CITY OF BALTIMORE

BRANDON M. SCOTT, MAYOR



DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

REGINALD MOORE, Executive Director Dr. Ralph W. E. Jones, Jr. Building 3001 East Drive - Druid Hill Park Baltimore, Maryland 21217 410-396-7900

Friday, July 15, 2022

Attn: Ms. Margaret Lashar, *Administrator*, Program Open Space Land Acquisition and Planning Maryland Department of Natural Resources Tawes Office Building, E-4 580 Taylor Ave Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: FY2023 Baltimore City Consolidated Annual Program Grant Application

Dear Ms. Lashar,

Please find the attached Baltimore City consolidated grant application for Fiscal Year 2023 Program Open Space Appropriations with a total project budget of \$14,701,334. Thank you for your continued support of Baltimore City's Local Land Preservation and Recreation Plan.

In the event additional information is required feel free to contact Adam Boarman, *Chief of Capital Development* with any inquires, comments and/or concerns via email at Adam.Boarman@BaltmoreCity.Gov or at 410-396-7948. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Reginald Moore Executive Director City of Baltimore, Department of Recreation and Parks (BCRP)

Attachments Enclosed

Cc: Jacia T. Smith, Esq., *Chief of Staff*, BCRP Adam Boarman, *Chief of Capital Development*, BCRP Valerie McGuire, *Design Planner Supervisor*, BCRP Chris Ryer, *Director*, Department of Planning

Baltimore City Consolidated Annual Program Grant Application Introduction

Baltimore City relies on Program Open Space to supplement the Recreation and Parks budget for planning, design and operations as well as fund specific capital improvement projects. Several programs support the planning and design process necessary to implement the State's <u>Land Preservation and Recreation Program</u>. Baltimore has also developed several "long-term" Capital Development programs that allow us to remain focused on the goals of the <u>Land</u> <u>Preservation and Recreation Program</u>. These programs were developed to ensure steady progress on all aspects of providing open space and recreation opportunities in Baltimore City. They support care, operation, and improvement of general neighborhood recreation facilities, special recreation facilities, and our citywide network of open space. The 7 programs for capital development are:

Recreation and Aquatic Facility Expansion/ Modernization Park Rehabilitation and Development Baltimore Playground Program Athletic Field and Court Rehabilitation and Development (including lighting) Park Building Modernization Park Plazas, Fountains and Medians Park Land Acquisition

Baltimore City's Annual Submission includes individual projects selected from the 7 Capital Development Programs. Suggestions of sites for improvement projects come from many sources: Recreation and Parks staff, Planning Department staff, the Baltimore Office of Neighborhoods, private citizens and community organizations. Several factors are considered as each site is evaluated:

- 1. Contribution to departmental (Land Preservation and Recreation Program) goals.
- 2. Contribution to goals or programs of other City agencies or Non-profit Partners
- 3. Value of the facility or resource in relation to the entire park system with priority for sites with at least one of the following factors:
 - A. High attendance and use
 - B. Multi-use facilities

C. Proximity to neighborhood with special needs (such as communities with a high percentage of low-income and at-risk populations)

- D. Special needs groups (senior citizens, teens, children, or disabled populations)
- E. Historical significance
- F. Local regional landmark
- G. High scenic or aesthetic value
- H. Wildlife habitat enhancement value
- I. Environmental quality improvement value
- 4. Evidence of strong community support or the potential for community involvement and partnerships
- 5. Critical needs of repairs/Safety issues
- 6. Budget constraints such as capital costs of project, operating cost of project and the potential for funding.

Each fall, the capital budget is submitted by the Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks to the City's Department of Planning. After revisions are made to meet citywide goals, the Planning Department submits the Recreation and Parks capital budget to the City's Planning Commission for public review and the formal acceptance process. This year, we propose utilizing Program Open Space funding to support individual projects within four of our seven established programs of capital development:

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Fiscal Year FY23 Projects supported by Program Open Space Funding:

<u>Recreation and Aquatic Facility Expansion/ Modernization</u> Mary E. Rodman Recreation Center – Building Envelope Parkview Recreation Center – Indoor Basketball Court Bocek Park Athletic Center Chick Webb Recreation Center – Indoor Basketball Court & Fitness Room

Park Rehabilitation and Development Winans Meadow Nature Center - Site Improvements Druid Hill Pathways – Western Side of the Lake

Athletic Field and Court Rehabilitation and Development Gwynn Falls Athletic Field Renovation

Park Building Modernization Howard Peters Rawlings Conservatory

As in the past years, Program Open Space funding also will be used to support park planning as well as the daily care of the city's park system:

Baltimore City Operations and Management Grants FY23 Baltimore Park System

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Maryland Department of Natural Resources Capital Grants and Loans Administration Program Open Space

Consolidated Annual Program Grant Application And Project Agreement

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1.	PROJECT NAME: Program G			POS PROJE	CT #:	
2.	Baltimore City I APPLICANT: Recreation and		Consolidated	Annual Proc	gram Grant of FY	23
3.	ESTIMATED TOTAL COST:	\$14,701,334	-			
4.	TOTAL GRANT REQUESTED:	\$ 12,526,000				
5.	CONSOLIDATED GRANT APPL	ICATION PROJECT	COORDINAT	DR:		
	Ms. Valerie McGuire, Design Pla	nner Supervisor			410-396-7948	3
		(Name and Title)			(Telephone	Number)
	2600 Madison Ave	Baltimore	MD	21217	410-396-0928	3
	(Address)	(City)	(Stat	e) (Zip)	(Fax Nur	mber)
6.	PLANNING REVIEW CERTIFICA	TION:				
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	A. The Local Land Preservatior	n and Recreation		X Yes		
	B. The County's Comprehensiv	e Master Plan	_	X Yes		
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	D. The Maryland Economic Gro	owth, Resource Pro	tection and			
	Planning Act of 1992		_	X Yes		
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	VD	Mr. C	hris Ryer	Dire	ctor	7/13/22
	(Signature)	(Print N	lame)	(Print	Title)	(Date)
7.	DOCUMENTATION:					

Individual applications, with respective associated documentation must be attached to this cover sheet. One original plus twelve (12) complete copies of this Consolidated Annual Program Grant Application and the attached component applications are required to initiate state review.

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As the County Liaison Officer (CLO) designated by _____ County (or Baltimore City) for the purpose of dispensing Program Open Space and Land & Water Conservation Fund apportionments for this Political Subdivision, I hereby certify that the applicants/local officials appearing as signatories on the individual projects attached and listed below as components, have received my approval to apply for the POS/L&WC Funds specified on each component application as part of this consolidated grant. The sum of individual projects eligible for reimbursement fromlocal apportionment of POS funds, upon state approval shall not exceed \$_____.

Mr. Reginald Moore

(Print Name)

Director (Print Title) 8/15/2022

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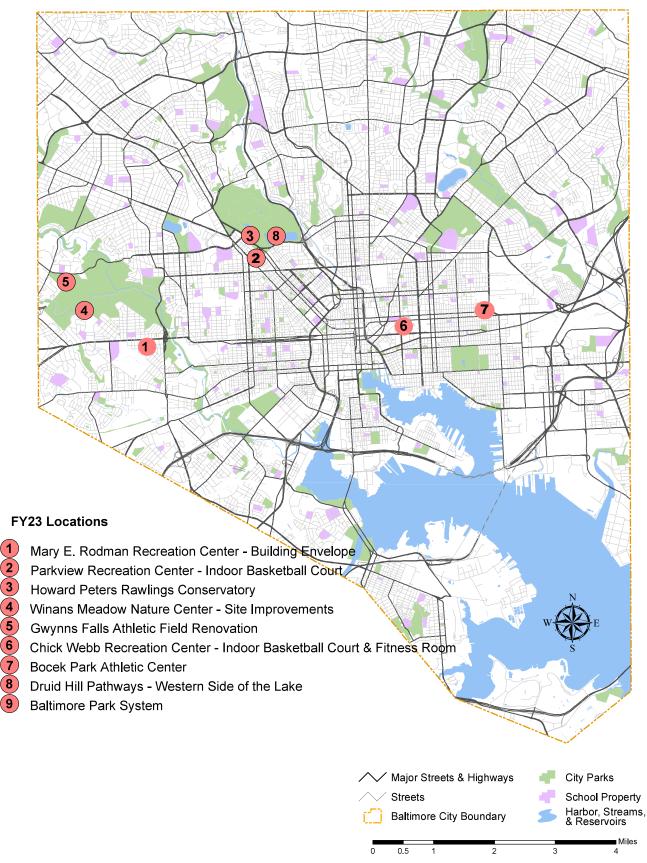
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This project has been reviewed and inspected by POS staff and reviewed by appropriate agencies within the DNR. Based on the information attached for the individual components, this consolidated project complies with existing laws, regulations and policies governing the use of POS Funds.

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11.	STATE CLEARINGHOUSE REVI	W Date	Number	
12.	POS FUND SOURCE ASSIGNED		AMOUNT \$	
13.	DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RE	SOURCES - PROG	RAM OPEN SPACE APPR	OVAL:
	(Director's Signature)		BPW Approval	Agenda Item No.
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Baltimore City Consolidated Annual Program Fiscal Year 2023



Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks Mayor Brandon M. Scott July 2022 Reginald Moore, Director

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Deepdene to Druid Hill Park. - Legislative Dist. 40,41

11. Patterson Park Observatory/Pagoda \$225,000

This historic and iconic structure was last painted 12 years ago. There is visible wood rot and pealing paint in need of attention. A formal assessment by a historic architect and structural engineer is needed to determine what repairs and replacements are need for the façade and windows. Funding will cover the assessment, re-painting, and basic repairs to the structure.

Patterson Park, 100 S. Linwood Ave. - Legislative Dist. 46

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