

State Of Maryland

2024 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
St Charles Park Playground		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Carter	Ruff	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore City	\$200,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the St. Charles Park 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 Malcolm Ruff		malcolm.ruff@house.state.md.us
Laura Connelly		410-448-5663 ext138
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Parks & People Foundation, Inc. and KABOOM! are nonprofit organizations operating in Baltimore City. Parks & People Foundation, Inc. is a locally based nonprofit while KABOOM! is a national organization that is based in Bethesda and has been providing services to children in Baltimore for over 20 years. Both are focused on increasing access to outdoor recreational opportunities to children living in historically disinvested communities. They both employ a community-based engagement model, which draws on resident participation and volunteer support. KABOOM! has built over 75 playspaces in Baltimore and has extensive experience in this kind of model. Bother are working with Baltimore City Recreation and Parks on this project and have the support of the Mayor and BCRP Director.</p>		

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

This project is designed to significantly upgrade the playspace infrastructure at St. Charles 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	\$69,000
Construction	\$258,000
Equipment	\$190,000
Total	\$517,000

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

Maryland Legislature	\$200,000
KABOOM! Private Fundraising Match	\$317,000
Total	\$517,000

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
9/1/2024	10/15/2024	4/1/2025	4/10/2025
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	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)	
Parks & People Foundation, Inc. 2100 Liberty Heights Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21217		4754 Melbourne Road (Rear) Baltimore, MD 21229	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	41 - Baltimore City		
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:	Laura Connelly	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-448-5663 x138		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
2100 Liberty Heights Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21217			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site				
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget	
12	12	4000000	4000000	
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		4,910		
Space to be Renovated GSF		4,910		
New GSF				

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion

2009

28. Comments

Parks & People Foundation, Inc. and KABOOM! are working with Baltimore City Recreation and Parks Department to renovate city playgrounds in historically disinvested communities to improve access to outdoor recreation and physical activity for kids. 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 Baltimore. Through this public-private partnership with Baltimore City, we are able to accelerate the renovation work that Mayor Scott initiated with his Rec Roll Out Plan and provide access to play for more kids at a faster rate.