

PIMLICO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



February 24, 2021

Mayor Brandon Scott
City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: FY22 Pimlico Area Local Impact Aid

Dear Mayor Scott:

As Chair of the Pimlico Community Development Authority (PCDA), I hereby submit PCDA's recommendations regarding the City's Proposed Spending Plan for FY 2022 Video Lottery Terminal (Slots) Revenue, released on January 19, 2021.

PCDA considered all public input to develop these recommendations. Public meetings were held on January 20 and February 10 to review the Proposed FY22 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 February 16, 2021, 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 there were 31 written comments (letters and e-mails) received from all Pimlico Local Impact eligible areas. Stakeholders generally provided comments on the following topics: support for recreation center improvements, homeowner repair grants, public art, and community organizing; along with the need to address public safety and street cleaning.

PCDA members largely support the Spending Plan as written, but we do have a few recommendations as detailed below.

Park Heights Master Plan Area

PCDA generally supports the recommendations in the Proposed FY22 Spending Plan as consistent with the Park Heights Master Plan. PCDA does not recommend changes to the Park Heights section of the Spending Plan.

One Mile Radius Area

In the One Mile Radius, PCDA generally agrees with the projects and priorities as set out in the Proposed FY22 Spending Plan and recommends community organizations fundraise operating funds when applicable. PCDA recommends that the Final Spending Plan include the following items:

- **Recommendation for re-allocation of funding:**

- **Northwest Community Planning Forum – Street cleaning in Fallstaff and Glen.**

PCDA recommends including funding to continue street cleaning in the Fallstaff and Glen neighborhoods. CHIMES previously received funding for street cleaning, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, CHIMES had to shut down their cleaning program and has returned their unexpended funds. PCDA received strong community support to continue the street cleaning program with Baltimore Clean Streets (BCS). Therefore, PCDA recommends allocating \$50,000 for street cleaning and reducing the funding for the Pimlico Safety Fields to \$100,000. There was concern about the impact of the reduced funding on the Pimlico Safety Fields project, and PCDA encourages the Mayor to make sure the project moves forward in a timely fashion.

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: Scott C. Davis, Acting Director, Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods