

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2015 Legislative Session

Reference No.:	CR-71-2015
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Committee:	TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT
Date:	November 12, 2015
Action:	FAV, 4-0 ML, DG, TT, DT

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Committee Vote: Favorable, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Lehman, Turner, Taveras, and Glaros)

Staff provided a summary of the resolution. Referral comments were received. CR-71-2015 expresses approval of the Project and application submitted by the Foundation Schools, Inc. to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (the "Department") for participation in the Community Investment Tax Credit ("CITC") Program.

The Foundation Schools, Inc. ("The Foundation Schools") is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1975 and operated as a psycho-educational program for young people with severe emotional disabilities. Due to shifts toward community based psycho-educational services, The Foundation Schools has concentrated its efforts on its two highly intensive day-schools. The Foundation Schools' campus located in Largo, Maryland and The Foundation School of Montgomery County serve some of the most challenging students in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area who struggle with severe emotional disabilities such as: depression, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and bipolar disorder. Public school systems refer students that require intensive needs to The Foundation Schools. During the 2013 and 2014 school year, The Foundation Schools served a total of three hundred fifty-one (351) students; two-hundred thirty-eight (238) students at the Largo campus and one hundred thirteen (113) students at the Montgomery County campus.

The Foundation Schools applied for fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) in Community Investment Tax Credits ("CITC"), which would enable the expansion of its Career

Connections Program and its Foundation Links Program.

Kelli Kunert, Director of Communications and Development for The Foundation Schools provided testimony in support of the resolution.

The Office of Law determined that CR-71-2015 was in proper legislative form and without legal impediments to its adoption.

The Office of Audits and Investigation indicated there will be no adverse fiscal impact on the County as a result of adopting CR-71-2015.