

# PIMLICO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



February 19, 2020

Mayor Jack Young  
City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: FY21 Pimlico Area Local Impact Aid

Dear Mayor Young:

As Chair of the Pimlico Community Development Authority (PCDA), I hereby submit PCDA's recommendations regarding the City's proposed spending plan for FY 2021 Video Lottery Terminal (Slots) Revenue, released on January 6, 2020.

PCDA considered all public input to develop these recommendations. Public meetings were held on January 6 and January 22 to review the proposed FY21 spending plan and to receive verbal feedback from interested stakeholders. Stakeholders were also invited to submit written comments. A PCDA work session was held on January 29, 2020, to review public feedback on the spending plan. All written comments received were posted on PCDA's website.

The PCDA meetings were very well attended and written comments were received from 17 individual and organizations across all Pimlico Local Impact Eligible Areas.

## **Park Heights Master Plan Area**

A majority of PCDA members would like to see revisions to the spending plan to increase the capacity of Park Heights Renaissance. Before finalizing the spending plan, you and your team should collaborate with Park Heights Renaissance to confirm that they agree with these recommendations.

PCDA recommends the following changes to the Park Heights section of the spending plan:

- **Pimlico Racetrack Pre-Development Activities** - A majority of PCDA members recommend re-assigning \$200,000 for Pimlico Racetrack Pre-Development Activities to PHR. The PCDA encouraged the Baltimore Development Corporation to piggyback their pre-development needs onto existing contracts within city government.
- **Development Incentives and Homeowner Repairs (Edgecombe)** - A majority of PCDA members recommend assigning PHR as the fiscal administrator of Edgecombe Development Incentives and Homeowner Repairs; a reallocation of \$700,000 from HCD to PHR.

- **INSPIRE Development Incentives (Arlington and Pimlico)** - A majority of PCDA members recommend assigning PHR as the fiscal administrator of Arlington and Pimlico INSPIRE Development Incentives; a reallocation of \$275,000 from CHAI to PHR.
- **Public Safety (Safe Streets)** – According to the Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice, city general funds and state funds are supporting the Safe Streets program in Park Heights. The funds are being used by LifeBridge for the Kujichagulia workforce development program. According to Senator Hayes, in FY18, this program operated with a total of \$31,000 in funding. Based on this, the recommendation is for \$50,000 to continue this program. The title and description should be updated to clarify how funds are actually being used.
- **J.D. Gross Recreation Center** – PCDA recommends that the remaining \$150,000 that had been proposed for LifeBridge be used for improvements to James D. Gross Recreation Center. Both the Department of Recreation and Parks and the community support have identified critical needs for this recreation center, which are all the more important because students from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be going to the attached school in the fall. Based on the Facility Conditions Assessment of the James D. Gross recreation center performed by consultant EMG, the rec center has an immediate need for \$245,000+ and an additional need for \$350,000+ within the next three years. The PCDA members of the Maryland General Assembly will prioritize the remaining \$125,000 from the State of Maryland Capital Budget to fund the needs in Year 1 to satisfy the estimated \$275,000 ADA assessment and subsequent design work.
- **Street and Alley Cleaning** – PCDA finds it inefficient to fund PHR’s Clean and Green Team and Living Classrooms to do cleaning in the Park Heights area. PCDA recommends that all funding for clean and greening type of activities be assigned to PHR.
- **Façade Grants and Small Business Incubator Program** – A majority of PCDA members recommend re-assigning \$135,000 to PHR to negotiate with local businesses for facades (\$50,000) and Baltimore Business Lending, a subsidiary of Baltimore Community Lending (\$85,000). BDC has an existing façade program that requires a match. These funds would be available to provide a match to that program up to a total of \$50,000. Baltimore Community Lending’s subsidiary Baltimore Business Lending (BBL) has the capacity and experience to use the remaining \$85,000 to leverage additional resources including but not limited to technical assistance.
- **Neighborhood Initiative Competitive Grants** - Assign PHR as the fiscal administrator of Neighborhood Initiative Competitive Grants.
- **Citiwatch Camera: Rogers and Reisterstown** – In response to the community request that was re-iterated at the February 5 meeting, several PCDA members suggest re-allocating \$20,000 from the Major Redevelopment Area for installation of a Citiwatch camera at Rogers and Reisterstown Road.

See attached budget for a summary of the proposed changes listed above.

In addition to the above-recommended changes to the spending plan, we offer the following suggestions:

- **Human Services** - We recommend that a PCDA member serve on the review committee for these grants. During the community meetings, we heard concerns that the same organizations get funded every year and that is difficult for new organizations to receive funding. The community also noted concerns about funding not going to organizations based in Park Heights and operated by Park Heights residents, which a PCDA member could monitor.

- **@The House** – Based on the additional funding and capacity provided in these recommendations for Park Heights Renaissance, we strongly encourage PHR to partner with @The House and provide funding for the case management work the organization is undertaking in the community.

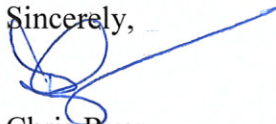
**One Mile Radius Area**

In the One Mile Radius, PCDA generally agrees with the projects and priorities as set out in the proposed spending plan and recommends community organizations continue working with city agencies and apply for competitive grants when applicable.

We recommend that all recipients of slots funds provide regular reports to the community to build trust and demonstrate accountability.

PCDA would like to thank you for your leadership and the strategic manner in which local impact aid will be used to rebuild the Park Heights community, as well as benefit the surrounding neighborhoods. We are confident you will give serious consideration to PCDA's recommendations as you finalize the spending plan. The entire greater Pimlico community looks forward to seeing the final spending plan and, most importantly, moving forward with implementation.

Sincerely,



Chris Ryer  
Chair, Pimlico Community Development Authority

cc: Ms. Carolyn Mozell



PCDA Recommendations - FY21 Pimlico Local Impact Aid Spending Plan

***Amounts in thousands***	FY 2021		
Estimate	\$8,500		
Adjustment from prior year			
<b>Pimlico Local Impact Aid</b>	<b>\$8,500</b>	Programs/ Grants	Enhanced Capacity/ Admin
Pimlico Redevelopment (PHR)	\$200	\$170	\$30
<b>Park Heights Master Plan Area (85%)**</b>	<b>\$7,055</b>		
Park Heights Renaissance	\$2,098	\$1,364	\$735
PHR Operating Expenses	\$500		\$500
Homeowner Repairs and Development Incentives (Edgecombe)	\$700	\$595	\$105
INSPIRE Housing and Community Development	\$275	\$234	\$41
Neighborhood Initiative Competitive Grants	\$288	\$250	\$38
PHR Clean and Green Team	\$200	\$170	\$30
Façade grants & Small Business Incubator Program	\$135	\$115	\$20
Education (HIPPY)	\$100	\$85	\$15
MRA Infrastructure and Pre-development	\$416	\$416	
Library (construction)	\$2,000	\$2,000	
Human Services (Out of School Time)	\$520	\$434	\$86
Langston Hughes Resource Center Operating Expenses	\$100	\$100	
Public Safety (Safe Streets/Kujichagulia Center)	\$50	\$50	
J.D. Gross Recreation Center	\$150	\$150	
CC Jackson Park (Construction)	\$1,500	\$1,500	
Public Art	\$50	\$50	
Public safety (Citiwatch cameras - Rogers and Reisterstown)	\$20		
PCDA Admin	\$51		\$51
<b>Park Heights Total</b>	<b>\$7,055</b>		

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	<b>FY 2021</b>		
<b>1 Mile Radius Area (15%)**</b>	<b>\$1,245</b>		
<b>NWCPF (55%)</b>	<b>\$685</b>		
CASA and CHAI community organizers	\$173	\$150	\$23
Street cleaning (CHIMES)	\$100	\$100	
Northern Parkway Median Beautification	\$25	\$25	
Pimlico Safety Facility field improvements	\$323	\$323	
Neighborhood Initiative Competitive Grants	\$58	\$50	\$8
PCDA Admin	\$6		\$6
<b>NWCPF Total</b>	<b>\$685</b>		
<b>Liberty Wabash (40%)</b>	<b>\$498</b>		
Ambassador/community development	\$288	\$288	
INSPIRE Homeowner Repairs (Forest Park High School)	\$120	\$120	
Public Safety (Citiwatch cameras - Garrison and Penhurst)	\$30	\$30	
Community Organizer - Go Northwest	\$58	\$50	\$8
PCDA Admin	\$2		
<b>Liberty Wabash Total</b>	<b>\$498</b>		
<b>Coldspring (5%)</b>	<b>\$62</b>		
Mercantile	\$61	\$61	
PCDA Admin	\$1		\$1
<b>Coldspring Total</b>	<b>\$62</b>		