



Meeting Date
April 22, 2026

BROOKE'S BPW BRIEF

Breaking down the Board of Public Works



COMPTROLLER of MARYLAND

S E R V I N G T H E P E O P L E

EXPANDING THE PORT OF BALTIMORE

The BPW approved a request from the **Maryland Port Administration (MPA)** to **acquire over 17 acres** of property along Broening Highway in Baltimore.

The two adjacent parcels were acquired at a **cost of \$6 million**.

Given the **proximity to the Dundalk and Seagirt Marine Terminals**, MPA views the acquisition as an opportunity to increase waterborne commerce through the ports. While plans have not yet been finalized for the sites, **potential future uses include: auto cargo operations and long-term materials and salt storage**.

The Port of Baltimore generates an **annual economic impact of over \$70 billion**.

Summary Figures

The BPW approved 118 items, representing a total State expenditure of \$319 million, including:

- 39 grant agreements for projects located in 11 counties and Baltimore City.
- 11 items awarding \$9 million to prime certified small businesses.
- 6 items awarding \$4.3 to certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) primes.
- 10 items awarded with established participation goals for MBEs.
- 2 items awarded with a goal for Veteran-owned Small Businesses.

IMPROVING WESTERN MARYLAND'S WASTEWATER

The BPW approved requests from the **Department of the Environment** to lend and grant **\$7.4 million in bond proceeds to the City of Frostburg** to advance a multi-phased project to **separate their combined sewers into separate sanitary sewers and storm sewers**.

The initiative is intended to **reduce Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs)**, which can seriously impact water quality, public health, and environmental degradation.

NEW RESEARCH VESSEL FOR THE CHESAPEAKE BAY

The BPW approved a request from the **Department of Natural Resources (DNR)** to award **Lyman Morse Boatbuilding, Inc. (Thomaston, ME)** a contract to construct a new research vessel capable of meeting DNR's needs for **critical Chesapeake Bay data collection** in order to protect and restore Maryland's water quality and habitat conditions to support valuable fisheries, recreational opportunities, and environmental resources.

The two-year contract was awarded at a **cost of \$3.6 million**.

The new, **state-of-the-art research vessel will replace an existing, 40+ year-old vessel** that has been deemed unseaworthy due to extensive repair needs.