



# BROOKE'S BPW BRIEF



*Breaking down the Board of Public Works*

## Meeting Date

May 1, 2024

## Summary Figures

The BPW approved 63 items, representing a total State expenditure of \$1.05 billion including:

- 9 items awarding \$634 million to prime certified small businesses.
- 5 items awarding \$391 million to prime Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs).
- 5 items awarded with established participation goals for MBEs.
- 1 item awarding \$562,157 to Employment Works Program providers.
- 1 item awarded with established participation goals for Veteran-owned Small Business Enterprises (VSBE).

## COMPENSATION TO ERRONEOUSLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL



The BPW approved \$2,982,204 in compensation and various benefits to Gary Washington under the Walter Lomax Act following a Request for an Order of Eligibility. Mr. Washington served over 31 years in prison after being wrongly convicted in Baltimore City of murder and the use of a handgun in a crime of violence.

The General Assembly passed the Walter Lomax Act in 2021, establishing a process and formula to compensate erroneously convicted and incarcerated individuals. That formula is based on the number of days confined and the current annual median household income (\$94,991).

## REISTERSTOWN PLAZA METRO STATION PHASE II TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT



The BPW approved a request from MDOT to declare 25 acres of real property located at the Reisterstown Plaza Metro Station in Northwest Baltimore City as surplus for a future Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) project. In 2006, the property was sub-divided into two parcels for TOD, with Phase I completed in 2013. A Phase II TOD was approved by the MTA Administrator in December 2021. MTA has selected Wabash Development Partners as the project developer.

## CAPITAL GRANTS



The BPW approved grant agreements for 13 recipients for 13 projects located in 5 counties and Baltimore City with a total value of \$8,148,174.

## SOUTH ISLAND TRAIL EXTENSION



The BPW approved a request from Queen Anne's County to commit \$495,401 in Program Open Space Local Share funding to design and construct an extension to the South Island Trail from Christ Church to Marine Academy Drive on Kent Island. The proposed project would extend the existing 7-mile, paved trail system one-mile northbound.