



News Release

Maryland Board of Public Works Approves \$253 Million in State Spending

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (May 21, 2026) — Comptroller **Brooke E. Lierman** joined Governor Wes Moore and Treasurer Dereck E. Davis yesterday in approving total expenditure of more than \$253 million during a meeting of the Board of Public Works.

Approved items included grant agreements supporting 32 projects across 11 counties totaling \$53.8 million, as well as investments that strengthen Maryland’s educational institutions and advance emerging industries like quantum -- efforts that continue to diversify the state’s economy, expand its workforce, and prepare the next generation for success.

During the meeting, Comptroller Lierman voted against a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) request to award a revenue-sharing, sole source contract to provide a reservation-based digital access system for entrance to various DNR properties, emphasizing the importance of inclusive, fair, and open competition when considering awards and contracts.

“Competitive contracts are how we get the best value for the State,” **said Comptroller Lierman**. “While I do support the goal of the contract, I am voting no because I want to see Maryland businesses given a fair chance to compete for this work.”

Overall, the Board approved 98 items representing total State expenditure of \$253,592,944.88. The Board also approved:

- 9 items awarding \$2,806,062.28 to prime certified small business primes
- 3 items awarding \$1,121,812 to certified minority business enterprise primes
- 3 items awarding \$4,400,719.52 to Employment Works Program providers
- 11 items awarded with established participation goals for minority business enterprises
- 3 items awarded with 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, June 3, 2026.

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