

STEPHANIE RAWLINGS-BLAKE
Mayor



THOMAS J. STOSUR
Director

June 6, 2013

Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake
City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: Pimlico Area Local Impact Aid

Dear Mayor Rawlings-Blake:

As Chair of the Pimlico Community Development Authority (PCDA), I am pleased to submit the attached recommendations of PCDA regarding the City's proposed spending plan for FY 2013-14 Video Lottery Terminal (Slots) Revenue, released on April 22, 2013.

Since the release of the proposed spending plan, PCDA has held three community-wide meetings and two working sessions to review the plan.

I hope you will give full 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 moving forward with implementation of the recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas J. Stosur". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Thomas J. Stosur
Chair, Pimlico Community Development Authority

Attachment

cc: Ms. Kaliopé Parthemos, Deputy Chief, Economic and Neighborhood Development

PCDA's Recommendations on the Proposed Spending Plan for FY 2013-14 Video Lottery Terminal (Slots) Revenue

General Recommendation

To ensure transparency and accountability, PCDA recommends a clear scope of work and reporting requirements for all recipients of funds, including City agencies, non-profit organizations and community-based initiatives. The detailed scope of work should be made available to PCDA before each project begins and progress reports should be shared with PCDA on a semi-annual basis. PCDA will share this information with the public through community meetings, newsletters, and our website.

Park Heights Master Plan Area

Overall, PCDA thinks the proposed spending plan does an excellent job reflecting the priorities of the Park Heights Master Plan and community stakeholders. PCDA is pleased to see proposals that will make significant progress towards implementing the Master Plan, including relocation of residents in the Major Redevelopment Area and implementation of phase one of the 7-acre park at Garrison and Denmore.

PCDA is also pleased that the spending plan includes funds for human services, even though the Pimlico Area slots revenue funding is primarily for capital purposes. However, in future City spending proposals, PCDA urges an increase in the amount dedicated to human services, whether by leveraging additional resources and/or increasing the percentage of funds dedicated to this important aspect of the Park Heights Master Plan.

PCDA supports each of the City spending plan proposals for the Park Heights Master Plan area, as outlined below.

Summary of Combined FY13 and FY14 Spending Plan for Park Heights Master Plan

Major Redevelopment Area Pre-Development	\$	2,755,000
Blight Elimination (Rosewood Avenue)	\$	1,000,000
CC Jackson Campus/Fields	\$	1,100,000
Human Development	\$	600,000
Park Heights Renaissance, Inc.	\$	500,000
PCDA Administration	\$	45,000
TOTAL	\$	6,000,000

1 Mile Radius Area

For the 1 mile radius, the spending plan allocated funds for three geographic areas, as outlined below:

Summary of Combined FY13 and FY14 Spending Plan for 1 Mile Radius

Northwest Community Planning Forum	\$	1,488,750
NW Roundtable (Wabash corridor)	\$	297,750
Coldspring Newtown	\$	198,500
PCDA Administration	\$	15,000
TOTAL	\$	2,000,000

The City spending plan released April 22, 2013 did not identify specific projects for the 1 mile radius area. Communities have identified project proposals and submitted them to PCDA for consideration (*all dollar amounts are estimates*). Some of these proposals are more developed than others. Nonetheless, **PCDA is recommending funding the following projects for the 1 mile radius, with additional details to be developed.**

NWCPF SNAP	Responsible Agency	FY 13/FY 14 Proposed Funding
Bi-lingual Community Organizer – Salary, fringe and administrative overhead	CASA (or CHAI)	\$80,000
Office Space and supplies for Bi-Lingual Community Organizer	CASA (or CHAI)	\$30,000
Street clean-up to help with daily cleaning of the streets, gutters and storm drains along Reisterstown Road, Park Heights Avenue and other high traffic areas throughout the community	BARC, CHIMES, or similar organization	\$80,000
Repairs to the garden and sign at the Cross Country/Glen entrance to Cheswolde and additional gardens and signs to other entrances to the Cheswolde neighborhood.	Cheswolde Community Association	\$17,000
Building of the Hatzalah Community Center and firstaid/CPR Training Facility on Taney Road <i>(Recommend a requirement to meet 25% MBE/WBE goal)</i>	Hatzalah Community Center	\$325,000
Northwest Park - Construct a fountain in honor of long-time resident Eric Waller as a resource for both the Community Garden and riders on the Jones Falls Trail Phase V (pending construction).	Mt. Washington Improvement Association	\$13,000
Planters with flowers and park benches along the Cross Country creek park area	Dept. of Recreation & Parks	\$13,000
Northwest Park Improvements	Dept. of Recreation & Parks	\$275,000
Finish Luckman Park consistent with the 2005 SNAP plan and fund a Community Wide Kick-Off event to reopen the park.	Dept. of Recreation & Parks	\$25,000
Identify and implement parking solution for the Reisterstown Road library branch.	Enoch Pratt	\$115,000
Purchase and renovate Vacants to Values homes and sell to qualified homebuyers. <i>(Proposal was originally for a study, but was modified to include renovation of Vacants to Values homes. PCDA does not support the study at this time, but does support the Vacants to Values project.)</i>	CHAI	\$80,000
Traffic and transportation study of the entire SNAP area to evaluate needs and available resources	DOT	\$85,000
Pimlico Safety Academy - Master agreement, master plan and improvements, programming	Dept. of Recreation & Parks	\$115,000
Additional projects to be determined		\$235,750
NWCPF Total		\$1,488,750

Wabash Area	Responsible Agency	FY 13/FY 14 Proposed Funding
Wabash Avenue traffic study	DOT	\$40,000
Dolfield area sanitation and public safety services <i>(Scope of services needs to be determined and cost estimate identified.)</i>	BARC, CHIMES, or similar organization	Amount to be determined
Callaway Elementary Webster Kendall Rec Center – Operating support for Boys and Girls Club to increase adult staff <i>(Scope of services needs to be determined and cost estimate identified.)</i>	Boys and Girls Club	Amount to be determined
Additional projects to be determined		
Wabash Total		\$297,750

Coldspring Newtown	Responsible Agency	FY 13/FY 14 Proposed Funding
Fencing along Springarden Drive and Greenspring and Yellowwood	DOT	\$12,000
Rail along both sides of Springarden between Yellowwood and Tamarind		\$60,000
Seat wall and Jones Falls Trail Head Improvements – Springarden @ Tamarind	Dept. of Recreation & Parks	\$25,000
Labyrinth – improved walkway, seating area, and gazebo		\$10,000
Demolition of sculpture and redesign plan/cost estimating of fire lane		\$1,000
Coldspring sign – Greenspring Ave	Community initiative	\$9,000
Benches (new and repaired)		\$20,000
Decorative crosswalks\traffic calming (Springarden at Tamarind)	DOT	\$61,500
Coldspring Newtown Total		\$198,500

Three projects, with estimated costs totaling \$235,000, were submitted in the NWCPF area that PCDA does not support at this time. This funding would remain available for other worthy projects within the NWCPF area.

- Cheswolde Security Cameras--\$115,000
- Inventory of Open Space Lots--\$20,000
- Mt. Washington Village Study--\$100,000