

State Of Maryland

2024 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Highland Gardens Park Playground		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Benson	J. Lewis	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Prince George's County	\$150,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a playground		
7. Matching Fund		
Requirements:	Type:	
Grant		
8. Special Provisions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
9. Contact Name and Title	Contact Ph#	Email Address
Delegate Jazz Lewis		jazz.lewis@house.state.md.us
Claire Worshtil		301-699-2536
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) endeavors to improve the quality of life for all of the citizens of the bi-county area it serves and of the communities in which these citizens live, work and raise their families. This mission is embodied in three major program areas which respond to the vision of our founders and are incorporated into our charter. M-NCPPC's mission is to 1) Manage physical growth and plan communities; 2) Protect and steward natural, cultural and historic resources and 3) Provide leisure and recreational experiences. KABOOM! is a national nonprofit based in Bethesda that works to eliminate playspace inequity in historically disinvested communities across the country. Over our 28-year history we have built over 17,000 playspaces and have a long standing relationship with M-NCPPC.</p>		

11. Description and Purpose of Project (Limit length to visible area)

his project is designed to significantly upgrade the playspace infrastructure at Highland Gardens Park. This site needs new surfacing and play equipment that is more contemporary, in better condition, and is more inclusive. Residents, and especially children, will participate in the design and selection of the new play equipment which will increase their sense of ownership over this community space and therefore enhance a sense of belonging. Improving the quality of the playground will increase the usability of the park for residents and caregivers with younger children while at the same time increasing foot traffic through the rest of the park. Increased foot traffic in public spaces like this has been shown to improve mental health and reduce instances of crime when a critical mass of people in an area has been achieved.

Round all amounts to the nearest \$1,000. The totals in Items 12 (Estimated Capital Costs) and 13 (Proposed Funding Sources) must match. The proposed funding sources must not include the value of real property unless an equivalent value is shown under Estimated Capital Costs.

12. Estimated Capital Costs

Acquisition	\$0
Design	\$2,000
Construction	\$203,000
Equipment	\$138,000
Total	\$343,000

13. Proposed Funding Sources - (List all funding sources and amounts.)

LBI	\$150,000
M-NCPPC Local Match	\$193,000
Total	\$343,000

14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
10/8/2024	11/25/2024	4/9/2025	4/16/2025
15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised	16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete	
0.00	5,000	5,500	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Maryland National Capitol Parks Planning Commission 6611 Kenilworth Avenue Riverdale, MD 20737		838 Carrington Avenue Capitol Heights, MD	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	24 - Prince George's County		
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
[X]	[]	[]	[]
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Claire Worshtil, Capital Budget Mgr.	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301.699.2536		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Park Planning and Development Division M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince Georges County 6600 Kenilworth Avenue, Suite 301, Riverdale, MD 20737			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
6,200	6,200	291000000	0.00
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)			
A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?			Own
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			No
C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?			No
D. If property is owned by grantee any space is to be leased, provide the following:			
Lessee	Terms of Lease	Cost Covered by Lease	Square Footage Leased
E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	4,500		
Space to be Renovated GSF	4,500		
New GSF	0		

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	
28. Comments	
<p>M-NCPPC and KABOOM!'s collaboration is a public-private partnership designed to accelerate the playground renovation M-NCPPC initiated several years ago. Through this P3, KABOOM! has been able to secure private sector and philanthropic resources to match the Planning Commissions significant public commitment to improving kids access to outdoor play. This is the first time that our collaboration has pursued LBI funding, as we seek to find additional resources to accomplish this work at a greater scale.</p> <p>Having the ability to engage in outdoor physical activity will have a profound impact on the children's long-term health outcomes. Children who have access to outdoor play are more likely to experience better mental health, form stronger peer relations, and have lower incidents of cardiovascular and obesity related diseases. There are also studies that demonstrate these children perform better academically and have lower stress than their peers. Ensuring that every child has access to outdoor play and physical activity is therefore paramount to closing the racial gaps in the social determinants of health that have negatively impacted too many Black families in Prince Georges County.</p>	