



# BROOKE'S BPW BRIEF



*Breaking down the Board of Public Works*

## Meeting Date

February 14, 2024

## KENT ISLAND SANITARY PROJECT

The BPW approved a recommendation from the Department of the Environment to grant and lend up to \$16 million in Water Quality State Revolving Loan and Bay Restoration funding to Queen Anne's County for the 3rd phase of a project to design and construct a **wastewater collection system to serve communities on the southern portion of Kent Island**. The new system will connect to the Kent Narrows-Stevensville-Grasonville Wastewater Treatment Plant, an enhanced nutrient removal facility, eliminating further groundwater contamination and **providing public sewer to approximately 1,518 existing homes and 8 non-residential properties**.

## ADMINISTERING PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

The BPW approved a request from the Department of Health to award Carelon Behavioral Health, Inc. (Boston, MA) a \$239.9 million, 70 month contract to serve as the Administrative Services Organization (ASO) for the state's Public Behavioral Health System. The vendor will manage **claims processing, reimbursement, provider training and compliance, and auditing** associated with mental and substance use services. They have committed to achieving 18% MBE and 4.38% VSBE subcontracting for the project.

## Summary Figures

The BPW approved 73 items, representing a total State expenditure of \$356 million including:

- Grant agreements for 19 projects located in 9 counties and Baltimore City with a total value of \$7.1 million.
- 5 items awarding \$15.8 million to prime certified small businesses.
- 3 items awarding \$11 million to prime Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs).
- 9 items awarded with established participation goals for MBEs.
- 3 items awarded with established participation goals for Veteran-owned Small Business Enterprises (VSBE).
- 3 items awarding \$2.5 million to Employment Works program providers.

## HVAC EFFICIENCY

The BPW approved a request from the Department of General Services to award CRW Mechanical, Inc. (Lanham, MD) a 6-month, \$634,000 contract to replace 8 air handling units at the Joseph D. Carter District Court & Multi-Service Center in St. Mary's County.

Air handling units are part of the HVAC system. **The new units are designed to exceed the International Energy Conservation Code 2018 guidelines by at least 15%. The new system will be significantly more efficient, reducing energy consumption and carbon emissions.**

The vendor has committed to achieving 30% MBE subcontracting, well above the 10% goal established for the project.