



# BROOKE'S BPW BRIEF



## Breaking down the Board of Public Works

### Meeting Date

June 5, 2024

## GRANTS TO STATE LIBRARIES



The BPW approved a request from the Maryland State Library Agency for \$15 million in grants to 7 county public library systems. Recipients include:

- Anne Arundel County - design and construction for a new 40,800 sq. ft. library and adjacent archeology and resource center to replace the existing/old facility in Glen Burnie.
- Baltimore City - renovation, expansion, and modernization of the Forest Park Branch library, constructed in 1910.
- Garrett County - construction for a new 4,500 sq. ft. library to replace the existing/ temporary facility in Friendsville.
- Montgomery County - renovation of the 16,400 sq. ft. library in Damascus.
- Talbot County - renovation and expansion of the St. Michael's Library.
- Wicomico County - improvements to the county's flagship library in downtown Salisbury.
- Worcester County - construction for a new 12,000 sq. ft. building to replace the existing Pocomoke Branch Library.

## Summary Figures

The BPW approved 150 items, representing a total State expenditure of \$1.1 billion including:

- 9 items awarding \$16 million to prime certified small businesses.
- 6 items awarding \$14.8 million to prime Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs).
- 11 items awarded with established participation goals for MBEs; 4 with goals for Veteran-owned Small Business Enterprises.
- 3 items awarding \$919,700 to Employment Works Providers.

## TRANSIT PROJECT MANAGEMENT



The BPW approved a request from the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) to award Gannett Fleming, Inc. (Owings Mills, MD) one of two contracts to provide "corridor program management" consultant services on a work order basis. This eight-year contract was awarded at a cost of \$100 million.

The vendor will support existing and anticipated transit projects including the **Red Line and North/South Corridor Projects in Baltimore, and the Southern Maryland Rapid Transit Project.**

Specifically, the vendor will:

- Assist with project planning and development
- Develop, review and monitor project scopes, budgets, and schedules
- Inspect and manage construction
- Manage community relations

## AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION



The BPW approved a request from the Dept. of Agriculture's Maryland Agriculture Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) to purchase **agriculture preservation easements on 55 properties** across the state amounting to 6,370 acres of prime farmland. All purchases - \$31 million in total - were reviewed and approved by the MALPF Board, of which the Comptroller is a member. The primary mission of MALPF is to preserve productive farmland and woodland for the continued production of food and fiber for all of Maryland's citizens.