PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2015 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CR-65-2015

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Committee:

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT

Date:

October 29, 2015

Action:

FAV(A), 3-0

DG, TT, DT

REPORT:

<u>Committee Vote:</u> Favorable, 3-0 with amendments (<u>In favor:</u> Council Members Taveras, Turner and Glaros)

Staff provided a summary of the resolution and referral comments that were received. CR-65-2015 concerns expressing approval of the project submitted by the Ivy Community Charities of Prince George's County. Ivy community Charities applied for fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) in tax credits for its Keeping Intercommunications among Seniors and Students ("KISS") Project. The KISS Project will provide an opportunity for elderly residents of Prince George's County to teach middle school girls, who participate in Ivy Community Charities' Sarah Wise Wooten Young Ladies Academy, how to cook healthy foods.

Additionally, the KISS Project will provide an opportunity for middle school girls to teach elderly residents how to use a variety of technological tools, including: computers, telephones, the Internet, social media, and other tools. These technological tools will help elderly residents pay their bills online, connect with family and friends, and find medical, governmental, recreational and other resources online.

The KISS Project will be implemented in Priority Funding Areas within Prince George's County. 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 Community Investment Tax Credit 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.

Penny Wood, of the Ivy Community Charities of Prince Georges County, provided testimony in support of the resolution.

The Office of Law determined that CR-65-2015 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-65-2015.