

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE REPORT

2016 Legislative Session

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**Reference No.:** CR-59-2016

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**Committee:** TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

**Date:** September 15, 2016

**Action:** FAV

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### REPORT:

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

Staff provided a summary of the resolution and referral comments that were received. CR-59-2016 expresses approval of the application submitted by Towson University Foundation, Inc. to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for participation in the Community Investment Tax Credit (CITC) Program.

The Foundation proposes to use up to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) in tax credits to expand the services provided by the Towson University Center for STEM Excellence (TUCSE) to Prince Georges County Public Schools within the priority funding areas. The credits will be used to support transportation and fees associated with field trips to TUCSE's SciTech Student Learning Laboratory, which offers students the opportunity to engage in hands-on bioscience activities that complement and enhance their classroom learning.

Dr. Mary Stapleton, of the Towson University Center for STEM Excellence, answered Committee members' questions and provided testimony in support of the resolution.

The Office of Law determined that CR-59-2016 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-59-2016.