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Maryland Board of Public Works Approves $204 Million in State Spending

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (March 4, 2026) — Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman joined Governor Wes Moore and Treasurer Dereck Davis today for a meeting of the Board of Public Works.

During the meeting, the Board of Public Works approved more than $204 million in state spending supporting projects and initiatives across Maryland.

In all, the Board approved 93 items representing a total state expenditure of $204,604,283.39. This includes grant agreements supporting community projects, small business participation in state contracting, and workforce development initiatives.

During her remarks, Comptroller Lierman underscored her call for the Trump Administration to reimburse Marylanders for tariffs that were imposed by the federal government and later ruled unconstitutional by the United States Supreme Court. “We should be clear. These tariffs are taxes,” said **Comptroller Lierman**. “They are taxes paid by Maryland families, businesses, and nonprofits who now have to navigate unpredictable cost breaks that thin margins and threaten livelihoods. Marylanders deserve better. Americans deserve better.” The Comptroller noted that Marylanders have absorbed billions of dollars in additional costs due to these tariffs and reiterated that they deserve leaders who demand accountability when their constituents are harmed.

The approvals included grant agreements for 27 recipients supporting 27 projects located in 11 counties and Baltimore City, totaling $27,689,000.

The Board also approved several contracts supporting Maryland's small businesses and workforce programs, including items awarded to certified small business enterprises and minority business enterprises, as well as funding for an Employment Works Program provider.

In total, today's approvals included:

- Grant agreements for 27 recipients for 27 projects located in 11 counties and Baltimore City with a total value of $27,689,000.
- Five items awarding $4,217,788.60 to certified small business primes.
- One item awarding $239,117.60 to a certified minority business enterprise prime.
- One item awarding $1,121,511.31 to an Employment Works Program provider.
- Seven items awarded with established participation goals for minority business enterprises.
- One item awarded with an established participation goal for veteran-owned small business enterprises.

Meeting documents for today's meeting can be found HERE.

The next meeting of the Board of Public Works will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2026.

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