

## Prince George's County Council Agenda Item Summary

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**Meeting Date:** 11/17/2015  
**Reference No.:** CR-071-2015  
**Draft No.:** 1  
**Proposer(s):** County Executive  
**Sponsor(s):** Turner, Lehman, Franklin, Davis, Glaros, Taveras  
**Item Title:** A Resolution for the purpose of approving The Foundation Schools, Inc.'s application to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for participation in the Community Investment Tax Credit ("CITC") Program

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**Drafter:** Eric C. Brown, Department of Housing and Community Development  
**Resource Personnel:** Eric C. Brown, Department of Housing and Community Development

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### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

<b>Date Presented:</b>		<b>Executive Action:</b>
<b>Committee Referral:</b>	11/3/2015 - THE	<b>Effective Date:</b>
<b>Committee Action:</b>	11/12/2015 - FAV	
<b>Date Introduced:</b>	11/3/2015	
<b>Public Hearing:</b>		
<b>Council Action (1)</b>	11/17/2015 - ADOPTED	
<b>Council Votes:</b>	DLD:A, MRF:A, DG:A, AH:A, ML:A, OP:A, DT:A, KT:-, TT:A	
<b>Pass/Fail:</b>	P	
<b>Remarks:</b>		

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### AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### Transportation, Housing and Environment Committee

**Date 11/12/2015**

November 12, 2015

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.

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:**

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

This Resolution is for the purpose of approving The Foundation Schools, Inc.’s (“The Foundation Schools”) application to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (the “Department”) for participation in the Community Investment Tax Credit (“CITC”) Program.

The Foundation Schools applied for fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) in tax credits to expand its Career Connections Program, which provides career and post-secondary education preparation and support to its students. Additionally, the tax credits will allow The Foundation Schools to expand its Foundation Links Program, which provides in-home interventions to families in crisis.

The Foundation Schools will conduct the Career Connections Program and the Foundation Links Program at its campus located in Largo, Maryland, a State-identified Priority Funding Area. 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 of the Priority Funding Area that benefits from the project.

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**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**

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**INCLUSION FILES:**

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