

BROOKE'S BPW BRIEF

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Meeting Date July 2, 2025

EXPANDED RECREATION ACCESS IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

The BPW approved from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission – Prince George's County to commit \$362,467 in Program Open Space Local Share funding to acquire approximately 9 acres of wooded land in Bowie.

Acquisition of the property, directly adjacent to Huntington North Park, will provide for an addition to the existing park.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACILITY RENEWAL PROJECTS

The Board approved over \$3 million in capital grant funding through the Community College Facilities Renewal Grant Program (CCFGRP) to support improvements, repairs, and deferred maintenance projects at 8 institutions for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026.

The program, administered by the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC), provides grants for projects to assist with maintenance needs at the 15 locally governed community colleges & Baltimore City Community College.

FY 2026 recipients include: Allegany College of Maryland, College of Southern Maryland, Prince George's Community College, & Wor-Wic Community College.

Summary Figures

The BPW approved 120 items, representing a total State expenditure of \$329.7 million, including:

- 16 grant agreements for projects located in 11 counties and Baltimore City.
- 7 items awarding \$16.7 million to prime certified small businesses.
- 6 items awarding \$11.4 million to certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) primes.
- 10 items awarded with established participation goals for MBEs.
- 3 items awarded with a goal for Veteran-owned small businesses.
- 1 item awarding \$2 million to an Employment Works Providers.

NEW PASSENGER BOARDING BRIDGES

The Board approved a request from the Maryland Aviation Administration to award TK Airport Solutions, Inc (Fort Worth, TX) a single-bid contract to replace 17 passenger boarding bridges at BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport. The 33-month contract was awarded at a cost of \$21.5 million.

According to the Maryland Department of Transportation's Consolidated Transportation Program, the new boarding bridges are part of a multiyear program to replace aging infrastructure in order to improve the efficiency & movement of passengers. Moreover, the new bridges will come equipped with wheelchair lifts, ramps & handrails to ensure the safe boarding of all passengers.