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PIMLICO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

FY 2017 Pimlico Local Impact Aid Community Consensus Process

Baltimore City receives Local Impact Aid generated by the State's video lottery terminal program to invest in the greater Pimlico area. These funds are anticipated to be available through fiscal 2032 and have the potential to be transformative in their application. Funds have ranged from $1 million to $4 million on an annual basis.

Any community stakeholder – community residents, business owners, association leadership, partner non-profit organizations, service providers, City agencies – may play a role in suggesting how and for what purposes these funds potentially could be used. State statute assigns the official duty of advising Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake on allocation of these City funds to the Pimlico Community Development Authority (PCDA), which is named as the Local Development Council.

In determining the uses of these funds, the PCDA and the City are committed to a process that:

- is inclusive, transparent, and ensures a high level of community engagement,
- seeks the highest and best use of available resources,
- implements previously adopted plans, policies and projects, and
- reflects consensus priorities of the eligible communities.

Under the chairmanship of the Director of Planning, the Pimlico Community Development Authority proactively seeks community input to inform its role. The primary mechanism is to work through the established, representative community associations and umbrella organizations for each eligible community. These groups are already engaged in efforts to gather and distill various viewpoints and priorities among the residents they serve. The specific process for managing this input is evaluated annually as the City and community stakeholders gain experience in developing Local Impact Aid Spending Plans.

The Fiscal Year 2017 process will begin with a **community-wide kick-off meeting on September 1 at 6:00 p.m. at Pimlico Race Course**. Revenue estimates for FY17 and updates on current projects will be provided at this meeting. During the meeting, there will be break-out sessions by geographic area to begin the project brainstorming and prioritizing process. Any stakeholder who has a proposal they would like to have considered for FY 2017 funding should bring supporting information to this meeting and

be prepared to briefly discuss their concept. The purpose of this initial brainstorming session is to put any and all potential project ideas on the table.

On September 24, 2015, and October 13, 2015, two additional Area-wide meetings, with break-out sessions, will be held to discuss project priorities and work to reach consensus. Planning staff will work to facilitate an open, fair and inclusive process to identify projects that meet the goals articulated above. Members of the PCDA have been appointed as liaisons to each area and will be encouraged to attend and observe the project proposal and consensus discussions for the various areas.

On October 19, 2015, PCDA will convene in a work session to discuss the priorities that have emerged from the consensus process. Following the release of the Mayor's Draft Spending Plan (on or about November 20), PCDA will hold a public meeting on the content of the Draft Spending Plan and solicit feedback, which will inform its subsequent formal comments and recommendations to Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake.

As projects are being identified and proposed, it is important to consider the project's implementation. Some will best be undertaken by a City agency, while others may be better implemented by a community-based organization. Community organizations implementing projects will need to meet certain parameters, including holding nonprofit tax status and meeting City requirements for insurance, local hiring, and minority- and women-owned business enterprise participation. While some assistance will be available to help meet these requirements, organizations should be fully aware of expectations prior to taking responsibility for a project. In some cases it may be best for a community association to partner with an established non-profit organization to fulfill these requirements.

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