

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2021 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CR-043-2021

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Committee: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date: 06/03/2021

Action: FAV(A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 8-0 (In favor: Council Members Hawkins, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Glaros, Ivey, Taveras and Turner)

The Committee of the Whole (COW) convened on June 3, 2021 to consider CR-43-2021. The Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee Director summarized the purpose of the resolution and informed the Committee of written comments received on referral. Terry Bell, County Executive's Liaison to the County Council, informed the Committee of Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and Housing Authority staff who were present for the discussion. Aspasia Xypolia, Director of DHCD, was joined by Shirley Grant, DHCD CPD Administrator. Ms. Xypolia introduced Nathan Simms, Executive Director of the Housing Authority to provide additional background on the Housing Authority request included in the resolution concerning the substantial rehabilitation of certain Housing Authority properties' interior and exterior routes.

CR-43-2021 amends the Prince George's County Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development by restructuring a Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Program activity. The proposed amendment is a result of a change in the location and description of an activity originally described in the FY 2020 Annual Action Plan. For the original activity, the Housing Authority of Prince George's County (HAPGC) was going to use CDBG funds for interior painting and replacement of flooring at the Rollingcrest Community Center and Cottage City Towers Development and the replacement of HVAC units at the Owens Road Development, where approximately 80 households would have benefitted. The restructured activity would have HAPGC use CDBG funds to address internal and external American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Uniformed Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS) route remediation at the Marlborough Towne and Cottage City public housing projects, where approximately 163 households will benefit. The County Citizen Participation Plan requires at least one public hearing, which was held on May 18, 2021.

The Associate County Attorney, Sakinda Skinner, determined that the resolution is in proper legislative form and there were no legal impediments to its adoption. However, technical errors were identified as follows:

1. On page 1, line 11, after “low-” insert “income”.
2. On page 2, line 28, after “hereof” insert “of the record”.
3. On page 3, line 11, after “hereof” insert “of the record”.

The Office of Audits and Investigations reviewed CR-43-2021 and determined that adoption of the resolution would represent no fiscal impact to the County expenditures as the \$209,500 funding proposed to support the projects are being reallocated from one eligible activity to other eligible activities approved under the FY 2020 Annual Action Plan.

After discussion and Mr. Simms’s responses to Council Members’ questions, the Committee of the Whole voted favorable, 8-0, on CR-43-2021 including the technical amendments noted by the Associate County Attorney.