



# BROOKE'S BPW BRIEF



*Breaking down the Board of Public Works*

**Meeting Date**  
October 16, 2024

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN HOWARD COUNTY



The BPW approved a request from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to lend \$3.4 million in general obligation bond proceeds to Enterprise Community Development, Inc. for the acquisition and demolition of an existing 62-unit complex and **construction of a new 68-unit apartment community** in Columbia. The estimated total project cost is \$31.4 million. This loan is made possible by the **Rental Housing Works Program** at DHCD which provides gap financing for rental housing that will be occupied by individuals with incomes of 60% and below of area median income (AMI). The development will offer a mix of affordable one-, two-, and three-bedroom units for low- and middle-income Marylanders.

## FARM-TO-SCHOOL FOOD HUB



The BPW approved a request from the Maryland State Department of Education to award Moon Valley Farm, Inc. (Woodsboro), Teddy Bear Fresh Produce, LLC (Easton), and MIK Industries, Inc. (Laurel) a 32-week contract to source, procure, and distribute unprocessed or minimally processed food from local, small, and socially disadvantaged producers to Local Education Agencies participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs. These are federally-assisted meal programs that provide nutritionally-balanced, low or no cost meals to children each school day.

## Summary Figures

The BPW approved 70 items, representing a total State expenditure of \$221.8 million, including:

- 9 items awarding \$15 million to prime certified small businesses.
- 8 items awarding \$22.5 million to certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) primes.
- 12 items awarded with established participation goals for MBEs.
- 2 items awarded with a goal for Veteran-owned Small Businesses.
- 2 items awarding \$2.6 million to Employment Works Providers

## RULE OF 100



The BPW approved a request from the Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO) to create one position, an Assistant Attorney General, to support a higher volume of transactions.

The BPW is authorized to create no more than **100 positions in excess** of the total number of authorized State positions for a given Fiscal Year, within the Executive Branch. This is commonly referred to as the "Rule of 100." To date in FY25, the BPW has created a total of 4 positions.

## MARYLANDERS GROW OYSTERS PROGRAM



The BPW approved a request from the Department of Natural Resources to commit \$60,000 in general obligation bond proceeds to Chesapeake Appreciation / Oyster Recovery Partnership. This organization enables participants in the Marylanders Grow Oysters Program to **grow young oysters** in protective cages off of their private piers, until they are older and can be planted on oyster reefs.