



March 23, 2026

**POLICY ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**TO:** Committee of the Whole (COW)  
**THRU:** Lavinia Baxter *LB*  
Senior Budget and Policy Analyst  
**FROM:** Roger G. Banegas *RGB*  
Legislative Budget and Policy Analyst  
**RE:** Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement  
**CR-019-2026** Local Impact Grant Funds

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**CR-019-2026** (*Proposed by:* The Chair by request of the County Executive; *Sponsored by:* Council Members Oriadha, Hunter, Burroughs, Adams, Blegay, Dernoga, and Fisher)

Assigned to the Committee of the Whole (COW)

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**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING LOCAL IMPACT GRANT FUNDS MULTIYEAR PLAN** for the purpose of transmitting the Local Impact Grant Funds Multiyear Plan to the County Council for review and approval.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**Direct Impact:**

*Expenditures:* No net change in expenditures but allows for the potential to shift expenditures among categories.

*Revenues:* No revenue impact.

**Indirect Impact:**

Potentially favorable.

### **Legislative Summary:**

CR-019-2026<sup>1</sup>, proposed by the Chair of the Council by request of the County Executive and sponsored by Council Members Oriadha, Hunter, Burroughs, Adams, Blegay, Dernoga, and Fisher, was introduced on March 17, 2026, and referred to the Committee of the Whole (COW). CR-019-2026 would approve the multiyear spending plan for local impact grant funds for Fiscal Years (FY) 2026 – 2028, as required under State law.

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### **Current Law/Background:**

Title 9, Subtitle 1A of the State Government Article governs the operation of Video Lottery Terminals (VLTs) in the State, including the distribution of revenue from VLT facilities. The law requires that revenues from VLT facilities be used for improvements primarily in the communities in immediate proximity to the video lottery facilities. It further specifies that the funds may be used for the following purposes:

- (1) infrastructure improvements;
- (2) facilities;
- (3) public safety;
- (4) sanitation;
- (5) economic and community development, including housing; and
- (6) other public services and improvements.

State law<sup>2</sup> requires that the County develop, in consultation with the Local Development Council,<sup>3</sup> a multiyear plan for the expenditure of the local impact grant funds for services and improvements.

County law under CB-088-2015<sup>4</sup> requires that, prior to submitting the multiyear plan to the Local Development Council for review and comment, the County Executive must provide the County Council with thirty (30) days to review, comment, and make recommendations on the multiyear plan.<sup>5</sup> The County Executive is then required to make “best efforts” to accommodate the

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<sup>1</sup> [CR-019-2026](#).

<sup>2</sup> Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government (SG) Article, Section 9-1A-31

<sup>3</sup> SG §9-1A-31(c) requires that a “local development council” be established in each geographic area where a video lottery facility is located. The Prince George’s County Local Development Council consists of 15 members appointed by the County Executive in consultation with the Senators and Delegates who represent the communities surrounding the facility and the County Council. The Local Development Council includes: (1) one Senator who represents the district where the facility is located or the Senator’s designees; (2) two Delegates who represent the districts where the communities surrounding the facility are located or the Delegates’ designees; (3) one representative of the video lottery operation licensee; (4) seven residents of the communities in immediate proximity to the facility; and (5) four representatives of businesses or institutions located in immediate proximity to the facility. Additional information may be accessed at: <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1125/Local-Development-Council>

<sup>4</sup> [CB-088-2015](#).

<sup>5</sup> [Prince George’s County Code, §10-309.02\(a\)](#).

recommendations of the County Council prior to submitting the multiyear plan to the Local Development Council. After the Local Development Council's review, comment, and recommendations on the multiyear plan, the Executive must transmit the multiyear plan to the County Council for review and approval by resolution. CR-085-2023 is the resolution approving the multiyear plan and requires a public hearing prior to adoption.<sup>6</sup>

The County Executive first submitted the multiyear plan for Fiscal Years 2026 – 2028 to the Council on November 7, 2025.<sup>7</sup> The Council considered the plan on November 18, 2025<sup>8</sup>. The Local Development Council transmitted their comments and recommendations regarding the plan on August November 18, 2025.<sup>9</sup>

Prince George's County legislation, beginning with CR-033-2015, requires that 50% of Annual Local Gaming Revenue, up to a maximum of \$25 million, be allocated for public education purposes.<sup>10</sup> CB-099-2022<sup>11</sup> further expanded this requirement by removing the "public" caveat for education and allowing the grant funds to be allocated to "non-profit organizations that provide educational services." Beginning in fiscal year 2018, CB-022-2017<sup>12</sup> requires that the County:

“[A]llocate at least 25% of the Local Impact Grant, excluding funds reserved by state law for Maryland Highway 210, up to an amount not to exceed \$2,200,000 (adjusted annually for inflation), for vocational, technical, and skilled trades programs at Crossland High School...”

CB-032-2024<sup>13</sup> amended Section 10-309.01 of the Prince George's County Code to include support for senior citizens under the list of eligible expenses the County is required to allocate 50% (up to a \$25 million maximum) of Annual Local Gaming Revenue towards and further expands the definition of education purposes in the law to include youth and young adult employment programs. Furthermore, the bill added funding support for youth and young adult job employment programs as an additional option for how the 25% of local impact grant funds (up to \$2,200,000) must be spent.

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### Resource Personnel:

- Angela Fair Baker, Office of Management and Budget

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### Discussion/Policy Analysis:

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<sup>6</sup> Prince George's County Code, §10-309.02(b).

<sup>7</sup> See "FY 26-28 LIG Transmittal Letter and Proposed VLT Spending Plan."

<sup>8</sup> The discussion of the plan in COW can be viewed [here](#).

<sup>9</sup> [Local Impact Grant Letter 2025](#).

<sup>10</sup> Note: This is *all* MGM Casino-related revenues, including Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) funds.

<sup>11</sup> [CB-099-2022](#).

<sup>12</sup> [CB-022-2017](#).

<sup>13</sup> [CB-032-2024](#).

The FY 2026 – 2028 multiyear plan reflects the County’s projection of casino-related revenues over the next three fiscal years, with Attachment A detailing the expenditure plan for Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) revenues. The VLT expenditure plan supports Employ Prince George’s, Second District Community Development Corporation, Prince George’s Community College, Town of Forest Heights, Local Development Council, Boris Henson Foundation, The Store House, Strategic Housing Solutions, Church of Adullam, Victory Church International, County Council Administration-audits and program services, including various Community Impact Grants.

Because it is based on projections of VLT revenues, the spending plan is subject to change. All expenditures reflected in the FY 2026 plan are appropriated in the current approved Operating Budget.

The details of the FY 2026 – 2028 multiyear plan are outlined in Attachment A to CR-019-2026, and are summarized below:

<b>VLT Revenues</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
Net Video Lottery Terminal Taxes	\$ 10,374,300	\$ 10,374,300	\$ 10,374,300
Net Supplemental Grant	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 1,800,000
<b>Total</b>	\$ 12,174,300	\$ 12,174,300	\$ 12,174,300
<b>Grant Category</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
<b>Education</b>			
Employ Prince George's	2,300,000	2,300,000	2,300,000
School District Community Development Corporation	5,200,000	5,200,000	5,200,000
<b>Education Sub-Total</b>	7,500,000	7,500,000	7,500,000
<b>Prince George’s Community College</b>	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
<b>Community Impact Grants</b>			
Town of Forest Heights (\$85,000) and Forest Heights Police Activities League (\$40,000)	125,000	125,000	125,000
Local Development Council	400,000	400,000	400,000
Boris Henson Foundation (Mental Health Programming)	200,000	200,000	200,000
The Store House	550,000	550,000	550,000
Strategic Housing Solutions	120,000	120,000	120,000
Church of Adullam	500,000	500,000	500,000
Victory Church International	354,300	354,300	354,300
<b>Community Impact Grants Subtotal</b>	2,249,300	2,249,300	2,249,300
<b>Other Public Services</b>			
County Council Administration: Community Notification, Re: Program and Services	300,000	300,000	300,000
County Council Administration: Nonprofit Support	125,000	125,000	125,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	425,000	425,000	425,000
<b>TOTAL SPENDING</b>	<b>\$ 12,174,300</b>	<b>\$ 12,174,300</b>	<b>\$ 12,174,300</b>

Education (CB-032-2024 – 50% requirement to Education, Senior Citizen Services, and Employment Services)

As mentioned above, the 50% requirement for Education is for *all* MGM Casino revenues, including VLT revenues.

Employ Prince George's

- Youth Jobs and Apprenticeship Program, Youth Leadership and Academy Scholarship (\$2,300,000).

School District Community Development Corporation

- Senior citizen social services, community social services, youth programming, leadership academy, mentoring programs, year-round jobs program (\$5,200,000).

Prince George's County Community College (via Prince George's Community College Foundation, Inc.)

- Free Tuition Courses, Certifications, Development Courses, and Apprenticeship Training (\$2,000,000).

Community Impact Grants

- Grants to Support the Community 2.5 miles northwest of the VLT facility (\$125,000)
  - o Grant for the Town of Forest Heights in the amount of \$85,000 and Forest Heights Police Activities League in the amount of \$40,000 (Youth Enrichment, Spring Camp, Summer Camp, Youth Jobs, and Apprenticeship Programming).
- Grants to Community Organizations (\$2,249,300)
  - o Local Development Council - \$400,000.
  - o Boris Henson Foundation (Mental Health Programming) - \$200,000.
  - o The Store House (District 8 Food Give Away, Community Support, Food Security, Food Delivery, Healthy Eating Education) - \$550,000.
  - o Strategic Housing Solutions (Foreclosure Seminars, Mediation, Advocate Training) - \$120,000.
  - o Church of Adullam (Federal worker support fund, Community Programming and Support) - \$500,000.
  - o Victory Church International (Domestic Violence, Veteran Services, Community Programming) - \$354,300.

Other Public Services

- County Council Administration: Community Notification, Re: Program and Services - \$300,000.
- Council Administration: Nonprofit Support - \$125,000.

**Fiscal Impact:**

- *Direct Impact*

Adoption of CR-019-2026 should not have a direct fiscal impact on the County. Its adoption will approve a spending plan for the State's local impact grant funds. Fiscal Year 2026 expenditures are appropriated in the current approved operating budget, and expenditures for future years will be subject to appropriation in the budget process.

- *Indirect Impact*

Adoption of CR-019-2026 should not have an indirect fiscal impact on the County.

- *Appropriated in the Current Fiscal Year Budget*

Yes.

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**Policy Implementation Resource/Project Timeline:**

*Legislative Initiative*

Milestone 1 (3/24/26) – COW Committee

- Passes the Resolution
- Sends to full Council

Milestone 2 (Early April 2026) – County Council

- Public hearing
- Vote favorably

Milestone 3 (Late April-early May 2026) – Third reading

- Vote favorably

Milestone 4 (May) - Administrative

- Committee Director & Council Clerk coordinate request update on the County Executive's signature

Milestone 5 (undetermined)- Adoption

*Disclaimer - Relative timeline based on the Council process. Unable to detail Finance process at time of writing.*

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**Effective Date of Proposed Legislation:**

The proposed Resolution shall be effective on the date of adoption.

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If you require additional information or have questions about this fiscal impact statement, please email me.