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Chair
District 4

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Honorable Angela D. Alsobrooks
Prince George's County Executive
Wayne K. Curry Administration Building
1301 McCormick Drive – Suite 400
Largo, MD 20774

Re: FY 2021-2023 Local Impact Grant (LIG) Multiyear Spending

Dear County Executive Alsobrooks:

The Prince George's County Council on September 29, 2020 reviewed your recommendations for the FY 2021-2023 Local Impact Grant (LIG) Multiyear Spending Plan contained in your September 11, 2020 letter as required by State and County law. We understand that this draft FY 2021-2023 Spending Plan will be forwarded to the Local Development Council, pursuant to Section 10-309.02 of the County Code, for review after these comments are received from the County Council.

The Council understands that the FY 2021-2023 Spending Plan seeks to utilize prior year unspent and unallocated funding to fund the FY 2021 recommendations, based on no anticipated revenues after application of the State law hold harmless provisions. In addition, that FY 2022 – 2023 Spending Plans will be dependent on any anticipated collections and estimates. This is yet another unfortunate result of COVID-19 on the economic landscape of the County as well as the current unfair allocation provisions under State law.

In addition, with the use of unspent or unallocated LIG funding in FY 2021, questions were raised during the Council's review about reporting of allocations pursuant to the previous approved Spending Plans consistent with State and County law. In particular, pursuant to Section 10-309.01 of the County Code, the allocation and utilization of the 25% of LIG for various programs at Crossland High School approved in previous Spending Plans. We request that the Office of Management and Budget, working with Prince George's County Public School system and the County's Office of Audits and Investigations (A & I), review and account for all spending as authorized by the Spending Plans and adopted County Budgets.

With the goal of improving transparency, efficiency and community acceptance of this process the Council would recommend that we seek adjustments to LIG multiyear spending plan timetable and adoption process. Also, considering that the requirements of Spending Plan adoption do not align well with the County budget process, we would like to work with the administration and our State partners to plan adjustments in the upcoming year.

The County Council appreciates your consideration of these recommendations. We look forward to continued engagement with you about the most impactful uses of LIG funding from the Prince George's County gaming facility. Please contact Mr. Robert Williams, Council Administrator and Mr. Nathaniel Tutt, if you have any question or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Hon. Todd M. Turner
Council Chair

cc: County Council Members
Mr. Robert J. Williams, Jr. Council Administrator
Mr. Stanley Earley, Director, Office of Management & Budget
Dr. Monica Goldson, CEO, Prince George's County Public Schools
Mr. Jeffrey Chandler, Chair, Local Development Council