

PUBLIC NOTICE

NON-SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The purpose of this notice is to advise the County of the Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD's) intent to modify the Fiscal Year ("FY") 2019 Annual Action Plan, as amended on July 18, 2019, for the purpose of a non-substantial amendment of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Annual Action Plan in order to reprogram Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program funds, totaling \$42,851.00, from existing activities to another existing ESG activity.

The ESG Program was allocated \$409,657.00 to provide emergency shelter and essential services, street outreach, homelessness prevention, and rapid re-housing services. DHCD subcontracts with the Department of Social Services ("DSS") to implement the ESG Program. To date, DSS has expended approximately ninety percent or \$366,806.00 of its ESG funds.

In an effort to strengthen the County's capacity to serve better serve homeless individuals and families, DSS has requested to reprogram \$42,851.00 of its activity street outreach and administrative ESG funds to emergency shelter and essential services as summarized below.

Use of ESG Funds by Categories	FY 2019 ESG Budget	Budget Revision Request	Modified FY 2019 ESG Budget
Shelter Operations and Essential Services	\$170,840.00	\$42,851.00	\$213,691.00
Street Outreach	\$42,127.00	(\$42,127.00)	\$0.00
HMIS	\$28,120.00	\$0.00	\$28,120.00
Rapid Re-Housing	\$58,723.00	\$0.00	\$58,723.00
Homeless Prevention	\$79,123.00	\$0.00	\$79,123.00
ESG Administration	\$30,724.00	(\$724.00)	\$30,000.00
	\$409,657.00	\$0.00	\$409,657.00

The County's FY 2021-2025 Citizen Participation Plan, which is embedded in the County's FY 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan, indicates that the Prince George's County Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan is only amended for a "substantial change" whenever it makes the following decisions:

- A change in the allocation priorities or a change in the method of distribution of funds;
- The addition of an eligible activity not originally funded or described in the Annual Action Plan;
- A change in the location, description, regulatory reference, national objective citation, and status of an activity originally described in the Annual Action Plan;
- 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; and

- A change in the proposed uses of HUD 108 Loan Guarantee and Section 108 Program Income.

Based on the Citizen Participation plan, DHCD has determined that neither a “Substantial Amendment,” nor a public hearing is required because there is:

- No change in allocations priorities or a change in the method of distribution of funds;
- No addition of an eligible activity not originally funded or described in the Annual Action Plan;
- No change in the location, description, regulatory reference, national objective citation, and status of an activity originally described in the Annual Action Plan; and
- No change in the use of ESG funds, *exceeding at least \$250,000* from one existing activity to another existing eligible activity in any category within the applicable program.

Based on the aforementioned description in the 2021-2025 Citizen Participation Plan, the reprogramming of ESG funds to existing ESG activities is not a substantial amendment to the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan.

Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development is available at the Department of Housing and Community Development, 9200 Basil Court, Suite 500, Largo, Maryland 20774 and the County’s website:

www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/dhcd/resources/plansandreports/. Alternately, the Modified Plan can be mailed, upon request, by contacting DHCD at 301-883-5540 or 301-883-5570.

Written comments may be sent to the Prince George’s County Department of Housing and Community Development, Community Planning and Development Division at 9200 Basil Court, Suite 500, Largo, Maryland, 20774. For more information, please contact the Community Planning and Development (CPD) at 301-883-5570 or 301-883-5540, TDD 301-883-5428.

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By Authority of:

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