding Prince George's County received from the U.S. Treasury and the anticipated funding the County will receive from the American Rescue Plan will adequately enable the County to meet the needs of those residents seeking emergency rental assistance and offered options for "Alternative Uses". In response, DHCD sent MD-DHCD an e-mail informing the State of the DHCD proposed "Alternative Uses". The re-programming of the \$2,672,725.00 is subject to a 5-day public comment period.

Below is an overview of the State approved use of the CDBG-CV 2 Alternative Uses:

### **Emergency Food Bank Activities**

#### **\$2,160,576.00 for food assistance (for the purchase of perishable and nonperishable foods)**

Through this program, Stand Up & Deliver is poised to provide aid to fellow Prince Georgians in need. The program has a multi-prong approach to assist not only residents experiencing food insecurities as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic but also support local area non-profits and food purveyors including restaurants, caterers and bakers. The venues prepare meals for low- and moderate-income individuals and families; unemployed, or homeless residents.

With this approach, local food businesses will also be positioned to keep residents employed, while we work together through the long-term recovery. Forty-five thousand dollars will be allocated to program administration.

- 1.) The projected number of low-moderate-income residents receiving assistance:  
With over \$2 Million of funding, the Stand Up & Deliver program will provide food distributions to residents with food insecurities -
- Approximately, 1.3 Million pounds or 65,000 boxed grocery non-perishable and perishable food items; and
  - Approximately 90,400 prepared meals
  - Benefiting 454,540 county residents

2.) The distribution of food:

Food distributions will occur at Non-Profit/Faith-Based locations in neighborhoods primarily comprised of low-and-moderate income individuals and families. There are (10) sites that will be placed into a rotating schedule of 5 sites weekly from May through December 2021. Each site will receive 630 – 20lb boxed grocery food items or 2,584 meals (to be distributed in packs of 4 meals/resident) at a scheduled distribution site.

**\$512,149.00 for “New hires” (working at the food distribution sites)**

Employ Prince George’s will hire and employ a minimum of 13 new employees to assist the food pantries and the Prince George’s County Office of the County Executive in the delivery and distribution of food supports. Employees will be term-limited employees with a maximum contract term of 12 months.

Prince George’s County’s Wage Determination Board’s Fiscal Year 2022 Livable Wage Requirement is \$15 for a covered employee. Employ Prince George’s has set the base average hourly wage for new hires at \$15. Fifteen dollars is commensurate with wages for similar classifications in the region and the minimum livable wage identified by the Prince George’s County Wage Determination Board. Employ Prince George’s will also include an 11% fringe rate for fringe benefits per employee. Including the fringe rate, the total average hourly wage rate for the new employees will total \$16.65 to \$20.00. A total of \$12,149.00 of this funding will be allocated to program administration.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Director