

# THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

# Office of Audits and Investigations

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### <u>MEMORANDUM</u>

TO:

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THRU:

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FROM:

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RE:

Fiscal Impact Statement

CR-017-2018 Statewide Special Transportation Assistance Program

## Legislative Summary

CR-017-2018 provides County Council approval of the submission of an application for Fiscal Year 2019 grant funding through the Statewide Special Transportation Assistance Program.

#### Background

Under the Federal Transit Act the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) of the Maryland Department of Transportation provides funding for the Statewide Special Transportation Assistance Program (SSTAP). The SSTAP provides annual operating and capital grant funding to Maryland counties and the City of Baltimore to be used to provide transportation for the elderly and personal with disabilities. Prince George's County is entering its 36<sup>th</sup> year of participation in the SSTAP. A Council Resolution expressing approval of the application is required by the MTA.

#### Resource Personnel

We contacted staff within the Department of Public Works and Transportation to request information to be utilized within the fiscal impact statement.

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### Assumptions and Methodology

Should the State approve the application, the total grant award will be \$340,600 and the County will be obligated to provide the local share of the project costs (\$37,900) within the program. Under the grant's provisions, the County must also be in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and certain requirements of the United States Department of Transportation.

Staff within the Transit Division of the Department of Public Works and Transportation provided that grant funds received under this request will be used to support the County's Call-A-Bus vehicle replacement program.

Call-A-Bus provides demand response curb-to-curb transportation service to all residents of Prince George's County, with priority given to seniors or those with disabilities, who are not served by or cannot use existing bus or rail services.

#### Fiscal Impact

Direct Impact

Adoption of CR-017-2018 will have a fiscal impact on the County in the amount of \$37,900, related to the local share of the project costs of the program.

Indirect Impact

Adoption of CR-017-2018 may promote growth and economic development within the County which may thereby have a positive fiscal impact upon various sources of County revenue.

# Appropriated in the Current Fiscal Year Budget

CR-017-2018 is applicable to Fiscal Year 2019 which currently does not have an approved budget.

#### Effective Date

Date of adoption of this Resolution.

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