Written Comments
Received on the
Proposed FY23 Pimlico
Local Impact Aid
Spending Plan
From: Angelo Hill <levite410@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Sunday, January 30, 2022 10:01 PM  
To: PCDA <PCDA@baltimorecity.gov>  
Subject: Inspire Homeowner Repair Grant

To Whom It May Concern:

I recently learned of the Inspire Homeowner Repair Grant and would like to be considered as a candidate.

My mother passed away in 2011 and bequeathed her home to me. Unfortunately, the home is in need of repairs which I simply cannot afford. I, myself, a disabled senior citizen, living on a fixed income, have developed some health issues which limit my ability to walk. This, coupled with the emotional aspect of not being able to properly care for my mother’s legacy has caused a great deal of stress and depression.

If I am fortunate to receive the grant, I’d like to use the money to have the porch and yard modified to ensure safe mobility, replacement of the aluminum siding and drain sprouts, and removal of debris due the collapsed garage. It would be wonderful to have a paved driveway in the back and a flower/bush garden to occupy the space where the garage was.

I sincerely thank you for your time and consideration. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 443-652-2053, or by email at hill21214@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Angela Hill  
3320 West Rogers Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215
Pimlico Community Development Authority  
City Hall-Room 250  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202 

*Re: INSPIRE HOMEOWNER REPAIR GRANT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,
I was recently made aware of the INSPIRE HOMEOWNER REPAIR GRANT. My husband and I are seniors living on a fixed income. We are very interested in applying for this grant. My home is in need of repairs that include cracks/splits in the floors of my front room, first floor bathroom and basement wall. We are missing radiators in our living room and second floor bathroom. My back yard and steps are splitting. The yard needs a fence. We are unable to afford these repairs. Would you consider our request?
Sincerely,  
Cynthia Bevans  
3400 Avondale Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
bevans31@verizon.net
To Whom it may Concern

I would like to inquire about the Home Owners Grant to receive an application, and apply as a home owner of 5509 Highgate Drive Baltimore Maryland 21215.

I was able to attend the meeting three weeks ago, and I was really impressed and grateful to hear that there is hope and help for Pimlico Residents. Living on the corner house, that was built in 1930 that is still standing. Amazingly.

Even though so much traffic from tractor trailers, busses, Ambulances, and Fire Trucks all day and night it has caused ware on my home.

Also, the ceiling are cracking and walls inside the house, also the house needs some new windows that would cut down the heating cost and keep some of the noise from the constant traffic all day and night.

I really would like to know what and when I can apply, I have complained to Baltimore City for years about the house shaking and walls cracking but No one cares about this, because they never even come too try and investigate my concerns. I can be reached at 410-259-4859 or carleewon@gmail.com.

Please if you can call or email me I would appreciate it, thanks for your time.
Dear PCDA Board,

Your suggestion to Mayor Scott that all community grants funding be removed is unfair and inequitable. Mayor Scott ran on a platform of accountability and equity; the suggestion to deprive all eligible communities is the opposite of the goals for his administration. PCDA funding to our area was reduced to benefit other areas that were perceived as being needier, and funding to the Park Heights Master Plan area and its various projects was increased. We have been generous in supporting and permitting that reduction. However, we will not accept your recent suggestion to remove funding. These grants are greatly needed for the maintenance and health of the Glen community.

PCDA community grants infuse our neighborhoods with enrichment activities such as our very popular National Night Out and Annual Garden and Ecology Party. The funds have encouraged and enabled residents to maintain safety, security, and lighting on their blocks. In the past, Healthy Neighborhoods facilitated grants for facade improvement. CHAI utilized the funds to provide a community organizer for Glen and Fallstaff; that position should be restored as well.
PCDA community grants benefit residents by bolstering the neighborhood association’s outreach efforts. Our nonprofit associations have very little income. PCDA provides the necessary funding for use in a myriad of ways, including special projects to empower our community to have meaningful events. Omitting this source of funding would impoverish and weaken our community when we are most in need of help. The pandemic has caused many associations to see a decline in membership dues.

Community grants should be restored to allow neighborhoods to complete small projects of their choice. Funding should be maintained to keep our blocks well-lit and attractive to buyers and current residents.

For years, the PCDA grants were major funding vehicles for our communities; we have utilized them as designed to increase our community engagement and impact efforts. We expect to continue enjoying this benefit for years come. Our neighborhoods deserve and rely on it.

All eligible neighborhoods should continue to have the funding opportunities they have had in the recent past. Removal or any future reduction in the funding allocation is not acceptable to us. To restore community grants, please remove an equal five percent from all currently “funded” projects.

Sincerely,

Betty Cherniak
President, GNIA
To whom it may concern,

After attending the Feb 1st Baltimore City meeting, I was very concerned about the use of the Park Heights Redevelopment funding. There were several funding requests made that are extremely unnecessary in our community at this time. Although anything that helps the community is important, we have much greater needs than art (Rec and Parks) or a walking path (Transportation Department) currently. As a resident of the community for the last 15 years and new business owner in the community, I expect Baltimore City to put into the people of the community. The money available should be redirected into the community by way of business grants and housing programs. Allow the people in the community to receive first hand benefits of the funding. As the redevelopment of the community is clearly shining through, the city should support those who are in the community. The projects of lower priority can be completed in the future of the Park Heights Revitalization Project. Park Heights needs a lot of love from the community and funding from the city and state. When the Main Street Project in Park Heights is approved and completed the city and the state will be very happy with the community and profitability of Park Heights Main Street. Please support Park Heights rightfully as we do here in our community. Thank you for your time and this opportunity to affect change in our beloved redeveloping community.

Sincerely,

Christen Glascoe

3922 Park Heights Ave

Baltimore, MD 21215

410.908.5959

coggollie.org
I am Larry Miles  J.N.N.R.L. Neighborhood Association  
I fully support  
Larry Miles  
President  

While reviewing the PCDA’s funding plan for 2022, I was disappointed to learn that the community grants were removed from the budget. One of the critical programs being cut is the Fallstaff Spanish speaking facilitator. In this day and age when society is expanding for marginalized communities, it is especially egregious to see this program cut. Community grants have been the bedrock of these funds’ purposes and should not have been removed. This funding is part of the initial 'one mile radius' funding that the grant was based on.

Thank you,

Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer  
www.YourCouncilman.com  
Baltimore City Council, 5th District  
100 N. Holliday Street, 511 City Hall  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
Office: (410) 396-4819
I ask that the PCDA consider including support for the establishment of a STEM Gym in the Langston Hughes Resource Center for the 2022-2023 Robotics Season. We will support Robotics teams for Elementary and middle School students in VEX IQ Robotics Competitions. Please review the attached executive summary highlighting a STEM Gym. A budget request in the amount of $15,000 will allow us to start up to 6 Robotics teams comprised of 2-6 students on each team.

Regards,
Eric Davis
Executive Summary

STEM Center Of Excellence, Inc. (STEM COE) was created to address the underrepresentation of minorities employed in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math (STEM) professions. Minorities with a STEM education have a significantly higher employment rate in comparison to most other disciplines. Underrepresentation of minorities in the STEM Workforce can be traced back to 1) the lack of exposure to the employment opportunities and 2) the lack of interest in a STEM education. In Baltimore, underrepresented minorities are living next door to the corporations who are aggressively looking for students with an education in one or more STEM disciplines. Tradepoint Atlantic sits in Baltimore County in walking distance to several of the most underrepresented communities in Baltimore City and Baltimore County.

In 2019 STEM COE introduced STEM Gyms to the Greater Baltimore, MD community that continues to bring corporate America in direct contact with its future employment based in an unprecedented win-win environment.

With the introduction of the STEM Gym, we will address the “lack of exposure” challenge by involving corporate sponsors and their employees in a way that connects STEM students to STEM professionals and, subsequently, the employers seeking to fill the STEM professional vacancies. A STEM Gym will increase the number of students who have an interest and desire to pursue a STEM education in an environment that allows the student to interact with STEM professionals and educators beyond the classroom. Participating employers interact with the hidden treasures of Baltimore (we like to call them our STEM GEMS) and can have direct influence on a student’s decision to “like” science and math and ultimately pursue a STEM education.

Each STEM Gym will allow a working professional to directly interact with student teams in Robotics and Cyber Security league programs without interrupting work and school commitments.

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Summary of The STEM Gym

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1 (NCSE Women, Minorities, and Persons with Disabilities in Science and Engineering, 2019)
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Students registered at The STEM Gym will be able to compete on, VEX Robotics, VIQC and VRC teams for the 2022-2023 season that ends in May 2023. Additionally, there will be Cyber Security events through the CyberPatriot Elementary School Cyber Education Initiative (ESCEI). The ESCEI is a set of three fun, interactive learning modules aimed at increasing grade K-6 students’ awareness of online safety and cybersecurity principles.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have attached the requested spending plan support letter. Please provide a confirmation that the information was received. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 443-570-1528.

Sincerely,

Minerva Eaton, President
Hilltop 4100 Neighborhood Association

February 28, 2022

Dear PCDA Board Members:

I am submitting my recommendation for the FY23 Spending Plan for the Park Heights Master Plan. I have reviewed the PCDA Proposed Spending Plan for FY23 and support many of the recommendations but want to share my recommendations for what I feel are the highest priorities. We are excited about the progress that is coming together, and we want to support projects and needs that will be most impactful to our success.

I have indicated my recommendations below:

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☑ Langston Hughes (Renovations and Operations) - $200K
□ Faith-Based Initiatives (COVID services, Violence Reduction strategies, school partnerships) - $150K

□ Other Recommendations:

Below are my reasons for supporting these recommendations and the impact they will have on the Park Heights community:

The Hilltop 4100 Officers, Members and Neighbors are excited about the FY23 PCDA proposed spending plan. Our community can benefit from the suggested initiatives to enhance and empower the quality of life for all members of the community.

These initiatives are necessary and viable as they lead to more equitable and sustainable environment.

Thank you for your consideration of my recommendations to support a growing and thriving Park Heights community.

Sincerely,

Minerva C. Eaton,
President
Hilltop 4100 Neighborhood
Dear PCDA:
I wish to submit my comments on the proposed 2022 PCDA budget. There are so many needs and I am sure that it is very difficult to prioritize the many pressing needs. Great job! With the exception of the two-line items below, I approve of the PCDA proposed budget.

**Art in the Row:** Disapprove – I think art is a worthy and necessary piece of place-making in a community but in light of all the needed investments I believe that there are more important priorities that can be more directly impactful to the lives of those who live in Park Heights.

**Shared-Use Path Network Connections:** Disapprove – Although bike paths are a great idea and have been rolled out throughout many of the communities in Baltimore, I don’t believe that this investment is what Park Heights needs most at this time.

There are so many other areas of the community that could use investments to make life more liveable and safer for residents, children, and seniors. For future consideration, I would suggest investments in lighting, upgrading the parks, and playgrounds, upgrading and repairing the tennis court on Reisterstown Road, coverage for all of the bus stops to shade residents from the elements.

I would suggest that the resources from the art and bike path be reallocated to support projects that more directly impact the day to day lives of community members such as:
1. Replacing the staff position that was cut
2. Renovating and reopening the Towanda Rec Pool
3. Demolishing or cleaning, boarding, and beautifying vacant buildings
4. Economic Development/Business Development
5. Langston Hughes Community Center renovation
6. Leadership Capacity Building Grants

There was a discussion on the call about funding an initiative that was behind on its performance. I believe that the contract should be in compliance if funds were already provided to complete the task before new funding is allocated. Is that in a line item of the proposed budget?

Respectfully
Community Resident
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing today to urge your continued financial support of the Ambassador Theater as written into the FY 2023 Video Lottery Terminal Revenue Spending Plan. The Plan proposes the following on page two (2) of the document:

• Ambassador Theater/Community Development: In FY23, $200,000 in slots funds is proposed for the Ambassador Theater. This funding is for management/staffing for the project, which is necessary to advance the project.

The board, leadership team, and staff of Artspace wish to thank you for your past support of this important project for Northwest Baltimore. PCDA funds were essential in the creation of a community-led visioning for the rehabilitated theater and early design and architectural work that is ongoing. These new funds will be used to make further critical advancements as we move from engagement and design activities to space program planning, funding & financing, and ultimately construction and operations.

With gratitude,

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Stacey Mickelson (he/him)

ARTSPACE
With the recent deaths and turn of events are there any immediate plans to relinquish vacant/abandoned homes to citizens willing to buy them immediately out of pocket?? If so will there be any financial assistance, no matter how small, that will help? If no more than waived fees to acquire a home (i.e, sheriff posting or newspaper posting fee?). Thank you! -- Tamara Toney-McCall, MS, BS Executive Director Oasis Outreach Productivity Systems (OOPS) "a conflict management firm assisting citizens with the OOPS in miscommunication"

Hello,

My name is Diana Mosely. I am interested in this program. My address is 5505 Highgate Drive, Baltimore MD 21215.

Sent from my iPhone
Good evening Ms. Zaslow,
Carla Jones gave me your information. I am interested in the home ownership grant for Highgate Drive. My address is 5502 Highgate Drive. Please let me know if I qualify for this grant. My information is (Email) rmortonr@yahoo.com and my phone number is 410-215-9665. She said nothing is final and that I should email you before midnight tonight. Please keep me informed of the progress. I thank you so much and pray it all goes well for the residents in this area.

Sincerely, 🙏

Be the blessing,
Rayetta Anthony

From: Mya W <myaswallace@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 21, 2022 1:13 PM
To: Zaslow, Mikah J. (DOP) <Mikah.Zaslow@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Re: Homeowner Grants - Park Heights

Hi Mikah,

Yes, my neighbors are very interested in the homeowner grants. The association is working on a letter to send on behalf of the neighborhood. We had a meeting last week about this and there was a lot of interest.

My address is: 4200 Pall Mall Road, Baltimore 21215

Thank you,

Mya
These are 10 responses thus far regarding the FY23 Spending Plan from the Pimlico Merchants Association Corridor.

Our stakeholders will continue to provide feedback.

Sincerely,

Yeshiyah B. Israel, President
Pimlico Merchants Association

hello@pimlicomERCHANTSassociation.com
Date: 02-28-22

Dear PCDA Board Members:

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My recommendation for FY23 is to direct significant funding to business owners and merchants in the Park Heights community. We want to be the anchors for attracting new businesses to do that we urge you to invest in the business owners who are here now and have been here waiting for support. We want to see Park Heights thriving as an economic driver once again, and contribute to more job opportunities, and greater revenues that will support generational wealth in the Park Heights community.

Listed below are ways that business development funds would support my business:

1. More reconstruction inside my office building to be more attractive to customers.
2. Fund to add to my business to be more viable to hire more workers.

Thank you for taking my recommendation into consideration.

Sincerely,

Albert Okutoni

Name: Albco Integrated LLC

[Signature]
February 28, 2022

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Listed below are ways that business development funds would support my business:

1. Facade
2. Lighting
3. 
4. 

Thank you for taking my recommendation into consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Name: [Signature]
Business Name: [Signature]
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Listed below are ways that business development funds would support my business:

1. Electrical Menu Inside
2. Lighting outside
3. Upgrade flooring
4. Security Camera

Thank you for taking my recommendation into consideration.

Sincerely,

Name: Ana Muhammad

Business Name: Dash Seafood

5115 Park Heights Avenue Baltimore, MD 21215 (410) 542-6925
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1. Security Camera
2. Barriers for sidewalk (Safety Hazard)
3. Electrical Maneu
4. 

Thank you for taking my recommendation into consideration.

Sincerely,

Name: 
Business Name: West Indian Flavors

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1. New Lighting
2. Rodent Problem
3. Upgrade Plumbing
4. 

Thank you for taking my recommendation into consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Name: Andrew Brown

Business Name: A&J Caribbean

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1. Plumbing Upgrade
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Sincerely,

Name: Lenny Melton
Business Name: Island Road Mkt
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Business Name: Knight Liquor

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1. Plumbing (Upgrade)
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Sincerely,

Name: Muzafar Khan
Business Name: Valley Pizza

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Sincerely,

Name: Yolanda B. Brasel
Business Name: "Pinlicio Market Cafe"
February 28, 2022

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Greetings PCDA committee,

As the President of the Pimlico Terrace Neighborhood Association, I have attached, & submitted letters of support, for homeowner repair grants in the Pimlico Terrace assn footprint, which is inclusive of Loyola Northway. We look forward to a favorable outcome. Please see attachments; additional letters will follow shortly, until the 5 pm deadline.

Best Wishes,

Steven T. Johnson
President - Pimlico Terrace Neighborhood Association
443-254-0915
Greetings, Baltimore City board of estimates /PCDA/ Housing dept.

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Supporter Name

2530 Park Heights Terrace

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Tina Davis
Supporter Name

Address 2529 Quantico Ave

PCDA funding would be used for the following issue(s)
- Doors, Painting, In and outside structure damage
- Windows

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[Signature]

Supporter Name

2521 Loyola Northway

Address

[Street Address, City, ST ZIP Code]
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Nathan S. Young  
2627 Park Heights Terrace

Home owner Name  
Address

PCDA funding would be used for the following issue(s)

- trimming of tree in front yard, repairing and painting of front porch, painting of crown in front of house, upgrade and replace downspout, replace walkway in back, and replace windows.
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Home owner Name

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2627 Park Heights Terrace
410-466-6481
n5young636@gmail.com
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Eloise R Young  2606 Loyola Nw
Home owner Name  Address

PCDA funding would be used for the following issue(s)

- Exterior & Interior Painting
- Repairs Exterior Stairs
- Drywall Ceilings, Electrical, Plumbing, Exterior Doors
- Replace Tub, Gutters and Downspouts, Repair Roof, Kitchen Floors, Repair Basement Bathroom

2606 Loyola Northway  410-378-0269
or 410-370-1005  Department Concepts@Hotmail.com
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Home owner Name

Address

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Roofing, Maintenance, and Siding
Steps outside
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**Miesha Cole**

Home owner Name

**4101 Roland View Ave.**

Address

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Weatherization / Winterization
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Wendy White 4204 Paca Place 21215
Home owner Name Address

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Windows/Weatherization Stairs for senior accessibility
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Home owner Name

Address

PCDA funding would be used for the following issue(s) Insulation, Point up my outer bricks, Door & Window Replacements

Sincerely,

Steven T. Johnson - President - Pimlico Terrace Neighborhood Assn.
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Patricia Holmes  2556 Loyola Northway

Home owner Name  Address

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Roofing, gutter, doors, windows, ceiling, electrical, plumbing
Pimlico Terrace Neighborhood Assn.

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Andre Miles
Home owner Name

2515 Pimlico Ave
Address

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Windows, Roof, Basement, Safety
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Angela Fletcher 4109 Roland View Ave.

Supporter Name Address
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Roof my Back Well out BK Safety
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Joyce Sams          2510 Quantico Ave
Home owner Name     Address

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- Widow and a front door, roof, deck steps.
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Windows Trap Door Roof
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Sanford Coleman (Supporter name)
2508 Quantico Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215

FCDA funding would be used for the following issue(s)

Roof(s), window(s), garage, fence(s), step(s), porch(s), home siding, landscaping, brick siding material inspection, upgrade and/or replacement.

Sincerely,

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2/27/2022
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[Signature]
Supporter Name

Address 2524 Quantico ave

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W i n d o w s  & K i t c h e n  & E l e c t r i c a l  / B a t h r o o m / B a s e m e n t

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Gwendolyn T. Smith
Supporter Name

Address 2522 Quaint"k

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Sincerely,

Paint my Hall I would love it
Pimlico Terrace Neighborhood Assn.

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Wilma Lee-Brown
2550 Quantico Ave.

Supporter Name Address

Windows
Interior painting & wall repairs
Interior plumbing
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James Peele  Supporter Name

Address 2576 Quaintice Ave

PCDA funding would be used for the following issue(s)

Sincerely,

Electric upgrade Kitchen Repaired Floor
Bathroom upgrade
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Supporter Name

Address 2534 Quantico Ave

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Sincerely,

Windows: Basement: Ceilings: Cannot back door
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Carolyn Keitt
Supporter Name

Address 2536 Quantico Ave

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Sincerely, windows Kitchen Sub Pump
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Shannon Gaskins
2532 Quantico Ave, Baltimore, Md 21215

Supporter Name
Address
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Ruth A. Walker  
Supporter Name

Address 2502 Quantico Avenue

PCDA funding would be used for the following issue(s) Roof, Plumbing, Electric, Bathroom

Sincerely,
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Supporter Name

Address: 2501 Quatric Ave

PCDA funding would be used for the following issue(s):
Window, Plumbing, Doors, Basement

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Glenda Calem  2511 Quantico Ave
Home owner Name  Address  21213

PCDA funding would be used for the following issue(s)

Basement, water and insulation of walls and ceiling.
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William Swann
2528 Loyola Northway

Supporter Name
Address
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William Swann  
2538 Loyola Northway

Supporter Name  
Address
TO: The PCDA board,

The following list of the needed repairs in my home. Please note the items listed are not listed in the order of need.

**EXTERIOR**

- New front, back and basement doors including locking security doors
- Back porch is separating from brick wall
- Porch steps needs to be repaired
- Rear gutter leaks down the the rear wall and porch
- Cement in backyard needs repair
- Rear brick wall needs grout replaced
- Two windows glass are broken and needs to be repaired
- Front porch, steps and wall needs to be repainted
- Porch roof needs holes filled in, repaired and painted
- Cornish needs painting
- Basement windows needs to be put in
- Backyard gate needs repair
- Yard has dirt run off and areas that hold standing water when it rains
- Tree in yard needs pruning

**INTERIOR**

- Dining room wall has separated from dining room floor
- Dining room wall beams are dry rot, plaster needed to repair hole in the wall
- Dining room floor needs replacing, addition sockets are needed
- Dining room ceiling needs repair and painting along with walls
- Kitchen floor needs tiles repaired
- Electric socket near back door keeps tripping
- Living room needs paneling repaired or removed (I’d prefer removed)
- Wood flooring has slats warped from water damage
- Water pipes need to be hidden
- Chalking needed around windows
- Wall near transom need to be repaired
- Steps leading to 2nd floor needs to repaired and chacked
- Etching at the top of stairs need repair
- Wall over step need holes repaired
- All ceilings on 2nd floor needs repair due to a roof leak that’s been repaired

**BEDROOM 1**

- Ceiling needs repair and painted
- Walls need painting
- Window needs chalking
• Water leaks in basement when it rains

Any and all support to repair these issues will be greatly appreciated.

Patricia B. Simms
2633 Loyola Northway
Baltimore, Maryland 21215
(443)801-7217
pbneedmoney33@yahoo.com
Greetings, Baltimore City board of estimates /PCDA/ Housing dept.

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Home owner Name

2539 Park Heights Terrace

Address

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Weatherization / winterization / Leaks around the base of house
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Supporter Name: [Signature]
Address: 25416 Quantic Ave, Baltimore, 21215

1. Cracked walls (dining area, 2nd floor)
2. Leaky roof (kitchen)
3. Bathtub water leaking from ceiling due to rusted internal piping
4. Cold kitchen due to broken vent
5. Termites in basement
6. Exterior water faucet blocked (porch)

7. Broken fence (back & front)
8. Broken deck
9. Kitchen floor
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Supporter Name

Address

PCDA funding would be used for the following issue(s)

New Windows, New Boiler, Porch Repair, among other repairs

Sincerely,

Mary J. James
Greetings, Baltimore City board of estimates /PCDA/ Housing dept.
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Gatherer Price  
Supervisor Name

Address 2513 Quantiere Ave  
Baltimore, Md. 2121

PCDA funding would be used for the following issue(s)

Sincerely,

NEW ROOF AND WINDOWN DRAIN, PLUMBING
SUMP PUMP, VENTILATION SYSTEM
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Francine Jackson

Address: 2525 Quantico Ave

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Sincerely,

Furnace
Plumbing
Windows
Electrical Work
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Geri Wilkins  
Supporter Name

Address  
2523 Quantico Ave

PCDA funding would be used for the following issue(s)

- Fix standing water in my backyard, crawl space

Sincerely,

Geri Wilkins
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[Signature]

Chesapeake Ave

Supporter Name: [Name]
Address: [Address]

[Items to be repaired]
- Walls
- Panes
- Paint (Ex & In)
- Door
Greetings, Baltimore City board of estimates /PCDA/ Housing dept.

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Cheryl Donner
2542 Quincey Ave

Supporter Name
Hester
W. N. Truss
B. Lamborn

Address
Walls
Porch
Bust (Ex. & In)
Deck
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MEDFORD BLAKE   Supporter Name
Address 2424 LOYOLA SOUTHWAY
         BALTIMORE, MD. 21215

PCDA funding would be used for the following issue(s)
To repair electrical light socket in one of the bedroom.

Sincerely,
MEDFORD BLAKE
Beginning of CHAI Support Letter Packet
D. Christopher Ryer, Director of Baltimore City Department of Planning Chair, Pimlico Community Development Authority c/o Baltimore City Department of Planning Charles L. Benton, Jr., Building, 8th floor 417 East Fayette Street Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Mr. Ryer:

Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. (CHAI) respectfully requests that the Pimlico Community Development Authority (PCDA) reinstitute its funding support for the Fallstaff Community Organizer position at CHAI for FY23. As you are aware, the work of CHAI's organizer with the Fallstaff Improvement Association (FIA) and CASA de Maryland creates significant value to the Fallstaff neighborhood, by building community among diverse residents, supporting neighborhood-level goals to strengthen community and leveraging staff time by bringing significant investment from a variety of sources to provide direct benefit to Fallstaff residents. The Fallstaff Community Organizer's efforts promote racial equity by ensuring that all residents — including Latinx, African American and Jewish — are actively engaged in their community.

There are many examples that reflect how CHAI has been able to leverage the PCDA's investment in the organizer by bringing funding, in-kind donations, and resources to benefit the Fallstaff residents. Some include:

- Fallstaff food distribution, one of the City's longest-running COVID-response food distribution sites, which spanned 17 months and brought over $650,000 worth of food to community members in response to the crisis created by the pandemic;
- Labyrinth Road Rebuilding Initiative, through which CHAI leveraged community donations made through The Associated of over $47,000, every dollar of which went to support residents affected by the gas explosion;
- Holiday donations to Fallstaff and Cross Country EMS families, including the partnership with the Baltimore Ravens, which provided 270 turkeys, the partnership with the Baltimore Hunger Project, which provided 10 Thanksgiving meals and a CHAI staff fundraiser, which provided 20 families with holiday gift cards; and
- The provision of school supplies and laptops to help our elementary and middle school students be prepared to learn.
Each of these efforts, among others, has brought Fallstaff families resources and support that have made a real difference to them. Additionally, the Fallstaff organizer has engaged in census promotion, translation services at community vaccine clinics, cleanups and many community engagement events. All of these activities serve to strengthen the neighborhood in ways that are meaningful to residents. Beyond Fallstaff, CHAI's organizer serves as an integral member of the community development team, which works with community partners across Park Heights to build value through the Northwest Baltimore Partnership. The Fallstaff organizer plays a critical role in connecting the Latinx community to the broader Park Heights community, breaking down barriers to support our goal of One Park Heights.

Support to the Northwest Community Planning Forum (NWCPF) has always been a key focus of the One Mile Radius (OMR) funding. Over the past few years, this support has dropped from 70% of the OMR funds to 55% in FY20, with a significant drop again when the PCDA stopped distinguishing among OMR focus areas. In FY 21, the NWCPF received 43% of the OMR funds and the proposed budget for FY23 now suggests just 29% of OMR funding to go to the NWCPF. And none of the proposed funding represents an investment in community building. We strongly request your consideration of value CHAI's community organizers bring to Fallstaff residents, as evidenced by the community support letters enclosed herewith. The CHAI Fallstaff Community Organizer position is integral to the continued vitality of the Fallstaff neighborhood and the entire NWCPF area.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Lisa K. Budlow
Chief Executive Officer
February 24, 2022

Chris Ryer, Chair of PCDA
And Director of Baltimore City Department of Planning
417 E. Fayette Street 8th Floor
Baltimore, MD. 21202

Dear Pimlico Community Development Authority:

I am writing on behalf of the Fallstaff Improvement Association Inc. (FIA) to request and support the need for continued funding for the CHAI and CASA Community Organizer positions. These positions have been very influential in helping support Fallstaff residents, including its Latinx community, which according to the 2020 census has nearly doubled in size.

Fallstaff is one of the most diverse neighborhoods in Baltimore City, and the support of our bi-lingual organizers is more important than ever. The CHAI and CASA Community Organizers serve as key conveners working to bring all community members together to help make Fallstaff a cleaner, safer and healthier place to live.

In addition to community building, the organizers help connect residents to resources that support these goals. An important example is the opportunity the Fallstaff Community Organizer brings to connect to CHAI’s housing counseling services, which includes both homebuyer education and rental housing counseling. Supporting our renters in Fallstaff to maintain their homes successfully, as well as connecting some residents to resources that may support their attaining home ownership, are very important resources for the Fallstaff community and align with a key goal of FIA.

FIA worked with the CHAI and CASA Community Organizers on several projects in 2021:
- Weekly Fallstaff Food Distribution with Fallstaff School that served 250 families a week, distributed over 26,373 boxes of food and leveraged over 750 volunteer hours for approximately a year during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Actively engaged with the FIA Environment and Membership Committees.
- Helped organize multiple neighborhood cleanups with Fallstaff Volunteers and FIA Environment Committee.
- Coordinated the first street cleanup with adjoining Baltimore County Colonial Village Neighborhood.
- Organized block events and multicultural celebrations, including a Hispanic Heritage Drive-in Movie Night.
• Worked with FIA and residents on issues related to complaints about the Fallstaff Shopping Center.
• Helped the FIA Membership Committee develop recruitment materials with graphics and use of FIA web site.
• Worked together to develop a plan for recreational programming for Fallstaff Residents.

It is clear that the support provided by the community organizers is integral to the continued vitality of the Fallstaff neighborhood.

Sincerely

Sandra A. Johnson
President Fallstaff Improvement Association Inc.

cc: Fallstaff Improvement Association Inc. Board
Dear Mr. Ryer:

Fallstaff Elementary Middle School #241 strongly encourages the Pimlico Community Development Authority (PCDA) to provide continued funding for the Fallstaff Community Organizer position at Comprehensive Housing Association, Inc. (CHAI). The work of CHAI’s organizer with the Fallstaff Improvement Association (FIA) and CASA is critical to community building in the Fallstaff neighborhood, including our work with the Fallstaff Multicultural Organizing Project, an initiative to make Fallstaff a cleaner, safer, and healthier place to live. As a bi-lingual organizer, the Fallstaff Community Organizer’s efforts promote racial equity by ensuring that all residents – including Latinx, African American and Jewish – are actively engaged in their community.

Fallstaff Elementary Middle School has engaged with the CHAI on, *Fallstaff Food distribution*. *Connected Fallstaff Elementary Middle School’s Principal with resources, programs and partners Parent Teacher Organization development.* CHAI and FIA provide a wide variety of community programs and services.

*Please choose the bullets below that are relevant for your support letter.*

- Weekly Fallstaff Food Distribution that served 250 families a week, distributed over 26,373 boxes of food worth $646,140, and leveraged over 750 volunteer hours’ worth at least $19,073.
- Connected Fallstaff Elementary/Middle School’s Principal with resources, programs, and partners.
- Supported Fallstaff Elementary/Middle School’s Greening Initiative and School Garden.
- Organized the first joint Fallstaff Improvement Association/Colonial Village Neighborhood Improvement Association community cleanup in November 2021.
- Provided laptops and school supplies for Fallstaff Elementary Middle School students.
- Actively engaged with the FIA Environment and Membership Committees.
- Helped organize neighborhood cleanups, block projects, and multicultural celebrations, including a Hispanic Heritage Drive-in Movie Night in November 2021 and an online, bilingual celebration for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Engaged Fallstaff residents in two online, bi-lingual community organizing trainings provided by NeighborWorks.
- Partnered with the Baltimore Ravens to provide 270 turkeys for families from Fallstaff Elementary/Middle and Cross Country Elementary/Middle in November 2021.
• Worked with FIA to develop a recreation program for Fallstaff residents.
• Distributed PPE and information about community resources.
• Worked with Baltimore City Health Department to provide COVID kits and vaccine information.

Thank you for considering our request to continue funding the CHAI Fallstaff Community Organizer position. This support is integral to the continued vitality of the Fallstaff neighborhood.

Best Regards,

Faith Hibbert, Ed.D.
Principal
Estimado Sr. Ryer,

Nosotros, los miembros de la Junta de la Asociación de Padres de Fallstaff, nos gustaría recomendar a la Autoridad de Desarrollo Comunitario de Pimlico que continúe con el apoyo financiero para los puestos de Organizador Comunitario de Fallstaff dentro de Comprehensive Housing Association, Inc. (CHAI) y CASA de Maryland. Debemos mucha gratitud a los organizadores comunitarios anteriores, Carlos Ricardo Ortiz y Jenny Torres, por su increíble trabajo en la comunidad durante su tiempo con sus respectivas organizaciones. De hecho, es por ellos que se creó la Asociación de Padres de Fallstaff. A través de sus esfuerzos de organización dentro y fuera de la escuela, identificaron a varios padres que experimentaban barreras y desafíos en la educación de sus hijos durante el año de la pandemia del aprendizaje virtual. Es a través de estas barreras que nos ayudaron a darnos cuenta de que juntas, nuestras voces son más fuertes y serán escuchadas. Nuestra Asociación de Padres ha existido durante los últimos dos años, tiene una junta de 3 padres voluntarios y una membresía de más de 70 padres. Los Organizadores Comunitarios no solo nos ayudaron en la coordinación y el desarrollo de nuestra Asociación de Padres, sino que también nos brindaron orientación sobre cómo organizarnos en torno a problemas dentro de nuestra comunidad. Su participación en la comunidad nos brindó recursos valiosos, como acceso a nuestros representantes gubernamentales, recursos de distribución de alimentos e información sobre eventos comunitarios. Los organizadores nos hicieron conscientes de cómo las barreras de comunicación impiden la unidad y la cooperación entre los residentes que experimentan problemas similares y abogaron por que abordemos los cambios que merecemos en Fallstaff. Ofrecemos la oportunidad de reunirnos con usted y los miembros de PCDA para analizar más a fondo cómo los organizadores son esenciales para el desarrollo de la comunidad de Fallstaff.

Gracias,

Corina Giron, Presidenta
Karen Quinter, Vice Presidenta
Lilliana Orellana, Secretaria de Grabacion

PD ¡Se adjunta una foto de nosotros (Corina, Karen y la hija de Corina) en la Caminata de Seguridad de Comunitaria de invierno con el Alcalde Brandon Scott!
February 23, 2022

Dear Mr. Ryer,

We, the members of the Fallstaff Parents Association Board, would like to recommend to the Pimlico Community Development Authority to continue the financial support for the Fallstaff Community Organizer positions within Comprehensive Housing Association, Inc. (CHAI) and CASA de Maryland. We owe much gratitude to the previous Community Organizers, Carlos Ricardo Ortiz and Jenny Torres, for their amazing work in the community during their time with their respective organizations. In fact, it is because of them that the Fallstaff Parents Association was created. Through their organizing efforts within and outside of the school, they identified several parents experiencing barriers and challenges in their children’s education during the pandemic year of virtual learning. It is through these barriers that they helped us realize that together, our voices are stronger and will be heard. Our Parents Association has existed for the past two years, has a board of 3 volunteer parents, and membership of about 70+ parents. The Community Organizers not only assisted us in the coordination and development of our Parents Association, but they also provided us with guidance on organizing around issues within our community. Their involvement in the community provided us valuable resources, like access to our government representatives, food distribution resources, and information on community events. The Organizers made us aware of how communication barriers prevent unity and cooperation between residents experiencing similar problems and advocated for us to address the changes we deserve in Fallstaff. We offer the opportunity to meet with you and members of the PCDA to discuss further how the organizers are essential to the development of the Fallstaff community.

Thank you,

Corina Giron, President
Karen Quinter, Vice President
Lilliana Orellana, Recording Secretary

P.S. Attached is a photo of us (Corina, Karen, and Corina’s Daughter) at the winter Community Engagement Safety Walk with Mayor Brandon Scott!
February 25, 2022

Mr. D. Christopher Ryer
Chair, Pimlico Community Development Authority and PCDA Advisory Board

Dear PCDA Board Members:

Park Heights Renaissance (PHR) is submitting this letter of support to provide continued funding for the Fallstaff Community Organizer position at Comprehensive Housing Association, Inc. (CHAI).

As a partner organization in the Northwest Baltimore Partnership, PHR and CHAI work closely to foster collaboration and develop engagement strategies that benefit residents within the Park Heights Master Plan area and the respective neighborhoods within CHAI’s catchment area in the PCDA one mile radius.

In furthering our partnership to strengthen community relationships and build community engagement strategies within the Northwest Region, PHR understands the importance of the work of CHAI’s community organizer in community building and leading initiatives to provide access to resources for residents. Our agencies collaborate on disseminating information that is beneficial to our respective community partners and residents.

PHR has engaged and partnered with CHAI on development projects, community development partnerships (NWBP) and initiatives such as One Park Heights, which focuses on strengthening relationships and partnerships amongst the African American and Jewish communities. PHR is also the lead agency for Cross Country Elementary School and CHAI works collaboratively with our school coordinator to provide support and resources to align with the schools mission.

PHR supports continued funding of CHAI’s Fallstaff community organizer for the FY23 Spending Plan.

Sincerely,

Yolanda Jiggetts

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As Maryland Delegates representing the 41st District, we strongly encourage the Pimlico Community Development Authority (PCDA) to provide continued funding for the Fallstaff Community Organizer position at Comprehensive Housing Association, Inc. (CHAI). The work of CHAI’s organizer with the Fallstaff Improvement Association (FIA) and CASA de Maryland is critical to community building in the Fallstaff neighborhood, which includes work with the Fallstaff Multicultural Organizing Project, an initiative to make Fallstaff a cleaner, safer, and healthier place to live. As a bi-lingual organizer, the Fallstaff Community Organizer’s efforts promote racial equity by ensuring that all residents – including Latinx, African American and Jewish – are actively engaged in their community.

Among the most essential work CHAI has produced through the Fallstaff Community Organizer is the food distribution, which spanned 17 months and brought over $650,000 worth of food to community members during a critical time; the Labyrinth Road Rebuilding Initiative, which provided over $47,000 worth of support to residents affected by the gas explosion; the partnership with the Baltimore Ravens, which provided 270 turkeys to Fallstaff families for Thanksgiving; and the provision of school supplies to help our elementary and middle school students be prepared to learn. The PCDA’s support of the Fallstaff Community Organizer is leveraged by the significant resources the Fallstaff Community Organizer brings into the communities we serve to support our constituents.

Support to the Northwest Community Planning Forum (NWCPF) has always been a key focus of the One Mile Radius funding. We are disappointed to see the sharp decrease in investment to the NWCPF and strongly request your consideration of this matter. The CHAI Fallstaff Community Organizer position is integral to the continued vitality of the Fallstaff neighborhood and the entire NWCPF area.

Best Regards,

Delegate Dalya Attar
Delegate Samuel Rosenberg
January 31, 2022

Dear Mr. Ryer:

We strongly encourage the Pimlico Community Development Authority (PCDA) to provide continued funding for the Fallstaff Community Organizer position at Comprehensive Housing Association, Inc. (CHAI). The work of CHAI’s organizer with the Fallstaff Improvement Association (FIA) and CASA is critical to community building in the Fallstaff neighborhood, including our work with the Fallstaff Multicultural Organizing Project, an initiative to make Fallstaff a cleaner, safer, and healthier place to live. As a bi-lingual organizer, the Fallstaff Community Organizer’s efforts promote racial equity by ensuring that all residents – including Latinx, African American and Jewish – are actively engaged in their community.

Our office has engaged with and partnered with CHAI on countless efforts in the Fallstaff neighborhood and CHAI and FIA provide a wide variety of community programs and services that are crucial to their success.

- Weekly Fallstaff Food Distribution that served 250 families a week, distributed over 26,373 boxes of food worth $646,140, and leveraged over 750 volunteer hours’ worth at least $19,073.
- Labyrinth Road Rebuilding Initiative that provided over $47,000 worth of support for residents affected by the Labyrinth Road explosion.
- Provide Spanish interpretation support for Bikur Cholim’s vaccine clinic.
- Organized the first joint Fallstaff Improvement Association/Colonial Village Neighborhood Improvement Association community cleanup in November 2021.
- Provided laptops and school supplies for Fallstaff students.
- Helped organize neighborhood cleanups, block projects, and multicultural celebrations, including a Hispanic Heritage Drive-in Movie Night in November 2021 and an online, bilingual celebration for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Provided Spanish interpretation support for CHAI’s Housing Counseling Department.
- Partnered with the Baltimore Ravens to provide 270 turkeys for families from Fallstaff Elementary/Middle and Cross Country Elementary/Middle in November 2021.
- Distributed PPE and information about community resources.
- Worked with Baltimore City Health Department to provide COVID kits and vaccine information.

Thank you for considering our request to continue funding the CHAI Fallstaff Community Organizer position. This support is integral to the continued vitality of the Fallstaff neighborhood.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Councilman Isaac Yitzy Schleifer
February 18, 2022

D. Christopher Ryer  
Director, Baltimore City Department of Planning  
Chair, Pimlico Community Development Authority  
c/o Baltimore City Department of Planning  
Charles L. Benton, Jr., Building, 8th floor  
417 East Fayette St., Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Mr. Ryer:

The Northwest Baltimore Partnership strongly urges the Pimlico Community Development Authority (PCDA) to provide continued funding for the Fallstaff Community Organizer position at Comprehensive Housing Association, Inc. (CHAI). The work of CHAI’s organizer with the Fallstaff Improvement Association (FIA) and CASA is critical to community building in the Fallstaff neighborhood, including their work with the Fallstaff Multicultural Organizing Project, an initiative to make Fallstaff a cleaner, safer, and healthier place to live.

As a bi-lingual organizer, the Fallstaff Community Organizer’s efforts promote racial equity by ensuring that all residents – including Latinx, African American and Jewish – are actively engaged in their community. The organizer also supports efforts to connect community stakeholders throughout Northwest Baltimore through collaborative projects such as a recent joint community cleanup involving the Fallstaff Improvement Association in Baltimore City and the Colonial Village Neighborhood Improvement Association in Baltimore County. The mission of the Northwest Baltimore Partnership is to bring value from Park Circle to Pikesville. The work of the Fallstaff Community Organizer is a very important part of this mission.

Thank you for considering our request to continue funding CHAI’s Fallstaff Community Organizer position. This support is integral to the continued vitality of Fallstaff and surrounding neighborhoods.

Best Regards,

Northwest Baltimore Partnership

NWBP Steering Committee Members:
@TheHouse - Pastor Troy Randall  
Baltimore City Department of Planning - Mikah Zaslow  
Baltimore County Community Planning - Ngone Seye Diop  
Baltimore County Executive’s Office of Community Engagement - Michelle Bernstein  
CHAI - Lisa Budlow  
Cylburn Arboretum Friends - Patricia Foster  
Fulton Bank - Devorah Livni  
LifeBridge Health - Martha Nathanson  
Manna Bible Baptist Church - Pastor Michael A. Gaines, Sr.  
Park Heights Renaissance - Yolanda Jiggetts  
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PNC Bank - Austin Merritt  

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February 25, 2022

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Chair, Pimlico Community Development Authority
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Dear Mr. Ryer:

BRIDGES Community Development Corporation (BRIDGES) strongly encourages the Pimlico Community Development Authority (PCDA) to provide continued funding for the community organizer positions at Comprehensive Housing Association, Inc. (CHAI) and CASA. The work of these organizers with the Fallstaff Improvement Association (FIA) is critical to the success of the Fallstaff Multicultural Organizing Project, an initiative to make Fallstaff a cleaner, safer, healthier place to live. As bi-lingual organizers, their efforts promote racial equity by ensuring that all residents – including Latinx, African American and Jewish – are actively engaged in their community.

BRIDGES has engaged with the CHAI organizer on numerous efforts such as the Fallstaff Food distribution and the Labyrinth Road Rebuilding effort. CHAI, CASA and FIA provide a wide variety of community programs and services.

We are looking forward to their spring and fall programming for 2022, knowing that it will have a positive and wholistic impact on the community they serve.

Thank you for considering our request to continue funding the CHAI and CASA Community Organizers positions. Their support is integral to the continued vitality of the Fallstaff neighborhood and Communities in Northwest Baltimore.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Gaines, Sr.

Michael A. Gaines, Sr
President

3043 W. Belvedere Ave, Baltimore, Maryland 21215
C.C.H.B. NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

D. Christopher Ryer
Director, Baltimore City Department of Planning
Chair, Pimlico Community Development Authority
c/o Baltimore City Department of Planning
Charles L. Benton, Jr., Building, 8th floor
417 East Fayette St., Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Mr. Ryer:

The C.C.H.B. Neighborhood Association strongly encourages the Pimlico Community Development Authority (PCDA) to provide continued funding for the Fallstaff Community Organizer position at Comprehensive Housing Association, Inc. (CHAI). The work of CHAI’s organizer with the Fallstaff Improvement Association (FIA) and CASA is critical to community building in the Fallstaff neighborhood, including our work with the Fallstaff Multicultural Organizing Project, an initiative to make Fallstaff a cleaner, safer, and healthier place to live. As a bi-lingual organizer, the Fallstaff Community Organizer’s efforts promote racial equity by ensuring that all residents – including Latinx, African American and Jewish – are actively engaged in their community.

C.C.H.B. has engaged with the CHAI on (e.g., Fallstaff Food distribution, Labyrinth Road Rebuilding effort, Fallstaff Parent Teacher Organization development,) CHAI and FIA provide a wide variety of community programs and services.

- Weekly Fallstaff Food Distribution that served 250 families a week, distributed over 26,373 boxes of food worth $646,140, and leveraged over 750 volunteer hours’ worth at least $19,073.
- Labyrinth Road Rebuilding Initiative that provided over $47,000 worth of support for residents affected by the Labyrinth Road explosion.
- Connected Fallstaff Elementary/Middle School’s Principal with resources, programs, and partners.
- Supported Fallstaff Elementary/Middle School’s Greening Initiative and School Garden.
- Provided Spanish interpretation support for Bikur Cholim’s vaccine clinic.
- Provided laptops and school supplies for Fallstaff students.
- Helped organize neighborhood cleanups, block projects, and multicultural celebrations, including a Hispanic Heritage Drive-in Movie Night in November 2021 and an online, bilingual celebration for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Provided Spanish interpretation support for CHAI’s Housing Counseling Department.
- Elementary/Middle and Cross Country Elementary/Middle in November 2021.
- Partnered with Park Heights Renaissance’s Community School Coordinator at Cross Country Elementary.
- Worked with Baltimore City Health Department to provide COVID kits and vaccine information.

Thank you for considering our request to continue funding the CHAI Fallstaff Community Organizer position. This support is integral to the continued vitality of the Fallstaff neighborhood.

Best Regards,

Troy Randall, President
C.C.H.B. Neighborhood Association
D. Christopher Ryer  
Director, Baltimore City Department of Planning  
Chair, Pimlico Community Development Authority  
c/o Baltimore City Department of Planning  
Charles L. Benton, Jr., 8th Floor  
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February 10, 2022  

Dear Mr. Ryer:

The Cross Country Improvement Association (CCIA) strongly encourages the Pimlico Community Development Authority (PCDA) to provide continued funding for the Fallstaff Community Organizer position Comprehensive Housing Association, Inc. (CHAI). The work of CHAI’s organizer with the Fallstaff Improvement Association (FIA) and CASA is critical to community building in the Fallstaff neighborhood, including our work with the Fallstaff Multicultural Organizing Project, an initiative to make Fallstaff a cleaner, safer, and healthier place to live. As a bilingual organizer, the Fallstaff Community Organizer’s efforts promote racial equity by ensuring that all residents - including Latinx, African American and Jewish – are actively engaged in their community.

CCIA has engaged with the CHAI and FIA to provide a wide variety of community programs and services.

We have seen the Weekly Fallstaff Food Distribution that served 250 families a week, distributed over 26,373 boxes of food worth $646,140 and leveraged over 750 volunteer hours’ worth at least $19,073. It serves many residents in the area. 
We witnessed first-hand how Spanish interpretation was provided for Bikur Cholim’s vaccine clinic and how necessary that was for the recipients to feel calm, understood, and valued. This and the distribution of PPE, information about community resources, COVID kits, and vaccine information is vital to provide us with a safer and healthier place to live. 
We appreciate that CHAI and FIA provided 270 turkeys for families from Fallstaff Elementary/Middle and Cross Country Elementary/Middle Schools in November 2021. 
We value the partnership that was created with the Park Heights Renaissance’s Community School Coordinator at Cross Country Elementary/Middle School. 
Having a Fallstaff Community Organizer who can speak the language of our new immigrant neighbors is essential to the continued community building between the Spanish speaking residents and the English speaking residents.

Thank you for considering our request to continue funding the CHAI Fallstaff Community Organizer position. This support is integral to the continued vitality of the Fallstaff neighborhood.

Best Regards,

Caren Cutler, Secretary CCIA
D. Christopher Ryer  
Director, Baltimore City Department of Planning  
Chair, Pimlico Community Development Authority  
c/o Baltimore City Department of Planning  
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Dear Mr. Ryer:

Cylburn Arboretum Friends strongly encourages the Pimlico Community Development Authority (PCDA) to provide continued funding for the Fallstaff Community Organizer position at Comprehensive Housing Association, Inc. (CHAI). The work of CHAI’s organizer with the Fallstaff Improvement Association (FIA) and CASA is critical to community building in the Fallstaff neighborhood, including our work with the Fallstaff Multicultural Organizing Project, an initiative to make Fallstaff a cleaner, safer, and healthier place to live. As a bi-lingual organizer, the Fallstaff Community Organizer’s efforts promote racial equity by ensuring that all residents – including Latinx, African American and Jewish – are actively engaged in their community.

Cylburn Arboretum Friends (CAF) has engaged with the CHAI as a member of the Northwest Baltimore Partnership. CAF brings a different perspective to the community of Northwest Baltimore by providing educational programming for children and families. We have partnered with two of the prominent schools in the Park Heights district, Pimlico and Park Heights Academy, by offering visits to the schools and exchanges field trips for children in elementary grades. We offer this opportunity to all the Northwest Baltimore neighborhoods. We are a resource for all the residents and support the funding of a Community organizer position for CHAI. It is critical to the work.

Thank you for considering our request to continue funding the CHAI Fallstaff Community Organizer position. This support is integral to the continued vitality of the Fallstaff neighborhood.

Best Regards,

Patricia Foster  
Executive Director
Dear Mr. Ryer:

The Glen Neighborhood Improvement Assn. (GNIA) strongly encourages the Pimlico Community Development Authority (PCDA) to provide continued funding for the Fallstaff Community Organizer position at Comprehensive Housing Association, Inc. (CHAI). The work of CHAI’s organizer with the Fallstaff Improvement Association (FIA) and CASA is critical to community building in the Fallstaff neighborhood, including work with the Fallstaff Multicultural Organizing Project, an initiative to make Fallstaff a cleaner, safer, and healthier place to live. As a bi-lingual organizer, the Fallstaff Community Organizer’s efforts promote racial equity by ensuring that all residents – including Latinx, African American and Jewish – are actively engaged in their community.

The Glen neighborhood has benefited from many CHAI/FIA programs, such as weekly Fallstaff food distribution, Covid kits and vaccine distribution, PPE distribution and information on community resources, and much more. CHAI and FIA provide a wide variety of community programs and services.

Thank you for considering our request to continue funding the CHAI Fallstaff Community Organizer position. This support is integral to the continued vitality of the Fallstaff neighborhood.

Best Regards,

Betty Cherniak, President, GNIA
Dear Mr. Ryer:

I strongly encourage the Pimlico Community Development Authority (PCDA) to provide continued funding for the Fallstaff Community Organizer position at Comprehensive Housing Association, Inc. (CHAI). The work of CHAI’s organizer with the Fallstaff Improvement Association (FIA) and CASA is critical to community building in the Fallstaff neighborhood, including our work with the Fallstaff Multicultural Organizing Project, an initiative to make Fallstaff a cleaner, safer, and healthier place to live. As a bi-lingual organizer, the Fallstaff Community Organizer’s efforts promote racial equity by ensuring that all residents – including Latinx, African American and Jewish – are actively engaged in their community.

I have engaged with the CHAI Organizer through the weekly Fallstaff Food Distribution that served 250 families a week, distributed over 26,373 boxes of food worth $646,140, and leveraged over 750 volunteer hours’ worth at least $19,073. I also helped distribute PPE and information about community resources.

Thank you for considering this request to continue funding the CHAI Fallstaff Community Organizer position. This support is integral to the continued vitality of the Fallstaff neighborhood.

Best Regards,

Roni L Mathews
February 23, 2022

Christopher Ryer, Director
Baltimore City Department of Planning
Chair, Pimlico Community Development Authority
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RE: Continued Funding for Fallstaff Community Organizer

Dear Mr. Ryer:

My name is Maxine Webb and I am the Community Liaison for Councilman Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Baltimore City 5th District. This correspondence comes to strongly encourage The Pimlico Community Development Authority (PCDA) to provide continued funding for the Fallstaff Community Organizer position at Comprehensive Housing Association, Inc. (CHAI) The work of CHAI’s organizer with the Fallstaff Improvement Association (FIA) and CASA is critical to community building in the Fallstaff neighborhood, including CHAI’s work with the Fallstaff Multicultural Organizing project, an initiative to make Fallstaff a cleaner, safer, and healthier place to live.

In recent years, as the Community Liaison for Councilman Schleifer, and because the Fallstaff community is in his district, I have had the pleasure of working with the individuals employed as the Fallstaff Community Organizer. They have all been competent, personable professionals that were an asset to CHAI’s team and filled a huge void in the community. The most recent organizer, Ms. Torres, who moved on to fulfill another career goal, was excellent at her job. Her patience and coordinating skills were on display every week, during the height of the pandemic, at the weekly Fallstaff Food Distributions. The food distributions were not only for food but, because she was bi-lingual, they were an opportunity for our Latino residents to receive hats, gloves, info on COVID tests and shots and other resources that impacted their quality of life. She had a calming effect on the non-English speaking guests who were sometimes agitated when they arrived. Those mornings were bitter cold but we layered up, put a smile on our faces and kept moving because people needed us and we were happy to serve.

We face a bright, but sometimes uncertain, future and, to meet the demands of what lies ahead, CHAI must have a bi-lingual Fallstaff Community Organizer. The team of professionals employed at CHAI serve their designated NW area in ways that are incalculable because they touch so many lives on so many levels. Their reach is social, mental, physical, financial, emotional and psychological. How do you put a price tag on that?
I write to ask that PCDA continue to fund the Fallstaff Community Organizer and any other requests CHAI has submitted because they are worthy and the need is great.

Thank you,
Maxine Webb, Community Liaison - (410) 396-4819
Councilman Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer
Baltimore City - 5th District

cc: Councilman Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer
February 16, 2022

D. Christopher Ryer
Director, Baltimore City Department of Planning
Chair, Pimlico Community Development Authority
c/o Baltimore City Department of Planning
Charles L. Benton, Jr., Building, 8th floor
417 East Fayette St., Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Mr. Ryer:

The Mount Washington Improvement Association strongly encourages the Pimlico Community Development Authority (PCDA) to provide continued funding for the community organizer positions at Comprehensive Housing Association, Inc. (CHAI) and CASA. The work of these organizers with the Fallstaff Improvement Association (FIA) is critical to the success of the Fallstaff Multicultural Organizing Project, an initiative to make Fallstaff a cleaner, safer, healthier place to live. In addition, as bi-lingual organizers, their efforts promote racial equity by ensuring that all residents – including Latinx, African American, and Jewish – are actively engaged in their community. A few highlights from the role that the Community Organizer position has played include:

- Weekly Fallstaff Food Distribution served 250 families a week, distributed over 26,373 boxes of food worth $646,140, and leveraged over 750 volunteer hours worth at least $19,073.
- Labyrinth Road Rebuilding Initiative provided over $47,000 worth of support for residents affected by the Labyrinth Road explosion.
- Building partnerships and identifying resources for both Fallstaff and Cross County Elementary Schools
- Worked with Baltimore City Health Department to provide COVID kits and vaccine information.

The Mount Washington Improvement Association has engaged with the CHAI and CASA organizers by participating in the meetings facilitated by CHAI of the Northwest Community Association Presidents. We have been impressed by the wide variety of community programs and services provided by CHAI, CASA, and FIA, including food distribution, support to the Falstaff school community, neighborhood cleanup, block parties, and multicultural celebrations. Many of these activities have had an impact beyond the Falstaff Community. We hope to collaborate more in the future across the Northwest neighborhoods. Thank you for considering our request to continue funding the CHAI and CASA Community Organizers positions. Their support is integral to the continued vitality of the Fallstaff neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Ellie Mitchell
President, Mount Washington Improvement Association
February 23, 2022

D. Christopher Ryer
Director, Baltimore City Department of Planning
Chair, Pimlico Community Development Authority
c/o Baltimore City Department of Planning
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Dear Mr. Ryer:

The Pimlico Merchants Association (PMA) strongly encourages the Pimlico Community Development Authority (PCDA) to provide continued funding for the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed FY 2023 Video Lottery Terminal Spending Plan. We fully support the projects being recommended and strongly encourage the Pimlico Community Development Authority (PCDA) to provide funding as proposed with the following exceptions:

1) Create an allocation for Neighborhood Initiative Competitive Grants has offered in past fiscal years. This could be accomplished by reducing each of the proposed projects by a small percentage and diverting that money to fund these grants. Neighborhood Initiative Competitive Grants give small organizations like ours the opportunity to implement creative and innovative projects that greatly benefit the community. For example, in the past we used grant money to implement initiatives such as Banners for the Pimlico Merchants Business District, Annual Holiday Toy Drive, Annual Children Health Summer Event, Pimlico Golden Garden. All this has been accomplished within the Pimlico Local Impact Area. Our new project, Park Heights Pathway designed to improve the morale within community and business district. Changing the blight to bright in the 5100 Block of Park Heights. This is just one example of a project that could greatly benefit from the receipt of a Neighborhood Initiative Competitive Grant.

2) Change the grant disbursement method from a reimbursement to one that allows organizations to draw money first, and then provide spending justification (copies of invoices and receipts) after the fact. The current disbursement method presents a hardship to the receiving organizations and is a disincentive for even applying for the grant because many small organizations do not have the cash up front.

Thanks again for the opportunity to review and comment. The PMC looks forward to working with the PCDA and to supporting all of the wonderful projects slated for our community in FY 2023.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Pimlico Merchants Association, Inc.

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End of CHAI Support Letter Packet
February 28, 2022

Dear PCDA Members:

On behalf of Park Heights Renaissance, Inc. (PHR) and the Park Heights community, I submit this letter of recommendation for the FY23 Spending Plan. We are working to ensure community residents and stakeholders interest and recommendations are included and have conducted outreach to formalize these recommendations.

While we agree with many of the recommendations outlined in the Baltimore City Proposed Spending Plan, we believe there are several impactful projects and resource needs that align more with the strategic direction and priorities for FY23. These recommendations are listed below:

1. **Business Development - $300K**

   PHR will be working with our current business owners, merchants, residents and stakeholders to apply for a Main Streets designation for Park Heights. To be eligible, the lead organization must make a commitment to fundraise and secure funding ($100K) to support the program. PHR is already putting greater emphasis and focus on business development and is developing strategies to begin preliminary analyses of existing businesses and merchant needs but needs additional funding to hire a Main Streets Manager, conduct more outreach and support program costs for our Main Streets program. Additionally, PHR will be leveraging its business development funds to provide grants for business enhancements, business growth and NEW business creation, and provide technical assistance/workshops for grant research and grant submissions. The funding will be used for:
   - $100k – Main Streets Program
   - $200K – New Business Creation

2. **Langston Hughes Community Resource Center - $200K**

   The center recently had a fire and PHR is working with the leadership to secure funding to complete renovations and re-open the center with a strengthened focus on community services and workforce development partnerships. We already have more than five workforce partners and vendors interested in occupying space at the facility which supports our focus on creating economic opportunities in Park Heights. Funding will be used to complete renovations, strengthen community broadband access and start-up operating costs.

3. **Emergency Grant Funds/Down Payment Assistance - $75K**

   This past year has revealed the need for emergency funding where services or needs are imminent and there is not adequate time to supply for a traditional grant. Through our work of increasing market values and generating more homeowners in the Park Heights community, we are overwhelmed with requests for down payment assistance and mortgage relief for foreclosures. Additionally, these funds will be used to support other emergency relief needs such as relocation costs, moving expenses and emergency repairs that are not included in the geographic specific home repair grants.

4. **Park Heights Schools (OST and Violence Reduction) - $150K**

   PHR is the lead agency for five (5) schools in the community and continue to need funding support for Out of School Time programming and partners. The schools are diligently working to research other funding opportunities but continue to have gaps for supporting programs that strengthen student development, violence reduction, parent engagement and capital project resources to address safety. In future years, PHR is trying to close this gap to provide more technical assistance and fundraising support, but this funding is needed in the interim to build greater capacity. Our students and teachers are still adapting to COVID19 impacts and greater programming supports, particularly in violence reduction, will greatly benefit academic success at our five schools.
5. **Community Leaders Capacity Building - $30K**

Our community leaders are significantly involved in the redevelopment efforts in Park Heights. Continued requests for support in capacity building and basic leadership needs continue to present. Many of our leaders want to support in our engagement strategies and need basic operations costs to purchase Zoom and other software needs, costs for printers and printed communications, and other operational supports. These would be direct funding to community association leaders who meet the criteria of conducting a certain number of community meetings and/or projects that further support our community development priorities. These funds would also support our leaders who represent the NW region in the Pimlico Redevelopment Compact Advisory Board in their efforts to identify business models and other administrative costs to support their board participation.

6. **Faith-Based Initiatives - $150K**

During this pandemic, our faith-based organizations have played a significant role in providing COVID related services but many have been financially impacted because they too are a business and have decreased membership and related costs that continue to hinder broader participation in some of these strategies. Many of our churches and religious institutions have indicated their interest in deepening their partnership with our five schools and developing violence reduction programming. This funding would be to provide grants to faith-based leaders and institutions to develop and continue programs specific to COVID recovery such as food access, broadband access and youth engagement.

PHR looks forward to continuing to bring community stakeholders together around shared priorities and engagement. We believe these recommendations align more strategically with the progress that has been accomplished together over the past two fiscal years.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let us know if you require any additional information.

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*Sincerely,*

Yolanda Jiggetts  
Park Heights Renaissance  
Executive Director
February 28, 2022

Dear Supporter,

I am writing this letter of support for Langston Hughes Community & Business Resource Center (LHCBRC).

Currently, I serve as the Board Advisory member of Youth Educational Services (YES) Incorporated, the organization that manages the Langston Hughes CBRC. I am an Engineer with experience in organization development and sustainability and my role on the YES board focuses on organizational efficiencies, community engagement, and financial sustainability for Langston Hughes CBRC) which I wrote the original plan with Mr. George Mitchell.

Our plan includes the community needs assessments, data analysis, and a list of resources required to address the community needs. Mr. Mitchell laid the solid foundation for this Board to carry the organization to higher heights.

We have begun securing resources for operation; however, we are seeking additional funds to complete additional unanticipated capital improvements. If these funds are awarded, it will afford the LHCBRC to resume operations expeditiously.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

Best Regards,

Kellyann Few
Sustainability Engineer
February 28, 2022

To PCDA Board:

As a former 41st District Delegate, I understand the challenges that the Park Heights community face when it comes access to healthy produce and food, workforce development, mental health support and youth engagement. I worked with George Mitchell to open the Langston Hughes Community & Business Resource Center and sponsored the original capital bond bill to cover the repairs and maintenance required to restore the previously vacant building back to operational.

As with any older building, there will be unforeseen repairs needed and management are building reserves to budget ongoing maintenance cost. The investment of $125,000 in the Langston Hughes and community would merit boundless opportunities for the community.

Langston Hughes Community & Business Resource Center is staple in the Park Heights community and we cannot afford not to support this Center. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,

Bilal Ali
February 28, 2022

To: Pimlico Community Development Authority

As CEO/Executive Director of the Youth Ambassador Leadership Academy (YALA) and the Dr. Angela Y. Davis Leadership Academy (DAYDLA), I write this letter of recommendation for the Langston Hughes Community and Business Resource Center (LHCBC).

Since 2017, LHCBRC has supported the community with many valuable resources, i.e. food pantry, hot meals, training programs, weekly events for the neighborhood seniors, and extra-curricular activities for youth.

As an Advisory Board Member, we are excited to join in partnership with LHCBRC to provide several additional services and resources, i.e. job readiness, child care, drug and alcohol counseling, sports, community food pantry, family support, mental and physical health services, mentorship/life coaching, community conflict resolution, community outreach, and pathways to human services and Baltimore City agencies.

Therefore, it is without reservation that I recommend consideration for funding be granted to the Langston Hughes Community and Business Resource Center.

Respectfully,

Bridget Alston-Smith
CEO/Executive Director
Dr. Angela Y. Davis Leadership Academy
Youth Ambassador Leadership Academy
alston_smith@yahoo.com
443-677-9511
February 27, 2022

Dear PCDA Board Members:

I am submitting my recommendation for the FY23 Spending Plan for the Park Heights Master Plan. I have reviewed the PCDA Proposed Spending Plan for FY23 and support many of the recommendations but want to share my recommendations for what I feel are the highest priorities. We are excited about the progress that is coming together, and we want to support projects and needs that will be most impactful to our success.

I have indicated my recommendations below:

**Baltimore City Spending Plan Recommendations I DO NOT support for FY23:**

☐ Homeowner Repair Grants (three neighborhoods) - $750K
☐ Development Incentives - $325K
☐ At the House Settlement (Capital Project) - $200K
☐ Towanda Rec Center Playground - $250K
☐ Library - $500K
☐ Art in the Right of Ways - $119,500
☒ Shared Use Path Network Connections (Belvedere) - $275K
☐ Care-A-Lot - $20K

**NEW Recommendations I DO support for FY23:**

☒ Business Development and Main Streets Initiative - $300K
☒ Community Leaders Capacity Building Grants – (supports leaders in basic resource needs such as Zoom and technology accounts, printing, branding and communications) - $30K
☒ Education – (Out of School Time Activities for Park Heights schools) - $150K
☒ Emergency and Community Stabilization Grants – (Down payment Assistance, Foreclosure Fees, emergency support services, emergency property stabilization needs) - $75K
☒ Langston Hughes (Renovations and Operations) - $200K
☒ Faith-Based Initiatives (COVID services, Violence Reduction strategies, school partnerships) - $150K
☐ Other Recommendations:
Below are my reasons for supporting these recommendations and the impact they will have on the Park Heights community:

The recommendations noted above will benefit the community from children to seniors in a positive capacity.

Thank you for your consideration of my recommendations to support a growing and thriving Park Heights community.

Sincerely,

Angela Bush, President
Levindale Sunset Community Association
February 28, 2022

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☐ Other Recommendations:

Below are my reasons for supporting these recommendations and the impact they will have on the Park Heights community:

A well-rounded approach that meets varying needs of residents, businesses, and organizations will best support families. Creative City Public Charter Schools wishes to continue being a partner in establishing a thriving, vibrant, safe, and attractive community.

Thank you for your consideration of my recommendations to support a growing and thriving Park Heights community.

Sincerely,

Marisa Canino
Executive Director
Elizabeth Wiseman  
2709 Woodland Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland 21215  

February 28, 2022  

Dear PCDA Board Members:  

I am submitting my recommendation for the FY23 Spending Plan for the Park Heights Master Plan. I have reviewed the PCDA Proposed Spending Plan for FY23 and support many of the recommendations but want to share my recommendations for what I feel are the highest priorities. We are excited about the progress that is coming together, and we want to support projects and needs that will be most impactful to our success.

I have indicated my recommendations below:

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_I have lived in this community for 60+ years. I have enjoyed its historical beauty and the economic engine it once was. I have also witnessed the deterioration and neglect over many decades. We should be mindful that this is the largest redevelopment footprint in the State of Maryland and the magnitude of the work that it will require to address the many challenges within its communities._

_While these dollars are a drop in the bucket to what is needed to revitalize these communities, everyone cent will be impactful to moving us forward. I think that there are clearly greater priorities currently then “artwork” and extending a “shared use path”. These are niceties that will benefit a few but not priorities that will be impactful for many._

_I think that we should stay focused on what the initial intent was for this funding and be good stewards when deciding its use._

As a long-standing resident, a past President of the Cylburn Community Association and a Board member of Park Heights Renaissance, it is important to me to ensure funding is best spent to further priorities that promote economic growth and community engagement as top priorities.

Thank you for your consideration of my recommendations to support growing and thriving Park Heights communities in the Master Plan.

Sincerely,

_Elizabeth Wiseman_

Cylburn Community Resident
Dear PCDA Board Members:

I am submitting my recommendation for the FY23 Spending Plan for the Park Heights Master Plan. I have reviewed the PCDA Proposed Spending Plan for FY23 and support a few of the recommendations but want to share my thoughts and recommendations for what I feel should be the highest priorities. We are hopeful that the Board will consider these thoughts and recommendations that will help promote progress, coming together, and will support projects and needs that are most impactful to the success of Park Heights residents and its various neighborhoods.

Parklane Neighborhood Association, Inc (PNA), like many others, was disheartened to think that PCDA and PHR are considering not providing community grants in FY23. Most neighborhood associations work tirelessly, with little or no money, to meet the needs of the residents they serve. They heavily rely on PCDA/PHR grants to help provide important services and promote events throughout the year. As it is, community associations struggle just to get by. Many operate out of their homes, basements, or businesses because they do not have community centers in which to operate. They use their own gas and electricity, personally owned vehicles, computers, printers, money, time, and energy to do the jobs they do week after week with no pay. Some offset the costs of events and services through the kindness of local businesses who may kick in small donations to support those they’ve built a relationship with or to receive an honorable mention. If community grants are not provided in the proposed FY23 Budget, many organizations will cease to function or be stunted in their efforts to maintain or even survive. Therefore, PNA strongly recommends and supports the funding for community grants in the FY23 along with the following changes I have indicated my recommendations below:

**Recommended CHANGES I support for FY23:**

- Business Development and Main Streets Initiative - $200K
- Education – (Out of School Time Activities for Park Heights schools) - $100K
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**Baltimore City Spending Plan NEW Recommendations I DO NOT SUPPORT for FY23**
☒ Community Small and Large Grants - $250K
☒ Renovation/Restoration of Edgecombe Park Grant - $50K
☒ Neighborhood Association Leadership Training - $50K
☒ Digital Equity Grants for Seniors - $50K

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☒ Development Incentives - $325K

☒ Other Recommendations:

Below are my reasons for supporting these recommendations and the impact they will have on the Park Heights community:

The adjustments to the grant funding under “Recommended CHANGES” will allow more of the funds to be utilized for other important projects. There are several organizations that have received hundreds of thousands of dollars over the past few years and I believe that are many other worthwhile projects that could begin to benefit from funding. As stated before, I believe adding community grants is vital to the existence of many neighborhood associations that are out there working every day to bolster life throughout Park Heights. They work they do should not be dismissed or diminished. Finally, I believe we have offered enough development incentives. I have no idea what “Shared Use Path Network Connections for Belvedere are but $275K for whatever it may be seems excessive, especially in light of the amounts being funded for other areas.

Thank you for your consideration of my recommendations to support a growing and thriving Park Heights community.

Sincerely,

Cherring A. Spence
Cherring A. Spence, President
Parklane Neighborhood Association, Inc.
Dear PCDA Board Members:

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☐ Other Recommendations:

Below are my reasons for supporting these recommendations and the impact they will have on the Park Heights community:

Recommendations are needed to improve and sustain the health and wellbeing of Park Heights residents and its surroundings.

Thank you for your consideration of my recommendations to support a growing and thriving Park Heights community.

Sincerely,

Sharon M Snow
Sharon M. Snow, President
February 28, 2022

Dear PCDA Board Members:

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*The projects that I am in support of, will improve the community and living conditions.*

As a long-standing resident and community leader over the years, it is important to me to ensure funding is spent best to further priorities that promote economic growth and community engagement as top priorities.

Thank you for your consideration of my recommendations to support a growing and thriving Park Heights community.

Sincerely,

*Annie Williams*

President
Cylburn Community Association
February 28, 2022

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Below are my reasons for supporting these recommendations and the impact they will have on the Park Heights community:

My reason for not supporting the recommendations is because the money should be to support neighborhoods, their residents, and our projects not big business.

Thank you for your consideration of my recommendations to support a growing and thriving Park Heights community.

Sincerely,

Pastor Randall, President

C.C.H.B Neighborhood Association
February 28, 2022

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**Other Recommendations:**
• Development of a professional Career Counseling Services Program (adults and teens 15 years and over) – $50K
• West Belvedere Corridor Pilot and Model for Baltimore City - Development of the West Belvedere corridor (from Reisterstown Road to Park Heights Avenue) - $200K

Below are my reasons for supporting these recommendations and the impact they will have on the Park Heights community.

• To increase the opportunities for economic growth, professional growth and success for the Park Heights community.
  o Mentors to provide guidance and direction
  o Decrease public assistance
  o Create leadership within this community
  o Increase the percentage of high school and college graduates
  o Reduction in drug use
  o Several other benefits

• Begin the development a key area within the Park Heights community (West Belvedere corridor from Reisterstown Road to Park Heights Avenue) shattered by neglect, drugs, and crime for decades. The development of this area would:
  o Provide minorities opportunities for hope and a future
  o Significantly improve social and physical disorder
  o Safer community
  o Clean streets
  o Reduction in criminal activity from misdemeanors to felonies

Thank you for your consideration of my recommendations to support a growing and thriving Park Heights community.

Sincerely,

Dawn Pearson
President/CEO
Center for Organizational and Professional Excellence
Park Heights Resident for decades
410-935-8174
February 28, 2022

To Whom this May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Langston Hughes Resource Center in support of the amazing work that they have been doing in an effort to positively effect the lives of Baltimore City youth.

We strongly support the community programming and the focus on programming for urban youth by increasing the delivery of evidence-based interventions. As an organization which is dedicated to closing the widening wealth gap and providing support to students that are suffering from a sufficient loss of academic skills, I know that institutions such as Langston Hughes Resource Center (LHRC) are a rare commodity.

Through this letter, Virtual Village Learning Center would like to acknowledge our excitement about the specific roles and responsibilities we will fulfill in our partnership with the Langston Hughes Center. Upon the reopening of the LHRC, Virtual Village Learning Center will form collaborative, cooperative networks of business owners, school staff, students and parents to reduce the technical and academic disparities in our community.

Virtual Village Learning Center will take responsibility to uphold the mantle as preceded by the Langston Hughes Resource Center's demonstrations of excellence and productivity. We look forward to working with you in eliminating technological inequalities in urban communities and achieving academic equity.

Sincerely,

LaRon Martin
Co-Founder
February 11, 2022

D. Christopher Ryer  
Director, Baltimore City Department of Planning  
Chair, Pimlico Community Development Authority  
c/o Baltimore City Department of Planning  
Charles L. Benton, Jr., Building, 8th floor  
417 East Fayette St., Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Mr. Ryer:

The Northwest Faith-Based Community Partnership also known as the Northwest Faith Partners (NWFP) thanks you for the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed FY 2023 Video Lottery Terminal Spending Plan. The NWFP is a consortium of houses of worship and community organizations that work together to make positive changes within Northwest Baltimore City. We fully support the projects being recommended and strongly encourage the Pimlico Community Development Authority (PCDA) to provide funding as proposed with the following exceptions:

1) **Create an allocation for Neighborhood Initiative Competitive Grants as offered in past fiscal years.** This could be accomplished by reducing each of the proposed projects by a small percentage and diverting that money to fund these grants. Neighborhood Initiative Competitive Grants give small organizations like ours the opportunity to implement creative and innovative projects that greatly benefit the community. For example, in the past we used grant money to implement initiatives such as public health improvements (National Day of Prayer), and a public safety crime reduction project (Operation On Guard) within the Pimlico Local Impact Area. Our new project, *Five Mile Smile* is designed to improve officer morale and community-police relations through the refurbishment of the Northwestern Baltimore City Police District. This is just one example of a project that could greatly benefit from the receipt of a Neighborhood Initiative Competitive Grant.

2) **Change the grant disbursement method from a reimbursement to one that allows organizations to draw money first, and then provide spending justification (copies of invoices and receipts) after the fact.** The current disbursement method presents a hardship to the receiving organizations and is a disincentive for even applying for the grant because many small organizations do not have the cash up front.

Thanks again for the opportunity to review and comment. The NWFP looks forward to working with the PCDA and to supporting all of the wonderful projects slated for our community in FY 2023.

Sincerely,

Pastor Terrye Moore  
Pastor Terrye Moore, Northwest Faith Partners Executive Director
ATTN: Chris Ryer, Director, Baltimore City Department of Planning

Regarding: CIP Project Support: 474-066 Northwest Park Improvement Phase II

Dear Director Ryer:

The Farm Alliance of Baltimore supports the improvements at Northwest Park as they will allow the Eric T. Waller Mount Washington Community Garden. This community garden also hosts garden tours for other gardens, and welcomes new members who may, in the future, become community garden leaders themselves.

The Farm Alliance of Baltimore is a membership organization of urban farms, neighborhood growers, and friends. We use connection, resource sharing, and collective advocacy with respect to food, land and water to expand communities’ self-determination and power.

The pandemic has shown us just how important locally-grown food is. The Eric T. Waller Mt. Washington Community Garden has provided nutritious vegetables to its 65 member families in Baltimore City during pandemic-related supermarket shortages. A stable, underground water supply will increase the productivity of the garden. It will make a huge difference in the way the garden can irrigate its crops by allowing the garden to replace its existing inefficient hydrant-sprinkler system. The garden will be able to set up soaker hoses in the beds, which will conserve a great deal of water.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Sincerely,

Mariya Strauss
Co-Executive Director
mariya@farmalliancebaltimore.org
Date:

Dear PCDA Board Members:

I am submitting my recommendation for the FY23 Spending Plan for the Park Heights Master Plan. I am a business merchant in the Park Heights Master Plan area and am very interested in growing my business and recovering from the negative impacts that COVID19 has had on my business.

Our business is interested in adapting our business model to align with business development and growth and would greatly benefit from grant opportunities. The past PCDA funding has not been allocated to the business districts despite the desperate need for this support.

My recommendation for FY23 is to direct significant funding to business owners and merchants in the Park Heights community. We want to be the anchors for attracting new businesses to do that we urge you to invest in the business owners who are here now and have been here waiting for support. We want to see Park Heights thriving as an economic driver once again, and contribute to more job opportunities, and greater revenues that will support generational wealth in the Park Heights community.

Listed below are ways that business development funds would support my business:

1) Update the plumbing
2) Update the electrical
3) Update the lighting
4) Update the bathrooms
5) Update the flooring

Thank you for taking my recommendation into consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Name: KIMBERLY MARTIN
Business Name: ROYAL MAROON
February 28, 2022

To PCDA Board,

I am writing this letter to support the funding opportunity for the Langston Hughes Community & Business Resource Center. Currently, I serve as YES Board Chair and the Interim Executive Director which oversee the operations of the Langston Hughes Community & Business Resource Center.

In 2016, I joined forces with Mr. Mitchell to form Youth Educational Services and eventually purchase the Langston Hughes Center. Although my voice is not as thunderous as Mr. Mitchell, I share the passion and vision that all residents should be afforded the same resources regardless of zip code. We are rebuilding our infrastructure to incorporate sustainability and succession strategies for Langston Hughes to serve as a long-standing community resource.

We are looking forward to complete repairs and renovations, so we can open our doors to the community again. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

Best,

S. Davis

Shymaine Davis, CPA
YES Board Chair & Interim Executive Director