



News Release

Maryland Board of Public Works Approves \$11.4 Billion in State Spending

Board approves funding for projects across Maryland, including investments in state employee health care benefits

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (August 19, 2026) — Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman today joined Governor Wes Moore and Treasurer Dereck Davis for a meeting of the Board of Public Works.

Among today's approvals was a \$150,000 grant to the Talbot County Board of Education to construct the Darren Foxwell Stadium Scoreboard at Easton High School. The scoreboard will honor the life and legacy of Darren Foxwell, an Easton High School graduate who tragically lost his life in a car accident last year.

The Board also approved spending on State of Maryland Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits. The contract, which covers state employees and their dependents, represents approximately \$10.65 billion for health care benefits over a five-year term.

"Every decision we make as a State should ultimately be about making Maryland a better place to live, work, and raise a family," said **Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman**.

"Whether we are investing in our schools, supporting our communities, or caring for the people who serve our State, these investments have a real impact on Marylanders' lives. I am proud to serve on the Board of Public Works and will continue working to

make sure we are putting public dollars to work in ways that strengthen communities and create opportunity for people across Maryland.”

In all, the Board approved 92 items, representing a total State expenditure of \$11,437,066,627.18. These include:

- Approved grant agreements for 19 recipients for 20 projects located in 9 counties and Baltimore City with a total value of \$5,693,000
- 4 items awarding \$1,963,887.40 to prime certified small business primes
- 9 items awarded with established participation goals for minority business enterprises
- 4 items awarded with established participation goals for veteran-owned small business enterprises

[Access documents and a list of all approved items from today's meeting.](#)

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The next Board of Public Works meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 2, 2026.

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