

PUBLIC NOTICE

NON-SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FY 2018 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") 2018 Annual Action Plan ("AAP") for Housing and Community Development to change the use of FY 2018 Emergency Solutions Grants ("ESG") funds from one existing activity to another existing eligible activity.

Background

On May 9, 2017, Council Resolution (CR-15-2017) was adopted. The purpose of this resolution was to approve the FY 2018 AAP which serves as the County's federal funding application for Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG"), HOME Investment Partnerships ("HOME"), and ESG. The AAP was based on the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's ("HUD's") Federal FY 2016 (County FY 2017) formula allocations because the U.S. Congress had not completed the appropriations process for Federal FY 2016 (County FY 2017).

On July 19, 2017, the FY 2018 AAP was modified to be consistent with the final Federal FY 2017 (County FY 2018) allocation for the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs.

The ESG Program was allocated \$908,453.00 to provide emergency shelter, 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 fifty-two percent or \$468,583.77 of its ESG funds.

In an effort to strengthen the County's capacity to serve the homeless and at-risk homeless populations, DSS has requested to reprogram \$176,275.00 of its activity administrative ESG funds to areas that would have the most impact specifically: 1) emergency shelter, 2) homelessness prevention, and 3) rapid re-housing as summarized below.

Modified Use of FY 2018 ESG Funds by Category and Budget

Use of ESG Funds by Categories	FY 2018 ESG Budget	Budget Revision	Modified FY 2018 ESG Budget
Street Outreach	\$170,000.00	(\$137,000.00)	\$33,000.00
HMIS	\$65,000.00	(\$15,000.00)	\$50,000.00
ESG Administration	\$68,133.00	(\$24,275.00)	\$43,858.00
Emergency Shelter	\$170,320.00	\$46,275.00	\$216,595.00
Homelessness Prevention	\$217,500.00	\$100,000.00	\$317,500.00
Rapid Re-housing	\$217,500.00	\$30,000.00	\$247,500.00
Totals:	\$908,453.00		\$908,453.00

Council Notification and Justification – Non-Substantial Amendment for ESG Reprogramming Authorized

Based on the County’s FY 2016 - 2020 Consolidated Plan, along with the County’s FY 2016 -2020 Citizen Participation Plan, DHCD 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.

DHCD authorizes a “non-substantial amendment” process of ESG funds because the reprogramming of ESG funds is less than the \$250,000.00 threshold as described in the 2016-2020 Citizen Participation Plan. This process will allow DSS to maximize its use of ESG funds.

The Modified FY 2018 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development is available on the County's website:

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

For more information, please contact the Community Planning and Development (CPD) Division at (301) 883-5540 or (301) 883-5570, TDD (301) 883-5428.

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