



# BROOKE'S BPW BRIEF



**Breaking down the Board of Public Works**

## Meeting Date

July 17, 2024

## **BUDGET CUTS**



The BPW approved a request from the Governor for \$148.3 million in budget reductions across 22 state agencies to ensure funds are available for higher-than-anticipated enrollment in Medicaid and the Child Care Scholarship program. The BPW can approve reductions of up to 25% of the budget.

## **WIC PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION**



The BPW approved a request from the Dept. of Health to award Johns Hopkins' Bloomberg School of Public Health (Baltimore, MD) and Greater Baden Medical Services, Inc. (Brandywine, MD) a contract to administer Women, Infants & Children (WIC) program services in Baltimore City and Prince George's County.

Approximately 14,500 eligible participants - pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women, plus infants and children under 5 - will receive services under this 4-year contract, awarded at a cost of \$25.4 million.

## Summary Figures

The BPW approved 105 items, representing a total State expenditure of \$288 million including:

- 21 grant agreements awarding \$23 million to projects in 5 counties and Baltimore City.
- 7 items awarding \$13.6 million to prime certified small businesses.
- 2 items awarding \$10.2 million to prime Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs).
- 8 items awarded with established participation goals for MBEs; 1 with goals for Veteran-owned Small Business Enterprises.
- 1 item awarding \$204,000 to an Employment Works Program provider.

## **RENOVATIONS AT CAMDEN YARDS**



The BPW approved a request from the Maryland Stadium Authority (MSA) to award Gilbane Contracting Company / Warren Builds Joint Venture (Baltimore, MD) a contract to provide pre-construction services for renovation projects at Camden Yards.

Pre-construction includes developing a project plan and cost estimates, which subsequently inform financing plans for the renovations.

## **ELECTRIC & HYBRID BUS ACQUISITION**



The BPW approved a request from the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) to award New Flyer of America Inc. (St. Cloud, MN) a contract for the purchase of fifty 40-ft hybrid buses, and twenty 40-ft battery operated electric buses for \$80 million.

Under the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act, MTA has committed to a program whereby 50% of its internal combustion engine buses will transition to zero-emission buses by 2030. This acquisition will help achieve that goal.