



# BROOKE'S BPW BRIEF

*Breaking down the Board of Public Works*

**Meeting Date**  
August 28, 2024

## Summary Figures

The BPW approved 105 items, representing a total State expenditure of \$418.5 million including:

- 8 items awarding \$4.1 million to prime certified small businesses.
- 2 items awarding \$1.9 million to prime Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs).
- 9 items awarded with established participation goals for MBEs.
- 2 items awarded with goals for Veteran-owned Small Businesses.

## SPENDING BOND PROCEEDS

The BPW approved a request from the Department of Housing and Community Development to award \$24 million in general obligation bond proceeds for 21 projects through the **Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative (BRNI)** and the **National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund (NED)**.

The BRNI program invests in housing and businesses in Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and Anne Arundel County to help communities and the tax base grow sustainably. The NED Fund supports commercial and residential projects in targeted revitalization areas within Prince George's and Montgomery Counties. Recipients of FY25 funds include:

- The Druid Heights Community Development Corporation - \$650,000 for the Mondawmin Health Families Office (Baltimore City)
- Mission First Housing Group - \$150,000 for the Perkins Somerset Oldtown Grocery Store Initiative (Baltimore City)
- Prince George's County Executive & County Council - \$5 million for the redevelopment of Cheverly Hospital into a vibrant, mixed-use community

## BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The BPW approved a request from the Department of General Services to award Cannon Washington, Inc. (Baltimore, MD) a contract to provide design services for the renovation and expansion of Baltimore City Community College's **Learning Common & Bard Library** at its Liberty Heights campus. This 5-year contract was awarded at a cost of \$3.4 million. The final product will be a state-of-the-art LEED-Silver certified facility (in accordance with the Maryland High Performance Buildings Program) with space for studying, socialization, and an information center.

## USM PROCUREMENT POLICIES & PROCEDURES

The BPW approved a request from the University System of Maryland (USM) to approve revisions to their procurement policies and procedures. Key changes include: (1) clarification that any future revision to these policies requires BPW approval; (2) new exclusions for utilities and accreditation fees; (3) a provision allowing for the cancellation of solicitations; and (4) a provision on liquidated damages. USM noted in response to a question from the Comptroller that it is also a member of the Green Purchasing Council and Green Buildings Council and is dedicated to following all requirements from the Climate Solutions Now Act.