



# BROOKE'S BPW BRIEF

*Breaking down the Board of Public Works*

## Meeting Date

June 7, 2023

## Summary Figures

The BPW approved 148 items, representing a total State expenditure of \$994,451,570, including:

- 11 items awarding \$25 million to prime certified small businesses
- 4 items awarding \$15 million to prime minority business enterprises
- 2 items awarding \$3.9 million to Employment Works Program providers
- 14 items awarded with established participation goals for minority business enterprises
- 6 items awarded with established participation goals for veteran-owned small business enterprises

## ACCESS TO ABORTION CARE

The BPW approved two procurements from the Department of Health (MDH) for **emergency procurement contract** awards to ASD Specialty Healthcare, R&S Pharmaceutical, and McKesson Corporation for the **purchase of mifepristone medication to establish a state stockpile**. Mifepristone is a drug important for abortion care.

A federal court ruling in April 2023 created uncertainty around the future use of mifepristone. In response, the MDH sought to establish a stockpile of in order to **ensure continued access to this critical medication** in light of any potential disruptions to supply caused by this ruling. The contracts to acquire this State cache were awarded by the **MDH on April 21, 2023, at a combined cost of \$1.3 million**.

## MARC PENN LINE

The BPW approved a request from the Maryland Transit Administration to exercise the sole, five-year renewal option on a contract with **National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) to provide operation services for the MARC Penn Line**. The cost of exercising the proposed renewal option is \$120 million.

## CAPITAL GRANTS PROGRAM

The BPW approved grant agreements for 21 recipients for 19 projects located in 11 counties and Baltimore City, with a total value of \$24.7 million. This includes:

- A \$2.4 million grant to the Board of Directors of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Western Maryland in support of a **new Heart and Vascular Institute in Allegany County**. This will be an important asset to residents across Western Maryland and neighboring states.
- A \$7.5 million grant to the **Waterfront Management Authority** in Baltimore City to make much needed improvements to the **Inner Harbor Promenade**, which will expand public access to one of the City's most cherished assets