

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2015 Legislative Session

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Committee: TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT
Date: September 17, 2015
Action: FAV

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Lehman, Turner, Taveras, Franklin and Glaros)

Staff provided a summary of the resolution and referral comments that were received. CR-47-2015 expresses approval of the Towson University Foundation, Inc.'s (the "Foundation") Project and application to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (the "Department") for participation in the Community Investment Tax Credit ("CITC") Program. The Foundation applied for \$33,901.00 in tax credits for its Towson UTeach Reaching Out ("TUTR Out") Program.

Under § 6-405 of the Housing and Community Development Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Department may not approve a proposal submitted for tax credits under the CITC Program unless the proposal is approved by the governing body or authorized designee of each county and/or municipal corporation that includes any Priority Funding Area that benefits from the project.

The TUTR Out Program will impact up to seventy-four (74) schools and classrooms and up to seventy-two (72) teachers located in Priority Funding Areas across the State. The TUTR Out Program strives to enhance County schools in Priority Funding Areas and revitalize neighborhoods by: exposing students to hands-on, inquiry-based science, technology, engineering and math ("STEM") lessons; facilitating access to cutting edge scientific equipment in classrooms; and offering teachers professional development opportunities in the fields of science and technology.

The application is being submitted to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for participation in the Department's Community Investment Tax Credit Program.

Eric Brown, Director, Department of Housing and Community Development, and Dr. Mary Stapleton of Towson University provided testimony in support of the resolution.

The Office of Law determined that CR-47-2015 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-47-2015.