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**Miscellaneous Grants Overview – Capital**

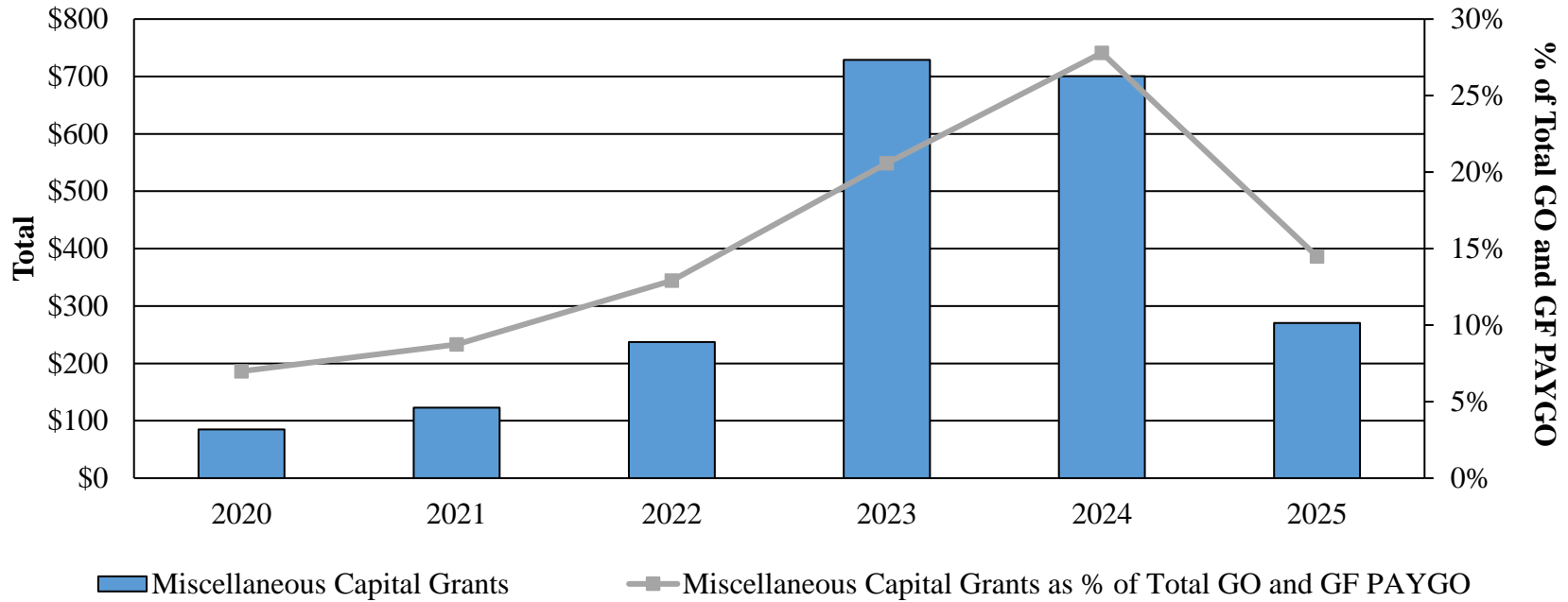
***Capital Budget Summary***

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The Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2024 includes general obligation (GO) bond funds and pay-as-you-go (PAYGO) general funds for a variety of miscellaneous grants. Fiscal 2025 funding reflected in this analysis total \$240.4 million for 32 projects, of which \$164.9 million provides funds for grants preauthorized for fiscal 2025 by the General Assembly in last session’s capital budget bill. Four projects are listed in the 2024 *Capital Improvement Program* (CIP) as ongoing multi-year commitments. The aggregate future commitment to these projects is programmed at \$35.9 million from fiscal 2026 through 2028, of which \$19.0 million is programmed for ongoing facility improvements at the Maryland Zoo. **Exhibit 1** provides a five-year funding history of the total annual amounts of miscellaneous capital grants authorized and the annual percentage of the total GO bond and general fund PAYGO capital budget authorizations that these grants represent. **Exhibit 2** provides an illustration of the total amount of miscellaneous grant funds included in this analysis for each jurisdiction. **Exhibit 3** provides a categorical illustration of the type of projects supported by these grants. **Exhibit 4** provides a comparison of legislative preauthorizations for miscellaneous capital grants for fiscal 2025 made during the 2023 legislative session to the amount of funding for these projects included in the fiscal 2025 budget.

None of the fiscal 2025 miscellaneous capital grants include a matching fund requirement. While a matching fund may not be stipulated, most projects require funds in excess of what the State intends to provide. **Exhibit 7** provides detail for projects that are not programmed as multi-year commitments beyond fiscal 2024 for which the Department of Legislative Services (DLS) recommends approval or for which a technical amendment is recommended. **Exhibit 8** provides detail for projects where DLS recommends reducing or deleting the grant funds.

**Exhibit 1**  
**Miscellaneous Grants Six-year History**  
**Fiscal 2020-2025**  
**(\$ in Millions)**

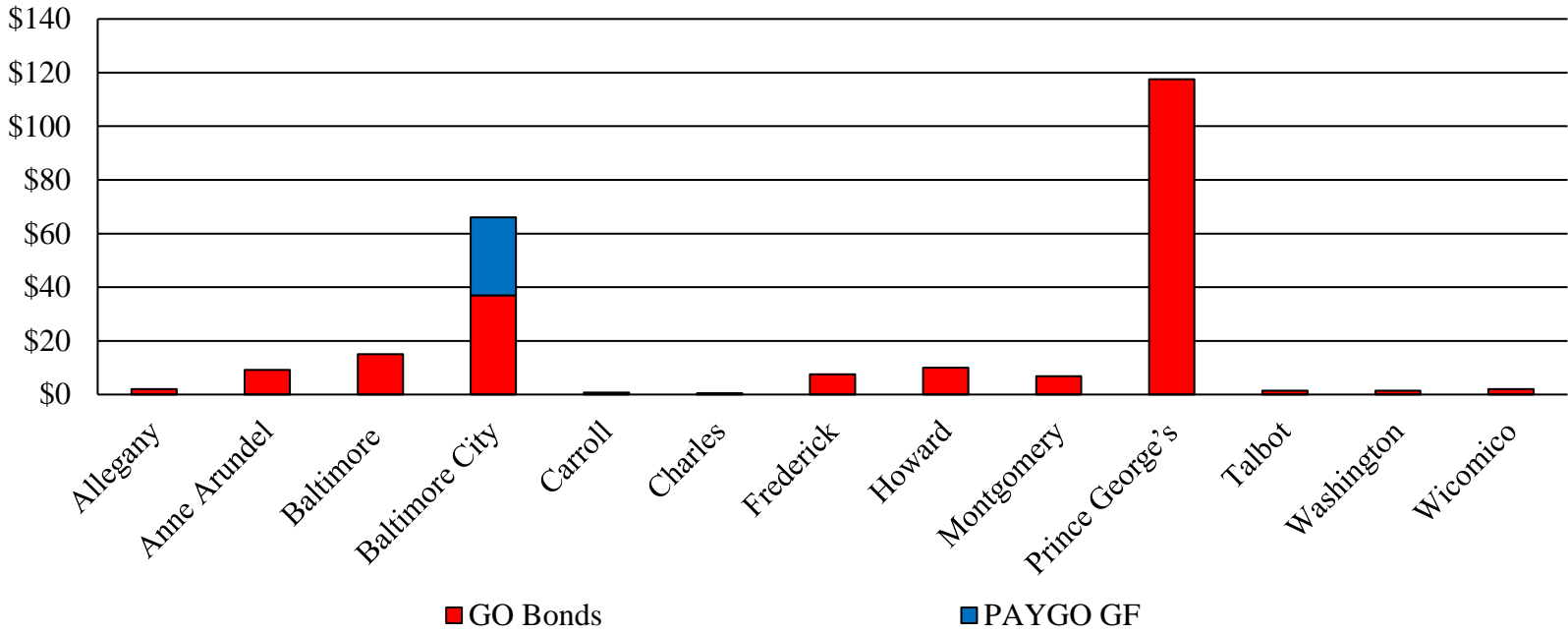


GF: general fund  
 GO: general obligation  
 PAYGO: pay-as-you-go

Note: Excludes grants provided through the Maryland Hospital Association – Private Hospital Grant Program and the Maryland Independent College and University Association – Private Higher Education Facilities Grant Program.

Source: Department of Legislative Services

**Exhibit 2**  
**County Breakdown of Miscellaneous Capital Grants**  
**Fiscal 2025**  
**(\$ in Millions)**

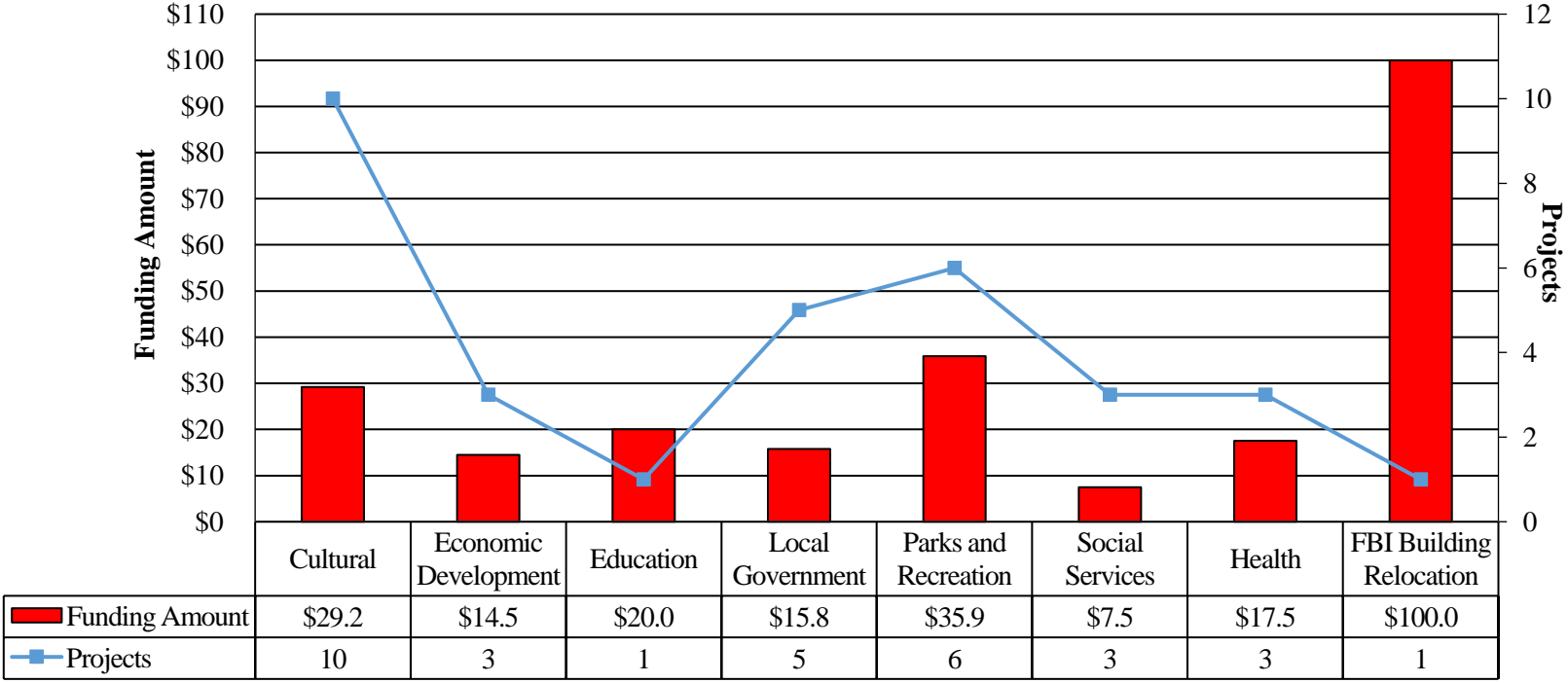


GO: general obligation  
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 PAYGO: pay-as-you-go

Note: \$100.0 million of the \$117.5 million total fiscal 2025 funding for miscellaneous capital grants for projects located in Prince George's County is allocated to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters Relocation project.

Source: Department of Budget and Management

**Exhibit 3  
Miscellaneous Grants by Category  
Fiscal 2025  
(\$ in Millions)**



FBI: Federal Bureau of Investigation

Source: Department of Management and Budget

## Updates

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### 1. Status of 2023 Legislative Session Preauthorizations for Fiscal 2025

Exhibit 4 shows a comparison of the legislative preauthorization amounts for miscellaneous capital grants for fiscal 2025 to the proposed funding amounts included in the fiscal 2025 capital budget for these projects. A total of 31 miscellaneous capital grants were preauthorized for fiscal 2025 during the 2023 legislative session; however, only 10 of these grants are funded through the fiscal 2025 budget.

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**Exhibit 4**  
**Fiscal 2025 Miscellaneous Capital Grant Preauthorization Amounts**  
**Compared to Fiscal 2025 Funding**  
**Fiscal 2025**  
**(\$ in Millions)**

<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Preauthorization Amount</u>	<u>2025 Funded Amount</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Inner Harbor Promenade*	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$0.00
Extended North Tunnel	10.00	10.00	0.00
Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center New Obstetrical Care Tower	10.00	10.00	0.00
Pikesville Armory Renovation	5.00	5.00	0.00
Southern Streams Health and Wellness Center	2.50	2.50	0.00
City of Salisbury Infrastructure Improvements	2.00	2.00	0.00
Hippodrome Foundation	0.60	0.60	0.00
Westminster Fiber Project	1.00	0.75	-0.25
Pascal Crisis Stabilization Center	0.25	0.00	-0.25
Sound Barrier	0.25	0.00	-0.25
American Cancer Society – Hope Lodge Baltimore	0.25	0.00	-0.25
Liberty Sports Park	0.50	0.00	-0.50
Everyman Theatre	1.00	0.00	-1.00
Baltimore Electrical JATC Expansion	1.00	0.00	-1.00
Children’s National Hospital – Tech Hill Pharmacy	1.00	0.00	-1.00
Charles P. Crane Plant	1.00	0.00	-1.00
Electrical Alliance	1.00	0.00	-1.00
Bowie Mill Bike Trail	2.10	1.00	-1.10

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<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Preauthorization Amount</u>	<u>2025 Funded Amount</u>	<u>Difference</u>
City of Laurel Historical Dam Ruins at Riverfront Park Restoration	1.20	0.00	-1.20
Clay Hill Public Charter School	1.20	0.00	-1.20
University of Maryland Shore Medical Center at Chestertown	1.25	0.00	-1.25
Montgomery County Local Public School Playgrounds	1.35	0.00	-1.35
Riverdale Park Upgrades	1.50	0.00	-1.50
Washington County Museum of Fine Arts	1.50	0.00	-1.50
Shady Grove Medical Center	2.00	0.00	-2.00
MedStar Montgomery Medical Center	2.00	0.00	-2.00
Olney Boys and Girls Club – Performance Sports Center	2.00	0.00	-2.00
Catholic Charities – Intergenerational Center	2.00	0.00	-2.00
MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital	2.00	0.00	-2.00
Cheverly Hospital Demolition	5.00	0.00	-5.00
North Bethesda Metro Station	10.00	3.00	-7.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$102.45</b>	<b>\$64.85</b>	<b>-\$37.60</b>

\*Funding for the Inner Harbor Promenade project is provided in fiscal 2025 using pay-as-you-go general funds budgeted in the Dedicated Purpose Account.

Source: Department of Legislative Services

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## ***Summary of Grants – Multi-year Capital Improvement Program Commitments***

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### **Extended North Tunnel Flood Mitigation Improvements**

**Recommendation: Approve Funding**

**Project Description:** Ellicott City is vulnerable to flooding. In the evening of Saturday, July 30, 2016, Ellicott City experienced torrential rainfall: 5.96 inches of rainfall occurred within a two-hour period. The torrential rainfall caused the Patapsco River to rise over 13 feet in 100 minutes, including a period in which it rose over 2 feet in just five minutes. The ensuing flash flooding caused widespread property damage leading Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. to issue an official State of Emergency on Sunday, July 31, 2016. Again, on Sunday, May 27, 2018, multiple rainfall events in and around Ellicott City caused flash flooding and catastrophic damage to Ellicott City.

The Ellicott City Safe and Sound Flood Mitigation Plan was developed to address the flooding. The plan includes seven large capital projects, which are divided into two types of projects: two conveyance projects (North Tunnel and Maryland Avenue Culverts); and five flood mitigation ponds (H7, H4, Quaker Mill, NC3, and T1). To minimize flooding, the five flood mitigation ponds at higher elevations, each on one of the major tributaries that drain to Ellicott City in the Tiber Branch Watershed, retain the rainwater while the North Tunnel and Maryland Avenue Culverts projects at lower elevations convey reduced flood flows under Ellicott City.

The North Tunnel is the keystone project of the plan: it is the most effective at conveying flood flows and is both the most complex and expensive project. The Extended North Tunnel is an 18-foot diameter solid rock tunnel that will convey flood flows more than 100 feet below Ellicott City for a distance of approximately one mile. Surface water will be drained to the tunnel via multiple vertical drop shafts. Of note, the plan also includes noncapital project activities, including an audible tone alarm system, signage to direct people to higher ground, a proactive stream debris cleanout program, and public outreach. In addition, Howard County updated its design manual to require additional quantity control treatment for all development in the Tiber Branch Watershed. This was done shortly after the May 27, 2018 flooding and will help address any new impervious surfaces in the watershed.

### **Estimated Project Cost and Fund Source Detail (\$ in Millions)**

<b>Project Funding Use</b>	<b>Estimated Total</b>
Acquisition	\$13.700
Design	8.632
Construction	177.500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$199.832</b>

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<b>Fund Sources</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Federal</b>	
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act Loan	\$75.000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$75.000</b>
<b>State</b>	
Fiscal 2023 – GO Bonds	\$12.000
Fiscal 2024 Board of Public Works Capital Appropriation – General Funds	5.000
Fiscal 2025 Miscellaneous Grant – GO Bonds	10.000
Fiscal 2025 Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund – Special Funds	23.500
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$50.500</b>
<b>County</b>	
Howard County	\$74.332
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$74.332</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$199.832</b>
State: 25%	\$50.500
Matching Fund: 75%	149.332
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$199.832</b>

**Comments:** The fiscal 2024 capital budget bill included a \$10.0 million preauthorization for this project in both fiscal 2025 and 2026. The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) capped the fiscal 2025 single project allocation for the Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund (WQRLF), and thus Howard County was approved for only a \$23.5 million loan. Howard County is applying for a fiscal 2026 WQRLF loan of \$50.0 million, which appears to be a hedge against the possible loss of one or more of its funding sources or against additional inflation costs, given that the full project funding is covered by the stated funding sources.

The budget support material for the fiscal 2025 WQRLF funding reflects a total estimated project cost of \$165.8 million, which would have been estimated around January 2023. The estimated cost increase from \$165.8 million to the current \$199.8 million estimate is due to the following: (1) a more detailed design of the tunnel project; (2) additional construction requirements to address CSX railroad requirements for the tunnel to go through CSX’s right of way and under its tracks; (3) final pricing from the contractor versus the contractor’s estimate last



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year; (4) one additional property acquisition when only the need for an easement was anticipated; and (5) the cost of inflation between the two years.

The State has also contributed to other Ellicott City Safe and Sound Flood Mitigation Plan projects, primarily through MDE’s Comprehensive Flood Management Grant Program. As identified in the *Capital Improvements Authorized by the General Assembly 1999 through 2023* (White Book), the total amount of State funding provided between fiscal 2021 and 2023 is \$11.8 million comprised of \$4.4 million for the Ellicott City Maryland Avenue Culverts project, \$2.4 million for the H7 mitigation pond, and \$5.0 million for the H4 mitigation pond.

**\$ in Millions**

<b>Other Ellicott City Safe and Sound Flood Mitigation Plan Projects</b>	<b>State Funding</b>
<b>Ellicott City Maryland Avenue Culverts</b>	
Fiscal 2021 – Comprehensive Flood Management Grant Program – GO Bonds	\$3.000
Fiscal 2022 – Comprehensive Flood Management Grant Program – GO Bonds	0.370
Fiscal 2023 – GO Bonds	1.000
<b><i>Subtotal</i></b>	<b><i>\$4.370</i></b>
<b>Ellicott City H7 Mitigation Pond</b>	
Fiscal 2022 – Comprehensive Flood Management Grant Program – GO Bonds	\$2.400
<b><i>Subtotal</i></b>	<b><i>\$2.400</i></b>
<b>Ellicott City H4 Dry Flood Mitigation Pond</b>	
Fiscal 2022 – Comprehensive Flood Management Grant Program – GO Bonds	\$5.000
<b><i>Subtotal</i></b>	<b><i>\$5.000</i></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11.770</b>

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Headquarters Relocation**

**Recommendation: Reduce Funding  
by \$50 Million and Preauthorize  
\$50 Million for Fiscal 2026**

**Project Description:** Construct a full interchange along I-95/ I-495 at the Greenbelt Metro Station and extensions of acceleration and deceleration lanes along I-95/ I-495 from US 1 to MD 201 and other improvements necessary to support the relocation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Headquarters.

(\$ in Millions)

<b>Fund Use</b>	<b>Prior Approp.</b>	<b>Fiscal 2025 Request</b>	<b>Future Estimated</b>	<b>Estimated Total</b>
Planning	\$1.600	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$1.600
Engineering	13.600	4.000	4.000	21.600
Right-of-way	0.100	2.500	2.500	5.100
Construction	0.800	25.000	210.000	235.800
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16.100</b>	<b>\$31.500</b>	<b>\$216.500</b>	<b>\$264.100</b>

<b>Fund Sources</b>				
State: GO Bonds 75.7%	\$100.000	\$100.000	\$0.000	\$200.000
State: Transportation Trust Fund Special Funds 4.8%	12.700	0.000	0.000	12.700
Federal Funds: 19.5%	1.400	10.000	40.000	51.400
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$114.100</b>	<b>\$110.000</b>	<b>\$40.000</b>	<b>\$264.100</b>

Note: Fund use represents the anticipated project cash flow expenditures by project component. Fund sources represent the anticipated availability of funding for the project from each area of State and federal funding.

**Comments:** As part of the effort to bring the FBI Headquarters to Maryland, the State committed to building a full interchange on I-95/I-495 at the Greenbelt Metro Station adjacent to where the headquarters building will be built. Based on the projected spending cash flow, the fiscal 2024 authorization is all that is needed until fiscal 2026; however, the recommended reduction still provides \$50 million in fiscal 2025, and the preauthorization for fiscal 2026 demonstrates that the State is following through on its commitment.

**Historic Annapolis Restoration**

**Recommendation: Approve Funding**

**Project Description:** Historic Annapolis, Inc. (HA) manages and maintains 12 State-owned historic properties in Annapolis through a master lease agreement with the Department of General Services. The fiscal 2025 proposed authorization will support the ongoing restoration of the James Brice House to its original 1774 appearance and the installation of a fire suppression system at the William Paca House to protect the building and its visitors. Both properties are designated as National Historic Landmarks.

(\$ in Millions)

<b>Fund Use</b>	<b>Prior Approp.</b>	<b>Fiscal 2025 Request</b>	<b>Future Estimated</b>	<b>Estimated Total</b>
Planning	\$2.287	\$0.400	\$0.966	\$3.653
Construction	13.333	3.000	7.077	23.410
Equipment	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15.619</b>	<b>\$3.400</b>	<b>\$8.044</b>	<b>\$27.063</b>

<b>Fund Sources</b>				
State: 89.3%	\$13.805	\$3.100	\$6.900	\$23.804
Matching Fund: 10.7%	1.814	0.300	1.144	3.258
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15.619</b>	<b>\$3.400</b>	<b>\$8.044</b>	<b>\$27.063</b>

Note: The prior appropriation total represents only the State funding authorized in prior years for the fiscal 2025 planned projects. Historic Annapolis has received additional State funding in prior years for other capital projects.

**Comments:** The fiscal 2025 proposed appropriation of \$3.1 million has increased by \$2.1 from the amount programmed in the 2023 CIP due to cost increases that require additional funding to keep the renovation of the James Brice House on schedule to open to the public in 2026. Of the proposed authorization, \$3.0 million will support the James Brice House restoration, and \$0.1 million will support the installation of a fire suppression system at the William Paca House.

The restoration of the James Brice House has been ongoing since 2016 to address structural and building envelop deficiencies, install new building systems, and to protect historic features of the home that are deteriorating and in critical need of restoration. Once the restoration is complete, the house will be opened to the public for the first time in its history. The restoration is planned to be completed in three phases. Phase one, which includes the restoration of the building’s exterior roof, windows, doors, and masonry, is projected to be mostly complete by the end of fiscal 2024. Phase two, which includes the installation and upgrade of mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and life-safety systems, began in December 2022 and is projected to be mostly complete by the end of fiscal 2025. Phase three, which includes the completion of interior finishes such as masonry work and carpentry work, is projected to begin in fiscal 2025.

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Fiscal 2025 proposed funding will support the continuation of phase two of the restorations, including continuing the installation and upgrades of mechanical and electrical systems, the design and installation of a fire suppression system, completion of site utilities and exterior masonry work, and design and installation of a rerouting of incoming water service. Fiscal 2025 proposed funding will also support the beginning of phase three of the restorations including exterior masonry repointing, historic interior masonry work, carpentry work including the installation of wood framing and subfloors, and the installation of new communications systems.

The total cost of the James Brice House renovation is estimated at \$25.9 million, an increase of \$3.9 million compared to the estimate in last year's CIP. Including fiscal 2025 proposed funding, a total of \$16.8 million in State funding will have been authorized for the project. Approximately \$1.8 million of non-State funds have been raised for the project to date through private fundraising and federal funds. Including future estimated funding, it is estimated that a total of \$3.3 million of non-State matching funds will support the project.

One-hundred thousand dollars of the proposed fiscal 2025 funding will support the design of a life safety fire suppression system at the William Paca House. The William Paca House and Garden is a two-acre property preserving the former home of William Paca, one of the four Maryland signers of the Declaration of Independence. It is open to the public and includes both a historic house museum and garden. The property has been operated by HA since 1976 and is one of the most visited tourist attractions in Annapolis with over 25,000 annual visitors.

Currently, the William Paca House contains only a fire detection system, which leaves the building, its contents, its visitors, and the surrounding area at risk in the event of a fire. The design of the fire suppression system for this building will be done concurrently with the design of the fire suppression system for the James Brice House, so that the two properties can have compatible systems and cost efficiencies can be achieved. Following design in fiscal 2025, the installation of the fire suppression system is planned for fiscal 2026.

**Maryland Zoo in Baltimore  
Infrastructure and Habitat  
Improvements**

**Recommendation: Approve Funding**

**Project Description:** Fiscal 2025 proposed funding totaling \$4.9 million will support the construction of improvements to the aging infrastructure at the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore. The 2024 CIP programs an additional \$4.75 million annually throughout the forecast period from fiscal 2026 to 2029. The Maryland Zoo occupies a 135-acre parcel in Baltimore City in Druid Hill Park, of which 45 acres are developed. In addition to State capital funding, the zoo receives an annual operating grant, which is budgeted through the Board of Public Works, a portion of which can be applied to capital projects that do not qualify for GO bond funds. In fiscal 2025, this operating grant totals \$5.63 million.

(\$ in Millions)

<b>Fund Use</b>	<b>Prior Approp.</b>	<b>Fiscal 2025 Request</b>	<b>Future Estimated</b>	<b>Estimated Total</b>
Planning	\$1.060	\$0.300	\$1.200	\$2.560
Construction	17.192	4.453	17.200	38.845
Equipment	0.530	0.150	0.600	1.280
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18.782</b>	<b>\$4.903</b>	<b>\$19.000</b>	<b>\$42.685</b>

<b>Fund Sources</b>				
State: 100.0%	\$18.782	\$4.903	\$19.000	\$42.685
Matching Fund: 0.0%	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18.782</b>	<b>\$4.903</b>	<b>\$19.000</b>	<b>\$42.685</b>

Note: The prior appropriation total represents only the State funding authorized in prior years for the fiscal 2025 planned projects. The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore has received additional State funding in prior years for other capital projects.

**Comments:** The fiscal 2025 authorization is \$153,000 more than the annual planned funding amount due to cost increases resulting from project schedule changes, inflation, and the need to build a new red panda habitat in accordance with the zoo’s species replacement protocols. Additionally, in fiscal 2024 the zoo received approval to reallocate a total of \$1.3 million of previously authorized funding from prior year projects to address other emerging facility issues.

The fiscal 2025 authorization will fund the following projects:

- **\$1.6 Million to Construct a New Eagle and Owl Flight Cage Habitat:** Two new bird enclosures will be constructed in the Maryland Wilderness area, a quieter section of the zoo, and will allow for increased space to fly compared to the existing enclosures, which will improve the birds’ well-being. A portion of funding authorized in fiscal 2024 was used

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to begin the design for this project, which began in December 2023 and is ongoing. Construction is expected to begin in March 2026 and conclude in March 2027.

- ***\$1.6 Million to Construct a New Red Panda Habitat:*** A new habitat will be constructed for the red panda, which is an endangered species, to advance the zoo’s conservation mission. Private donors and zoo trustees have provided funding for the design of this project, which will begin in June 2024. Construction is expected to begin in May 2025. The total cost for this project is estimated at \$2.8 million.
- ***\$1.2 Million to Address Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Regulatory Deficiencies:*** This project will correct life-safety and animal welfare deficiencies identified by AZA and USDA inspectors to enable the zoo to retain its AZA accreditation and meet USDA standards. Additional changes are needed to comply with new federal regulations related to the USDA inspection of birds, which went into effect in August 2023.
- ***\$300,000 for Roof Replacements for Several Buildings:*** The roofs of the rhino and zebra building, the bear holding building, and the life support system building for each of the bear pools are past their useful lives and require replacement.
- ***\$100,000 to Repair and Replace Perimeter Fencing:*** USDA regulations require that an eight-foot-tall perimeter fence topped with barbed wire is maintained around the entirety of the 135-acre campus. The total length of fencing maintained by the zoo is 3.25 miles, or 17,160 linear feet. Approximately 1,000 feet of fencing requires replacement due to age, fallen trees, vehicle collisions, and vandalism.
- ***\$100,000 to Design and Install an Emergency Backup Generator:*** The emergency backup generator will provide power throughout the zoo’s animal, staff, and guest areas in the event of an outage to maintain lighting, refrigeration, and other electrical equipment and infrastructure.

**National Aquarium in Baltimore  
Infrastructure Improvements**

**Recommendation: Approve Funding**

**Project Description:** Fiscal 2025 proposed funding will support the construction of infrastructure improvements and public safety and exterior lighting enhancements at the National Aquarium in Baltimore. The National Aquarium’s capital improvement plan estimates over \$90 million of capital needs at the facility over the next eight years. Since its opening in 1981, the National Aquarium has been one of the largest tourist attractions in Maryland, welcoming over 70 million visitors. The State of Maryland has been the largest source of capital support for the National Aquarium.

**(\$ in Millions)**

<b>Fund Use</b>	<b>Prior Approp.</b>	<b>Fiscal 2025 Request</b>	<b>Future Estimated</b>	<b>Estimated Total</b>
Planning	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000
Construction	15.500	1.000	8.000	24.500
Equipment	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15.500</b>	<b>\$1.000</b>	<b>\$8.000</b>	<b>\$24.500</b>

<b>Fund Sources</b>				
State: 100.0%	\$15.500	\$1.000	\$8.000	\$24.500
Matching Fund: 0.0%	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15.500</b>	<b>\$1.000</b>	<b>\$8.000</b>	<b>\$24.500</b>

Note: The prior appropriation total represents only State funds authorized for projects at the National Aquarium between fiscal 2020 and 2024.

**Comments:** Of the proposed fiscal 2025 funding, \$500,000 will support the completion of public safety and lighting improvements along the Inner Harbor promenade. The remaining \$500,000 of the proposed fiscal 2025 funding will support needs identified in the National Aquarium’s capital improvement plan, including animal safety improvements, repairing deteriorating and collapsed drainage tiles in the aquarium pump room, rehabbing back of house spaces, repairing concrete spalling, and supporting the upgrade of infrastructure in aging exhibits.

Including non-State funding, the National Aquarium plans to spend approximately \$9 million on capital projects in fiscal 2024, including the construction of the privately funded Waterfront Campus, which includes a floating pier and artificial wetland in the Inner Harbor. The entirety of the \$3.5 million fiscal 2024 capital grant is expected to be encumbered during the fiscal year for critical infrastructure projects. Ongoing projects include the renovation of a 560,000-gallon ring tank in Pier 3 and major exhibit renovations. Without continued State support, the National Aquarium has warned of an unsustainable accumulation of critical capital needs that will adversely impact their ability to attract visitors and generate economic impact.

**New Downtown Frederick Hotel and Conference Center Recommendation: Approve Funding**

**Project Description:** This is a grant to the city of Frederick to support construction of a downtown hotel and conference center. The project includes a Marriott-branded hotel, conference center, and a parking garage below the hotel conference center. The hotel and conference center will be located on the southeast corner of East Patrick Street and South Carroll Street in downtown Frederick. The project is consistent with the city’s strategic vision to provide amenities in Frederick to make the city more attractive for businesses to locate in the city. The proposal has the State fund 25% of the project. This provides much of the estimated \$33 million to construct the conference center and underground parking.

(\$ in Millions)

<b>Fund Use</b>	<b>Prior Approp.</b>	<b>Fiscal 2025 Request</b>	<b>Fiscal 2026 Estimated</b>	<b>Fiscal 2027 Estimated</b>	<b>Estimated Total</b>
Acquisition	\$3.700	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$3.700
Planning	1.820	0.180	0.000	0.000	2.000
Construction	1.000	7.320	66.880	5.000	80.200
Equipment	0.000	0.000	0.000	8.100	8.100
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6.520</b>	<b>\$7.500</b>	<b>\$66.880</b>	<b>\$13.100</b>	<b>\$94.000</b>

<b>Fund Sources</b>					
State: 25.0%	\$1.000	\$7.500	\$10.000	\$5.000	\$23.500
Matching Fund: 75.0%	5.520	0.000	56.880	8.100	70.500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6.520</b>	<b>\$7.500</b>	<b>\$66.880</b>	<b>\$13.100</b>	<b>\$94.000</b>

The city of Frederick advises that this will be the first full-service, upper upscale hotel in the county. These hotels focus on offering a wide range of services such as a larger variety in guest rooms and meeting spaces. Upscale hotels strive to have brand recognition and customer loyalty. The proposed hotel’s amenities include two restaurants serving three meals daily, two bars and lounges, M Club for hotel guests with a certain level of Marriott loyalty status, room service, and a state-of-the-art fitness center. **Exhibit 5** shows what will be constructed.



**Exhibit 5**  
**Hotel and Conference Center Project Details**

**Hotel Description and Amenities**

Marriott-branded Flagship Hotel  
Full-service, Upper Upscale Hotel  
208 Rooms, including Suites  
Rooftop Lounge and Event Space  
Lobby Bar/Lounge  
Full-service Restaurant with Creekside Terrace  
Coffee Shop/Grab-n-Go  
M Club  
3,900 Square Feet (SF) of Street Front Retail Space

**Public Spaces Supported in Part by State Funds**

21,500 SF Conference Center with Ballrooms and Breakout Spaces for 500 to 600 People  
250 Space Public Parking Garage

**Improvements on Site not Included in the Project Costs**

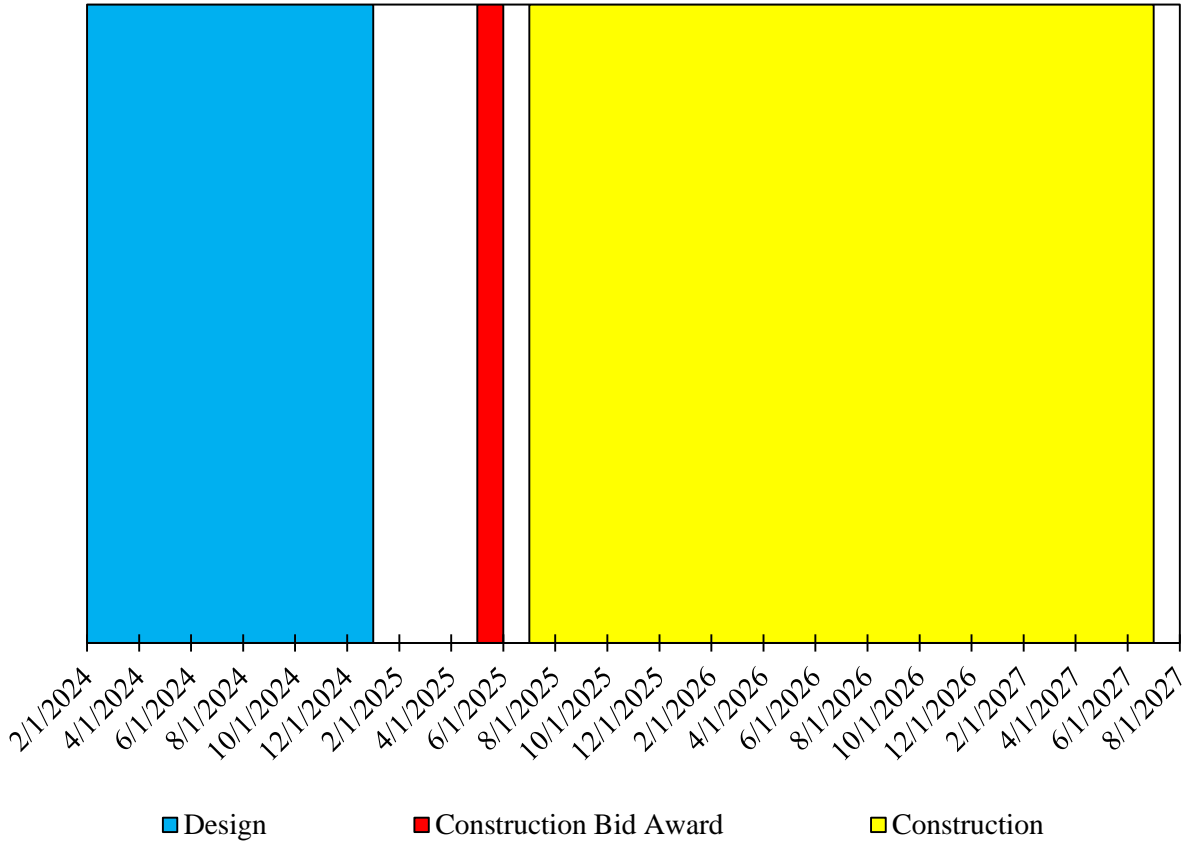
Fully Renovated Historic Trolley Building with Retail and Office Space

Source: Department of Budget and Management; City of Frederick

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The city advises that planning is scheduled to begin in February 2024. **Exhibit 6** shows that construction is expected to be completed by July 1, 2027. The city has been getting the necessary permits for the project and expects that the site plan will be approved by August 2024. The property will need to be acquired. The developer has site control through land purchase agreements with addendums in place with the owners of the two land parcels needed to develop the project. Those contracts for which the developer has paid deposits, are assignable to the City of Frederick and are valid through June 30, 2024. The land purchase prices were negotiated in 2013 and 2017 by the developer.

**Exhibit 6**  
**Hotel and Conference Center Project Design and Construction Timeline**



Source: Department of Budget and Management; City of Frederick

**Comments:** Although the fiscal 2025 capital budget authorizes \$7.5 million for this project, the Department of Budget and Management’s CIP does not include any out-year funding. The city’s proposal includes State funding totaling \$10 million in fiscal 2026 and \$5 million in fiscal 2027. Current plans to do not identify how this project will be funded beyond fiscal 2025.

**Exhibit 7**  
**Department of Legislative Services Recommended Approved Funding**  
**Fiscal 2025**

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Fiscal 2024 Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
Inner Harbor Promenade	Baltimore City	\$30,000,000	This project will redevelop the public promenade surrounding the Inner Harbor in Baltimore and will include new walking pathways, landscaping, benches, and other infrastructure improvements. The Waterfront Management Authority and the Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore, Inc. have entered into an agreement with Baltimore City for the purpose of developing the design for improvements to these public spaces. This project is separate from, but is occurring concurrently with, the planned redevelopment of Harborplace by MCB Real Estate, which in October 2023 announced plans for a mixed-use development including retail and commercial space. While both projects will redevelop portions of the Inner Harbor area of Baltimore, State funding authorized for the promenade redevelopment will only be used to redevelop public property. The total cost of the Inner Harbor Promenade redevelopment project is estimated at \$207.5 million. A total of \$37.5 million in State funds were previously authorized for this project across fiscal 2023 and 2024. The \$30 million in proposed fiscal 2025 funding was preauthorized in the fiscal 2024 capital budget bill. The project’s design is currently underway, and construction is projected to begin in 2025. <b>State Share: 32.5%</b>
Adventist Health – New Fort Washington Facility	Prince George’s	\$5,000,000	This project will build a new, modern, and appropriately sized hospital in Fort Washington located two miles from the current

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Fiscal 2024 Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
Anne Arundel County – New Multicultural Center	Anne Arundel	5,000,000	<p>facility to expand access to state-of-the art medical services. The current hospital is undersized and outdated to provide modern health care and does not have the capacity to meet the current demand for service. The new hospital will provide access to convenient, affordable, and high-quality care to improve the overall health of the community. The total project cost is estimated at \$250 million. The project includes \$5.0 million in State funds, while the remaining \$245 million is projected to be sourced from non-State funds. <b>State Share: 2.0%</b></p> <p>This project will construct a community center for immigrant and multicultural populations in Anne Arundel County. The facility will provide resources and support for these populations. The total project cost is estimated at \$8.0 million, with \$5.0 million requested from the State and \$3.0 million provided through non-State funds. <b>State Share: 62.5%</b></p>
Bowie Mill Road New Bike Trail	Montgomery	1,000,000	<p>This project provides for the design and construction of a new 8- to 10-foot wide side path for 3.3 miles along Bowie Mill Road from Olney Laytonsville Road (MD 108) to Muncaster Mill Road (MD 115) and continues along Muncaster Mill Road to Needwood Road. The Montgomery County Bicycle Master Plan, approved in November 2018, recommends a sidepath along Bowie Mill Road. The total project cost is estimated at \$30.3 million, and the project has received \$3.6 million in prior authorizations of State funds. The fiscal 2024 capital budget bill included preauthorizations of \$2.1 million for fiscal 2025 and an additional \$2.1 million for fiscal 2026. However, the fiscal 2025 capital budget bill only</p>

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Fiscal 2024 Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
Building African American Minds (BAAM) Inc. – New Academic Center	Talbot	1,250,000	<p>includes \$1.0 million for the project. Montgomery County is expected to contribute \$20.5 million to the project. <b>State Share: 15.2%</b></p> <p>This project will build a three-story building to house all of Building African American Minds Inc. (BAAM) programming and staff, including operating affairs, afterschool programs, summer camp, basketball, workforce development, and wellness programs and events. BAAM serves over 1,000 people in its community, including various programs and services for neighborhood residents living in the 10% to 20% poverty rate. BAAM accepts all demographics into its programs; however, they serve mostly Black or African American youth who are at risk of academic failure, school suspension and/or arrest. Once the academic center is completed and fully operational, BAAM plans to double their youth and workforce development programming. The project’s construction began in August 2023 and is projected to last 14 months. The total project cost is estimated at \$9.9 million. A total of \$1.3 million in State funds were previously authorized for this project across fiscal 2023 and 2024. <b>State Share: 27.8%</b></p>

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Fiscal 2024 Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
City of Cumberland – Evitts Creek Phase IV Sewer Main Replacement	Allegany	500,000	This project is the last phase of the Evitts Creek Pumping Station and Conveyance Project proposed in the <i>City of Cumberland’s Long Term Control Plan for Combined Sewer Overflows</i> , prepared in October 1998 and then submitted to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) as part of the city’s National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit. Prior projects under the long-term control plan have received State funding. The proposed project includes design and repair/replacement of approximately 6,500 linear feet of 24-inch to 27-inch sewer main made of vitrified clay, installed in 1937, to address inflow and infiltration. For suitable locations, the engineering recommendation is to do a combination of cured-in-place-pipe or form-in-place-pipe repair. Locations not suitable for repair will be addressed through conventional dig and replace-in-kind replacement. The total project cost is \$4,356,000. The State provided \$3,550,900 from the Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund (WQLRF) in fiscal 2024. The project was selected to receive \$305,050 in WQLRF for fiscal 2025, but this was changed to the \$500,000 miscellaneous grant. The State share is 93% based on an overall cost of \$4,356,000 and State funding of \$3,550,900 from fiscal 2024 and \$500,000 for this miscellaneous grant. <b>State Share: 93.0%</b>
City of Salisbury Infrastructure Improvements	Wicomico	2,000,000	This project includes infrastructure updates to support redevelopment plans for the City of Salisbury, which include the construction of a conference center and other spaces. The project is intended to support economic development and revitalization in downtown Salisbury in accordance with the city’s master plan. The total project cost is estimated at

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Fiscal 2024 Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
			\$34.6 million, and approximately \$4.0 million in State funds were previously authorized. In addition to State funds, the project will include approximately \$28.6 million in outside funding from the project’s developer. <b>State Share: 17.4%</b>
Greater Baltimore Urban League (GBUL) Headquarters Renovation	Baltimore City	443,000	This project will renovate the Greater Baltimore Urban League (GBUL) headquarters located in the historic Orchard Street Church in west Baltimore based on a two-phased master plan, which includes upgrades and repairs of the HVAC, mechanical, and fire suppression systems. The building’s HVAC systems have not been fully operational since 2011. This situation, combined with vandalism, other deferred maintenance needs, and frequent false fire alarms have forced the headquarters to close for two years for renovations, which prohibits GBUL’s programs and the community from utilizing the facility during this time. Once renovations are complete, the GBUL headquarters will have the capacity to serve 6,000 people annually. The total project cost is estimated at \$3.9 million, and approximately \$500,000 in State funds were previously authorized for this project. The project’s design is projected to begin in March 2024, and construction is projected to begin in August 2024. <b>State Share: 24.1%</b>
Hippodrome Foundation – France-Merrick Performing Arts Center Improvements	Baltimore City	600,000	This project will complete the renovation of a State-owned building into a flexible event space as part of the France-Merrick Performing Arts Center. The center’s property is made up of four buildings, three of which have already been renovated and are in use. Renovation of this building began in December 2021, and construction is expected to be completed in August 2024. The \$600,000 for this project was

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Fiscal 2024 Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
			preauthorized in the fiscal 2024 capital budget bill. To date, the project has received \$11.6 million in State capital funding and \$500,000 from the Department of Housing and Community Development. The total anticipated project cost is \$22.0 million. <b>State Share: 55.5%</b>
Holiday Park Senior Center Improvements	Montgomery	1,500,000	This project will make improvements to the exterior of the Holiday Park Senior Center in Montgomery County in order to increase the building’s life expectancy and to meet Montgomery County’s 2035 goal of zero greenhouse gas emissions for county facilities. This project will replace windows and install additional photovoltaic panels to increase the building’s energy efficiency. The total project cost is estimated at \$5.6 million, and construction is scheduled to begin summer 2025. The fiscal 2025 request totals \$1.5 million to offset local expenditures, which includes \$278,000 for planning and design. <b>State Share: 26.7%</b>
Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center – New Obstetrical Care Tower	Prince George’s	10,000,000	This project will establish a new obstetric program, construct a new acute care pavilion connected to the existing hospital program, and renovate hospital infrastructure and surgical services facilities to improve hospital functioning. The patient care pavilion will be four stories, with the first floor expanding the main lobby and supporting patient, administrative, and support functions; the second floor creating new operating rooms, interventional radiology, endoscopy, and pharmacy suites; and the third and fourth floors serving the new obstetrics program. The total project cost is estimated at \$361 million. There was \$7 million previously authorized for this project in fiscal 2024, and the fiscal 2024 capital budget



<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Fiscal 2024 Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
Maryland Center for History and Culture – Enoch Pratt House and Collections Storage Renovation	Baltimore City	2,500,000	<p>bill preauthorized the \$10 million proposed fiscal 2025 funding. <b>State Share: 4.7%</b></p> <p>This project will design, construct, equip, and renovate the Maryland Center for History and Culture’s campus through implementation of a new library collections storage plan and restoration of the historic Enoch Pratt House (1844) for adaptive reuse as a multi-purpose educational and events space. Despite recent capital investments, the historic Enoch Pratt House and Keyser Library Building require substantial upgrades. In summer 2023, urgent stabilization needs for the Enoch Pratt House were identified in a preservation conditions assessment. In addition to non-State funds raised through fundraising efforts, State funds proposed for fiscal 2025 will be used to address these needs. Specifically, the funds will support renovations aimed at modernizing these structures to meet preservation standards, enhance collections care, and improve visitor experience. The Enoch Pratt House will undergo renovations to accommodate public functions, while the Keyser Library Building will be retrofitted to provide secure storage for collections. The total estimated cost of this project is \$11.2 million. A new project planning phase focused on final design and implementation is estimated to begin in April 2024, which is projected to last three months. Consequently, the design period may extend beyond the initially estimated three months. The project’s construction is projected to begin in September 2024. <b>State Share: 22%</b></p>

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Fiscal 2024 Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts – Infrastructure Modernization	Anne Arundel	1,100,000	This project will replace the HVAC system and install a new acoustic ceiling in the Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts. The current HVAC system is outdated, and the organization must close some rooms during certain times of the year due to an inability to control the building temperature. Completion of the project will improve indoor air quality and temperature and increase the building’s capacity. The total project cost is estimated at \$5.6 million. The project’s design began in February 2024, and construction is expected to begin in June 2025. Maryland Hall has secured \$2.7 million in private donations and pledges and \$1.3 million in previous legislative bond initiative funding for the project, of which \$300,000 will expire if not used by June 1, 2025. <b>State Share: 43%</b>
New Randallstown Library and Recreation Center	Baltimore	10,000,000	This project will construct a shared twenty-first-century facility with dedicated spaces for the both the Baltimore County Public Library and the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks. A new facility would address current issues of insufficient and functionally inadequate space for both agencies. The library branch will encompass 50,000 square feet (SF) with dedicated areas for community gatherings, children, teens, and adults. It will include meeting rooms, study rooms, collaborative spaces, tech/maker/creative arts areas, and designated spaces for children, tweens, and teens. Additionally, there will be personal computer and laptop areas, printing/scanning stations, ample browsing space, shelving for circulating volumes, restrooms, staff spaces, and modern furniture/equipment. Recreation spaces will offer flexible programming areas, storage, restrooms, office space, lobby seating, sound management, and athletic equipment for

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Fiscal 2024 Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
			activities like pickleball, basketball, volleyball, and futsal. The project’s design and construction are both scheduled to begin in September 2026, and the total project cost is estimated to be \$23.6 million. <b>State Share: 57%</b>
New Southern Streams Health and Wellness Center	Baltimore City	2,500,000	The project will construct a 123,000 SF health and wellness center in east Baltimore, including office space and a 125-car garage. Tenants will include the Johns Hopkins Health System, Total Health Care, and the Mary Harvin Center Community Development Corporation. As part of Baltimore City’s East Baltimore Revitalization Plan, the project will provide health care access in a neighborhood with high vacancy rates and extreme poverty. The total project cost is estimated at \$34.4 million. State funds totaling \$2.1 million were previously authorized for this project. Fiscal 2025 funding totaling \$2.5 million for this project was preauthorized in the fiscal 2024 capital budget bill. Proposed noncapital project funding sources include loans (\$17 million), grants (\$10 million), and tax credit income (\$7 million). DLS estimates that the grantee will be able to complete the proposed project based on the funding sources proposed. <b>State Share: 13.4%</b>
North Bethesda Metro Station Access Improvements	Montgomery	3,000,000	This project will include planning and engineering of access improvements to the North Bethesda Metro Station (formerly known as the White Flint Metro Station). Planned improvements include sidewalk widening and providing a buffer between the sidewalk and Rockville Pike (MD355). The project also includes modification of the intersection at MD355 and MD187 and bus bays along the east side of the

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Fiscal 2024 Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
			metro tracks. Montgomery County anticipates commencing construction in September 2024 and completing construction in March 2025. There was \$10 million preauthorized for this project for fiscal 2025; however, the fiscal 2025 budget only includes \$3 million. <b>State Share: 84.0%</b>
Pennsylvania Avenue Black Arts and Entertainment District – New Sanaa Center	Baltimore City	2,000,000	This project will renovate a vacant site into an arts facility with studio, classroom, and office spaces and a 350-seat performance venue. The proposed 16,000-SF Sanaa Center is part of the Pennsylvania Avenue Black Arts and Entertainment District in Baltimore, which was established in calendar 2019. Total project cost is estimated at \$17.4 million, and construction is anticipated to begin in February 2025 and take 15 months. The project has received \$700,000 in State funding from other sources and has contracted with Maryland Nonprofits to lead the capital fundraising campaign for the project. Although the campaign has not yet officially launched, the organization has secured nearly \$3 million of the \$12.6 million in fundraising dollars needed to complete the project, and the organization anticipates raising more than half of the total fundraising goal prior to the start of construction. <b>State Share: 15.5%</b>
Pikeville Armory Foundation – Pikesville Armory Renovation	Baltimore	5,000,000	This project will redevelop the Pikesville Armory into a multi-use community hub for recreation, cultural arts, and learning. The vision plan includes, but is not limited to, walking paths, public art, green space, Americans with Disabilities Act-accessible playground, a recreation center, and an arts center, among other components. The project’s design is underway. Construction is expected to begin in

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Fiscal 2024 Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
Town of Boonsboro – Water Reservoir Replacement	Washington	1,500,000	<p>March 2024 and end in December 2028. The fiscal 2024 capital budget bill preauthorized \$5 million for fiscal 2025, which is in addition to the \$7 million previously authorized for this project. The estimated total project cost is \$105.2 million, and the project expects to receive the remaining funding of \$93.2 from a broad array of public and private sources. <b>State Share: 11.4%</b></p> <p>This project will build a new concrete semi-submerged finished water holding tank for the town of Boonsboro to replace the existing 1.3 million-gallon reservoir that is estimated to leak more than 100,000 gallons/day. The total project costs \$10.0 million, which has risen substantially as a result of inflation during the time it has taken to assemble funding. Prior State funding includes \$1.0 million in general funds from the fiscal 2023 Supplemental Budget No. 4 and \$0.1 million in Department of Commerce funding from the Rural Maryland Economic Development Fund. There is also \$2.0 million from the town of Boonsboro’s federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funding, \$1.0 million from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and \$1.0 million from Washington County. All told, there is \$5.1 million currently available for the project. The remaining \$5.0 million – reflecting a \$0.1 million buffer – is being requested from the following: \$1.5 million for this miscellaneous project grant; \$5.0 million from MDE’s Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund (DWRLF); \$5.0 million from the U.S. Department of Agriculture; and \$5.0 million for a line of credit with a local bank. The loan requests or line of credit will be recalibrated/withdrawn depending on the outcome of the</p>

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Fiscal 2024 Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
			\$1.5 million miscellaneous grant funding. The State share of the total project cost could range from 26% (\$1.1 million in existing funding and \$1.5 million in new miscellaneous grant funding only) or an additional \$3.4 million from MDE’s DWRLF – not counting the \$0.1 million buffer – for a total of \$6.0 million, or 60% (\$22.6 million). <b>State Share: 26% to 60%</b>
Town of La Plata – New Phoenix Run Community Center	Charles	750,000	This project will expand the Dorchester Community Center by building an indoor recreation facility for year-round recreation, education, and sporting events for the community. The current facility does not have indoor recreation space and is not adequate to provide year-round sports coaching and mentoring. The total project cost is estimated at \$1.8 million. A total of \$750,000 was previously authorized for this project. The project’s design is projected to begin in September 2024, and construction is projected to begin in September 2025. <b>State Share: 71.4%</b>
Western Maryland Scenic Railroad – Potomac River Bridge Repair	Allegany	1,500,000	This project will renovate and restore the Potomac River Bridge, which is on the route of the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad in Allegany County. The Western Maryland Scenic Railroad Development Corporation operates the historic railway between Frostburg and Cumberland as a tourist attraction. The aging bridge requires renovation and rehabilitation to ensure continued safe operation of the railway. The total project cost is estimated at \$4.0 million, and \$200,000 was previously authorized for this project. <b>State Share: 100%</b>

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Fiscal 2024 Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
Westminster Fiber Network Construction Project	Carroll	750,000	This project provides broadband services in the city of Westminster and is the first and only communitywide, publicly owned fiber network in the mid-Atlantic region. The project was previously completed in fiscal 2018 and proposed fiscal 2025 funding will be utilized to cover local bond payments to allow the city to fund other capital projects. DLS recommends that the city identify the new projects that it intends to support through this funding and use the funding provided for the construction of new projects to align this funding more appropriately with the allowable usage of GO bonds. The fiscal 2024 capital budget bill preauthorized \$1 million in fiscal 2025, 2026, and 2027 for this project, in addition to \$1 million previously authorized for the project in fiscal 2023. <b>State Share: 75%</b>

Source: Department of Legislative Services

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**Exhibit 8**  
**Department of Legislative Services Recommendations to Delete Funding**  
**Fiscal 2025**

<u>Project Name – Description</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Fiscal 2024 Amount</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
Blue Line Corridor – Film Studio and Soundstage Renovation <b>State Share: 55.6%</b>	Prince George’s	\$2,500,000	This project will renovate the Old Fairmount Heights High School to construct a film studio, soundstage, dressing rooms, loading docks, post-production editing facilities, green rooms, offices, and community spaces. The grantee advises that these grant funds will be used solely to bring the building up to code, improve and replace building systems (like HVAC and electrical), and build community spaces. Chapter 61 of 2022 authorized up to \$400 million in revenue bonds for Blue Line Corridor projects. These bonds are supported by up to \$27 million in State lottery revenues annually until the bonds are retired. Insofar as Blue Line Corridor projects have a separate, dedicated funding source supported by State lottery revenues, this funding source can be used to support this project in the place of GO bond funding.	Delete the authorization for the project since Blue Line Corridor projects have a dedicated authorization supported by State lottery revenues.
Johns Hopkins University – Data Science and Computing Infrastructure <b>State share: 13.3%</b>	Baltimore City	20,000,000	This project will support Johns Hopkins University’s new data science and translation institute dedicated to the development of machine learning and artificial intelligence systems. The project supports the expansion	Reduce the GO bond authorization for the Johns Hopkins University Data Science and



<u>Project Name – Description</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Fiscal 2024 Amount</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
Montgomery County Recreational Facilities Playground Equipment Replacement <b>State Share: 100%</b>	Montgomery	1,400,000	<p>of the university’s enhanced computational infrastructure through investing in high-speed computing infrastructure and on-premise hardware purchases. The total project cost is estimated at \$150 million, and fiscal 2025 project costs are estimated at \$30 million. Proposed fiscal 2025 State funding for the project totals \$20 million, including \$13.0 million in GO bonds and \$7.0 million is in general funds through the Dedicated Purpose Account. The project schedule estimates beginning a 12-month design period in July 2024 and beginning the 24-month construction period in November 2025. Considering that construction will not begin until fiscal 2026, it appears unlikely that the entirety of State funding will be necessary in fiscal 2025.</p> <p>This project will replace and modernize six playgrounds at recreation centers in Montgomery County. Improvements may include, but are not limited to, playground and recreational equipment, safety surfacing, site amenities, accessibility, drainage improvements, edging, site work, signage, and other upgrades. State funding would be used for all phases of this project, including the planning, demolition, construction, and the purchase of new equipment. The total</p>	<p>Computing Infrastructure project by \$10,000,000 and preauthorize \$10,000,000 for the project in fiscal 2026.</p> <p>Delete the \$1,400,000 GO authorization for the Montgomery County Recreational Facilities Playground Equipment Replacement project.</p>

<u>Project Name – Description</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Fiscal 2024 Amount</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
New Robert Hunt Revitalization Center	Baltimore City	1,500,000	<p>estimated cost for this project is \$1.4 million with no expected contribution from Montgomery County. The Department of Natural Resources has two grant programs that could potentially fund this project – Program Open Space and the Community Parks and Playgrounds Program. Insofar as funding from other programs is available for this project, these funding sources can be used to support this project in the place of GO bond funding.</p> <p>Information for this project was not received by DLS to properly evaluate it.</p>	Delete the \$1,500,000 GO bond authorization for the New Robert Hunt Revitalization Center project
<p>DLS: Department of Legislative Services GO: general obligation</p>				
<p>Source: Department of Legislative Services</p>				

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***GO Bond Recommended Actions***

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1. Delete the \$1,500,000 general obligation bond authorization for the New Robert Hunt Revitalization Center project.

ZA00AA            New Robert Hunt Revitalization Center.....            \$ 0

<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Authorization</u>
1,500,000	-1,500,000	0

**Explanation:** This action deletes the \$1,500,000 general obligation bond authorization for the New Robert Hunt Revitalization Center project. Information was not provided by the grantee in time for the project to be properly evaluated.

2. Delete the \$2,500,000 general obligation bond authorization for the Blue Line Corridor Film Studio and Soundstage Renovation project.

ZA00C            Blue Line Corridor – Film Studio and Soundstage  
Renovation.....            \$ 0

<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Authorization</u>
2,500,000	-2,500,000	0

**Explanation:** This action deletes the \$2,500,000 general obligation bond authorization for the Blue Line Corridor Film Studio and Soundstage Renovation project. Chapter 61 of 2022 authorized up to \$400 million in revenue bonds for Blue Line Corridor projects. These bonds are supported by up to \$27 million in State lottery revenues annually until the bonds are retired. Insofar as Blue Line Corridor projects have a separate, dedicated funding source supported by State lottery revenues, this funding source can be used to support this project.

3. Reduce the general obligation bond authorization for the Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters Relocation project by \$50 million to reflect project cash flow.

ZA00I            Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters  
Relocation.....            \$ 50,000,000

<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Authorization</u>
100,000,000	-50,000,000	50,000,000

**Explanation:** This action reduces the general obligation (GO) bond authorization for the Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters Relocation project by \$50 million. The project is included in the Consolidated Transportation Program, which projects the use of \$23.5 million in GO bond funding through fiscal 2025, \$96.5 million in fiscal 2026, and

*ZA00 – Miscellaneous Grants Overview – Capital*

\$80 million in fiscal 2027 based on anticipated cashflow requirements of the project. The State has already authorized \$100 million for the project which, combined with the recommendation to authorize \$50 million for fiscal 2025, is more than sufficient to meet the anticipated project cashflows. A related recommendation adds a preauthorization of \$50 million for fiscal 2026 to complete the State’s \$200 million commitment to the project.

4. Reduce the general obligation bond authorization for the Johns Hopkins University Data Science and Computing Infrastructure project by \$10 million to reflect project cash flow.

ZA00N	Johns Hopkins University - Data Science and Computing Infrastructure.....	\$ 3,040,000
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<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Authorization</u>
13,040,000	-10,000,000	3,040,000

**Explanation:** This action reduces the general obligation authorization for the Johns Hopkins University Data Science and Computing Infrastructure project by \$10 million, as it appears unlikely that the entirety of the \$20,000,000 provided in State funds will be used in fiscal 2025 considering the project schedule. A related recommendation adds a preauthorization of \$10 million for fiscal 2026 to complete the State’s commitment to the project.

5. Delete the \$1,400,000 general obligation bond authorization for the Montgomery County Recreational Facilities Playground Equipment Replacement project.

ZA00W	Montgomery County Recreational Facilities Playground Equipment Replacement .....	\$ 0
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<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Authorization</u>
1,400,000	-1,400,000	0

**Explanation:** This action deletes the \$1,400,000 general obligation bond authorization for the Montgomery County Recreational Facilities Playground Equipment Replacement project. The State has various existing grant programs that can provide funding for this project.

6. Add preauthorization for the 2025 session.

ZF4711	SECTION 13 – Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters Relocation.....	\$ 50,000,000
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Add the following language:

<u>ZA00</u>	<u>MISCELLANEOUS GRANT PROGRAMS</u>
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*ZA00 – Miscellaneous Grants Overview – Capital*

(A) Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters Relocation. Provide funds for the relocation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters to Greenbelt, Maryland (Prince George’s County) ..... 50,000,000

**Explanation:** This action adds a preauthorization for the Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters Relocation project for fiscal 2026.

7. Add preauthorization for the 2025 session.

ZF4712                    SECTION 13 – Johns Hopkins University – Data Science and Computing Infrastructure ..... \$ 10,000,000

Add the following language:

(B) Johns Hopkins University – Data Science and Computing Infrastructure. Provide a grant to Johns Hopkins University for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a new Data Science and Computing Center (Baltimore City) ..... 10,000,000

**Explanation:** This action adds a preauthorization for the Johns Hopkins University – Data Science and Computing Infrastructure project for Fiscal 2026.

<b>Total General Obligation Bonds Reductions</b>	<b>\$65,400,000</b>
<b>Total Preauthorization (Fiscal 2026) Additions</b>	<b>\$60,000,000</b>