



# THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## Office of Audits and Investigations

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### FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

TO: Robert J. Williams, Jr.  
Council Administrator

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FROM: Josh Hamlin   
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RE: Policy Analysis and Fiscal Note  
CR-034-2021, Contract Approvals – Health Department

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**CB-034-2021** (*Proposed by:* the County Executive; *Introduced by:* Councilmembers Hawkins and Councilmembers Davis, Anderson-Walker, Streeter, Glaros, Harrison, Dernoga, Turner, and Ivey)

Assigned to the Committee of the Whole

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**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING CONTRACT APPROVALS** for the purpose of approving a contract for the Health Department.

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### Fiscal Summary

**Direct Impact:**

*Expenditures:* None; fully grant-funded and appropriated in the FY 2021 budget.

*Revenues:* N/A.

**Indirect Impact:**

N/A.

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### **Legislative Summary:**

CR-034-2021, proposed by the County Executive and sponsored by Councilmembers Hawkins, Davis, Anderson-Walker, Streeter, Glaros, Harrison, Dernoga, Turner, and Ivey, was introduced on March 30, 2021 and referred to the Committee of the Whole (COW).

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

Under Section 819 of the Charter for Prince George's County, Maryland, the County Council must approve, by resolution, all multi-year contracts exceeding an aggregate of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00).

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### **Discussion/Policy Analysis:**

CR-034-2021 would approve a contract with Totally Linking Care in Maryland, LLC (TLC-MD)<sup>1</sup> in the amount of Six Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Eighty Dollars (\$678,080.00) for the Health Department's PreventionLink grant initiative.<sup>2</sup> The contract has been awarded through Procurement code §10A-108.

The Prince George's County Health Department is the lead entity in the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-funded PreventionLink program (the Program). The Program integrates clinical practice with evidence-based public health programs to improve health outcomes for patients at all levels of risk for chronic disease, from persons at risk for diabetes and heart disease to high-system utilizers with frequent hospitalizations. Innovations in the use of health information technology and the development of communities of practice will bring together stakeholders in chronic disease care with a shared goal of reducing the burden of diabetes, hypertension, and stroke in underserved areas of Prince George's, St. Mary's, Charles, and Calvert counties.

TLC-MD is a non-profit organization, based in Prince George's County, Maryland, comprised of a team of more than 50 providers, outpatient services, local health departments, community organizations and residents – all focused on working together to identify solutions that help better coordinate medical care.

The scope and deliverables of the contract are detailed within Attachment A to the Resolution. In summary, TLC-MD will provide services to assist PreventionLink in fulfilling the goals outlined in requirements of the Innovative State and Local Public Health Strategies to Prevent and Manage Diabetes, Heart Disease, and Stroke, Grant Number 1817 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as follows:

1. Participate in the PreventionLink Community of Practice.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.tlc-md.org/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/25766/Prevention-Link-Project-Overview-PDF>

2. Expand new and existing CDC-recognized type 2 diabetes prevention programs.
3. Advise on modification and marketing of a hypertension app (CDC Strategy B7).
4. Enhance referrals, participation, and adherence for DSMES telehealth services.
5. Enhance referrals, participation, and adherence for cardiac rehabilitation services.

Further details on specific activities, as well as the deliverables schedule, are in Attachment A.

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### **Fiscal Impact:**

#### *Direct Impact*

Adoption of CR-034-2021 should not have an adverse fiscal impact on the County. According to the Agenda Item Summary, “[t]here is no fiscal impact because the funding for the contract has been received from the Grantor. The contract is a twelve (12) month single term contract which, due to the Federal fiscal year, crosses County fiscal years 2021 and 2022. The funding has been fully appropriated in the County’s 2021 fiscal year budget.”

#### *Indirect Impact*

Adoption of CR-034-2021 should not have an indirect fiscal impact on the County. Full implementation of the PreventionLink program is likely to have a positive indirect fiscal impact associated with a healthier population in need of fewer County government services.

#### *Appropriated in the Current Fiscal Year Budget*

Yes.

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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 call me.