



# News Release

## Maryland Board of Public Works Approves \$383.8 Million in State Spending

*Board approves funding for Laurel Park acquisition and supports overall economic growth across Maryland*

**ANNAPOLIS, Md. (July 1, 2026)** — Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman joined Lieutenant Governor Aruna Miller and Treasurer Dereck Davis today for a meeting of the Board of Public Works.

The Board approved the State’s \$48.5 million acquisition of Laurel Park. This investment will help secure the future of horse racing in Maryland while supporting an industry that generates jobs, economic activity, and agricultural investment across the state.

“These investments reflect our commitment to building a stronger Maryland by supporting the infrastructure, institutions, and community resources that residents rely on every day,” said **Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman**. “By investing in projects that strengthen our economy, we are making sure Maryland remains a great place to live, work, and do business.”

In all, the Board of Public Works approved 125 items, representing a total State expenditure of \$383,768,661.26. These include:

- Grant agreements for 32 recipients for 33 projects located in 10 counties and Baltimore City with a total value of \$58,432,600.

- 6 items awarding \$5,255,856.45 to prime certified small business primes
- 2 items awarding \$1,455,195.24 to certified minority business enterprise primes
- 2 items awarding \$2,192,199.44 to Employment Works Program providers
- 13 items awarded with established participation goals for minority business enterprises
- 2 items awarded with established participation goal for veteran-owned small business enterprises

Meeting documents for today's meeting, including a list of all approved items, are available [here](#).

The next Board of Public Works meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 22, 2026.

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