



BROOKE'S BPW BRIEF

 *Breaking down the Board of Public Works*

Meeting Date

June 21, 2023

FUNDING FOR LIBRARIES

The BPW approved **10 grants totaling \$9.35 million from the Maryland State Library Agency to county public libraries**. This includes:

- \$854,000 to **Calvert County** for the construction of a new Twin Beaches Branch
- \$513,000 to **Garrett County** for the construction of a new Friendsville Library
- \$3,593,000 to **Harford County** for the renovation of the Bel Air Library

The Maryland State Library Agency oversees a State Capital Grant Program that provides annual grants. Funds can be used to **renovate, expand, and construct public library facilities**. Since 2008, \$67 million in authorized State funding has generated an estimated \$360 million in local matching funds.

Summary Figures

The BPW approved 86 items, representing a total State expenditure of \$455 million including:

- 11 items awarding \$10 million to prime certified small businesses
- 5 items awarding \$7 million to prime minority business enterprises
- 5 items awarding \$11.6 million to Employment Works Program providers
- 10 items awarded with established participation goals for minority business enterprises
- 4 items awarded with established participation goals for veteran-owned small business enterprises

HAGERSTOWN MULTI-USE SPORTS & EVENTS FACILITY

The BPW approved an \$8.3 million contract to Turner Construction Co. (New York, NY) for the design and construction of the **Hagerstown Multi-Use Sports & Events Facility in Washington County**. The project is on track to meet its 29% Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Participation Goal.

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY - SANITARY PROJECT

The BPW approved a request from the Maryland Dept. of the Environment to grant the Town of Sudlersville (Queen Anne's County) \$3 million in Bay Restoration and Supplemental Assistance Water Quality funding. The grant will be used to pay for **grinder pumps and the construction of a piping network in order to connect septic systems in the Town of Barclay to a wastewater treatment plant in Sudlersville**. Presently, the majority of septic systems in Barclay are failing (leaking) and pose a threat to the quality of the drinking water, which comes from individual wells. The project will be constructed in accordance with coastal and non-coastal resiliency guidelines developed as part of the **Coast Smart Program to reduce climate change risks to such projects**.