



# BROOKE'S BPW BRIEF



**Breaking down the Board of Public Works**

## Meeting Date

June 11, 2025

## COUNTY LIBRARY CAPITAL GRANTS

The Board approved a request from the Maryland State Library Agency (MSLA) to award \$7.2 million in grants to support various capital projects for 8 county public library systems. Notable projects include:

- Baltimore City: construct a new state-of-the-art library in Park Heights
- Cecil County: renovate and expand the existing Elkton Branch Library
- Wicomico County: renovate the former Ward Museum to replace the existing Paul S. Sarbanes library in downtown Salisbury

## DIGITAL ECONOMY DISCOVERY PROGRAM

The Board approved a request from the Comptroller of Maryland to award IVIX Tech Inc. (Lexington, MA) a contract to provide a solution that can search, review, and match publicly available data against internal data to determine non-filers and under-reporters of income.

During 2023-2024, the Agency participated in a pilot program which identified more than \$3.4 million in unreported income. This contract provides new technology to more efficiently close the approximately \$3 billion tax gap in known outstanding individual income liabilities.

The three-year contract was awarded at a cost of \$9 million.

## Summary Figures

The BPW approved 137 items, representing a total State expenditure of \$1 billion, including:

- 10 items awarding \$82.3 million to prime certified small businesses.
- 8 items awarding \$60 million to certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) primes.
- 19 items awarded with established participation goals for MBEs.
- 8 items awarded with a goal for Veteran-owned small businesses.
- 2 item awarding \$2 million to Employment Works Providers.

## IMPROVING GREENSPACE IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

The Board approved a request from the Department of Natural Resources to grant \$4.3 million through the Greenspace Equity Program for 20 projects located in 12 counties and Baltimore City. Notable projects include:

- Kent County: install playground equipment, safety surfacing, and landscaping at Margo Bailey Park
- Prince George's County: create pollinator gardens in the Berwyn Heights and Colmar Manor communities

The Program, established in 2023 through legislation, provides grants to eligible applicants for enhancing the public health and livability of overburdened and underserved communities by implementing projects to preserve, create, and improve public greenspace.