## COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND 2021 Legislative Session

Resolution No.	CR-41-2021
Proposed by	The Chair (by request – County Executive)
Introduced by	Council Members Hawkins, Turner, Glaros, Franklin, Dernoga, Davis, Harrison
Co-Sponsors	Council Member Taveras
Date of Introduc	etion April 27, 2021
<u> </u>	

## RESOLUTION

## A RESOLUTION concerning

Fiscal Year ("FY") 2020 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development For the purpose of amending the Prince George's County Fiscal Year ("FY") 2020 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development in order to allow for a change in the use of Emergency Solutions Grants COVID-19 (ESG-CV) Program funds, in the amount of three million dollars (\$3,000,000), from one existing activity to other existing eligible activities in any category within the applicable Program from the FY 2020 Annual Action Plan.

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, enacted March 27, 2020, part of which attempts to address a wide variety of needs including providing shelter to homeless individuals, increasing affordable housing options, and maintaining crucial public services during the current public health outbreak through a formula grant allocation, the effort, Congress designated funding to federal entitlement programs, allocated through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") requires jurisdictions that receive assistance under certain community planning and development programs to submit a five-year consolidated plan and an annual action plan to the Secretary of HUD that outlines ways to develop viable communities by: providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities principally for low-income and moderate-income persons; and

WHEREAS, each jurisdiction is required to adopt a citizen participation plan as part of its five-year consolidated plan and annual action plans; and

WHEREAS, a citizen participation plan sets forth the jurisdiction's policies and procedures

for citizen participation, and must provide for and encourage citizens to participate in the development of the Assessment of Fair Housing, any revisions to the Assessment of Fair Housing, the five-year consolidated plan, any substantial amendment to the consolidated plan, and the performance report; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 15A-107 of the Prince George's County Code, the County Executive and the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland adopted CR-047-2020, which set forth the County's FY 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan, along with the County's FY 2021-2025 Citizen Participation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the County's FY 2021-2025 Citizen 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;" and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the County's FY 2021-2025 Citizen Participation Plan, the following decisions constitute a "substantial change": (1) a change in the allocation priorities or a change in the method of distribution of funds; (2) the addition of an eligible activity not originally funded or described in the Annual Action Plan; (3) a change in the location, description, regulatory reference, national objective citation, and status of an activity originally described in the Annual Action Plan; (4) a change in the use of CDBG, HOME, Program Income, or ESG funds, exceeding at least \$250,000 from one existing activity to another existing eligible activity in any category within the applicable Program. All activities must have been in an approved Annual Action Plan. The CDBG categories include Affordable Housing, Economic Development, Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements, Public Services and Planning and Administration. The ESG categories include Emergency Shelter, Street Outreach, HMIS, Rapid-Rehousing, Homeless Prevention and Administration; (5) designations for Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (NRSAs); and (6) a change in the proposed uses of HUD 108 Loan Guarantee and Section 108 Program Income; and

WHEREAS, the County Council shall hold a public hearing for public input on any revision or amendment to the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan, and approve the amendment by resolution pursuant to Section 15A-106 of the County Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 15A-105(a)(1) of the County Code, the FY 2020 Annual Action Plan must be amended to include a detailed description of recommended housing and community development activities proposed for implementation during the succeeding program

year; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2020 Annual Action Plan must be amended at this time in order to allow for a change in the use of Emergency Solutions Grants COVID-19 (ESG-CV) Program funds, exceeding at least \$250,000, from one existing activity to another existing eligible activity in any category within the applicable Program from the FY 2020 Annual Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, Attachment "A" describes the changes in the use of the ESG-CV funds to the existing activities identified in the ESG Program Year ESG-CV Funding Recommendations Summary, as attached hereto and made part hereof; and

WHEREAS, Attachment "B" consists of the County's FY 2020 Annual Action Plan, as amended, as modified on March 19, 2021, as attached hereto and made part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the change in the use of Emergency Solutions Grants COVID-19 (ESG-CV) Program funds, in the amount of three million dollars (\$3,000,000), from one existing activity to other existing eligible activities in any category within the applicable Program constitutes a "substantial change" to the County's FY 2020 Annual Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive recommends the amendment to the FY 2020 Annual Action Plan to include the changes in the use of ESG-CV Program funds for existing eligible activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that the FY 2020 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development, is hereby amended to include the changes in the use of ESG-CV Program funds, as described in Attachments "A," and "B," respectively, as attached hereto and made a part hereof of the record.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the adoption of this Resolution, it shall be transmitted to the County Executive by the Clerk of the Council, and that the County Executive or his designee is hereby authorized and empowered as the official representative of Prince George's County to submit the amended Annual Action Plan to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), along with all assurances contained therein, to act as necessary in connection with the submission, and to provide such additional information to HUD as may be required.

Adopted this 15th day of June, 2021.	
	COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
	,
ВҮ	7:
	Calvin S. Hawkins, II
	Chair
ATTEST:	
Donna J. Brown	
Clerk of the Council	