



FY2027 PIMLICO LOCAL IMPACT AID PROJECT REQUEST GUIDELINES

Form Opens: Monday, August 18, 2025
Hard Submission Deadline: Monday, September 29, 2025 at 11:59PM EDT

Information Sessions:

Monday, August 20, 2025, at 7:00 PM Time | Register Here
Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at 12:30 PM Time | Register Here

Link to Project Request Form:

<https://form.jotform.com/251684724176161>

More Information:

<https://planning.baltimorecity.gov/pimlico-community-development-authority/funding-resources>

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**Application deadline is extended through September 29th at midnight.*

BACKGROUND

The Baltimore City Department of Planning welcomes community partners to submit funding requests for Pimlico Local Impact Aid, also known as “slots funding” or “casino revenue.” Pimlico Local Impact Aid can be used for a wide variety of community development projects in the area around Pimlico Racetrack, including:

- Infrastructure improvements
- Facilities
- Public safety
- Sanitation
- Economic and community development
- Housing
- Other public services and improvements.

Projects must be located in the Park Heights Master Plan Area or the One-Mile Radius (see Eligibility Map in [Appendix A](#)).

AWARD AMOUNTS AND TIMELINE

Starting in FY26, **projects must be for at least \$25,000**. Recipients must be able to complete their project within **two years from the start of their contract**.

FUNDING SOURCE

In 2007, the State legislature passed the Maryland Education Trust Fund – Video Lottery Terminals legislation (2007 SB 3). SB 3 requires 5.5% of gross Video Lottery Terminal revenue to be returned to the jurisdiction where a casino is located; this allocation is known as local impact aid.

As of FY21, \$2.4M or 24% of the Pimlico Local Impact Aid – whichever is greater – is allocated directly to Park Heights Renaissance, Inc. (PHR), and beginning in FY22, \$3.5M was committed for annual debt service to finance redevelopment and infrastructure improvements at the Pimlico Racetrack. Of the local impact aid earmarked for the Pimlico area, 85% is allocated for the Park Heights Master Plan area, and 15% is allocated for neighborhoods surrounding the Park Heights Master Plan community, in an area known as the One-Mile Radius. The current statute provides for Pimlico Local Impact Aid for 20 years, through fiscal year 2032.

The Department of Planning drafts the preliminary Pimlico Local Impact Aid Spending Plan in consultation with an advisory board known as the Pimlico Community Development Authority (PCDA). State Law requires the PCDA to participate in a public review process and advise on the Spending Plan, helping to ensure that the Plan’s recommendations best meet the needs of the community. Baltimore City’s Mayor ultimately makes the final Spending Plan recommendations, which is included in the City’s budget for review and consideration by City Council.

PURPOSE & USE OF FUNDS

Pimlico Local Impact Aid funds are used for a variety of economic and community development projects. Funding can be allocated to eligible nonprofit organizations or City agencies leading projects that will uplift neighborhoods and implement community priorities.

Please review the [past Pimlico Local Impact Aid Spending Plans and Quarterly Reports](#) for a complete list of projects from past funding cycles. Recently funded projects include, but are not limited to:

- **Enoch Pratt Park Heights Library:** Capital funding for construction of a new library for the Park Heights community at Woodland and Park Heights Ave.
- **Homeowner Repair Program:** Funding through the Department of Housing and Community Development or community partners to assist individual homeowners with repair and maintenance of their homes.
- **Rehab of Vacant Buildings for Homeownership:** Capital funding awarded to nonprofit developers to rehab vacant buildings for homeownership.
- **Baltimore Food Hub:** Programmatic funds to hire Black and beginner farmers to grow culturally relevant foods for distribution to residents of Park Heights.
- **After-School Programs and Resource Giveaways:** Programmatic funds to support community partners administer out of school time programs, and to give away food, diapers, and other necessities to residents.
- **Community Organizing in the One-Mile Radius:** Programmatic funds for community partners to hire housing counselors; connect with Spanish-speaking residents; execute trainings and events; administer grant programs; and more.

Types of Projects

- Arts, Culture, Entertainment
- Business/Economic Development
- Housing, (including new, redevelopment, vacancy/blight, and preservation)
- Organizational Support and Capacity Building
- Parks, Recreation, and Environmental
- Public Safety
- Transportation
- Workforce Development

ELIGIBILITY

GEOGRAPHIC ELIGIBILITY

All activities and services must take place in eligible areas: the Park Heights Master Plan Area and the One-Mile Radius:

Park Heights Master Plan Area (See map in Appendix A)

- Northern Parkway (N), Wabash Ave. to Western Maryland Railroad (W), Liberty Heights Ave. (S), Druid Park Dr. (SE), Greenspring Ave. (E)

One-Mile Radius Area

- Northwest Community Planning Forum Boundaries: Northern Parkway (S), County line (W/N), Jones Falls Expressway (E)
- Coldspring-Newtown Boundaries: Northern Parkway (N), Greenspring Avenue (W), West Cold Spring Lane (S), Jones Falls Expressway (E)
- Liberty-Wabash Boundaries: Liberty Heights Avenue (S), Northern Parkway (W), Wabash (N/E)

ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS

To be eligible, applicants MUST be one of the following:

- A non-profit organization with tax-exempt status recognized by the IRS.
- A mission-based organization without 501(c)3 tax-exempt status but with a tax-exempt fiscal sponsor.
- A faith-based organization proposing a non-religious project that benefits the public.
- A public school proposing a community-based project that benefits its students.
- A City agency.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible, organizations must meet ALL the following criteria:

- Organization must be based within Baltimore City.
- Tax-Exempt Status. Organizations (or their fiscal sponsors) will be required to provide proof of tax-exempt designation through a copy of their IRS Determination Letter.
- Tax ID Number. Organizations must have an active tax identification number.
- Financial Information. Organizations (or their fiscal sponsors) will be required to provide their most recent IRS 990 filing, financial statement, or independent audit, depending on charitable contributions to the organizational budget.
- Bank Account. Organizations (or their fiscal sponsors) must have a valid bank account in the name of the organization.
- Certificate of Good Standing. Organizations must provide proof of good standing from the State of Maryland Department of Assessment and Taxation.
- Insurance. Baltimore City requires liability insurance for projects.
- Be current with any City- or State-mandated quarterly reporting requirements tied to Pimlico Local Impact Aid that your organization has previously received. [Click here to complete your report for the first quarter of FY26.](#)

RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

The following are *not eligible* for grant funding:

- Individuals, state or federal government agencies, or for-profit organizations or businesses.

- Physical improvement or construction projects for which an applicant does not have land control or permission from the property owner.
- Capital projects that do not meet the site control requirements as listed in the application.
- Requests for support that do not fall within the funding guidelines.
- Activities that improperly discriminate as to race, gender, marital status, sexual preference, age, disability, creed or ethnicity, or grants for religious indoctrination or other religious activities.
- Organizations which are not located in and/or serving the Park Heights neighborhood or One-Mile Radius in Northwest Baltimore City (see map in [Appendix A](#)).
- In addition, all projects must be able to be **completed within two years** from the start of funding.

PROJECT REQUEST FORM GUIDELINES

You are not required to have an email address to complete the request form. However, to save the form and continue it later, you will need to set up a free account with JotForm, or log in using your Gmail address.

The request form includes the following items. All narrative questions require responses that are 500 words or fewer.

I. ORGANIZATION AND PROJECT BACKGROUND

- a. Project Contact Overview
 - a. Project Title and Address
 - b. Contact information
 - c. Organization Mission
 - d. Funding Amount
- b. Request Overview
 - a. Type of Funding (capital or operating)
 - b. Type of Project (workforce development, parks, etc.)
 - c. Compliance Statement
 - d. If project is located on City-owned property, evidence of City support/permission for project.

II. PROJECT, NARRATIVE

- a. Project Overview and Scope
 - a. Description of project scope of work and goals
 - b. Specific issue/challenge addressed by project.
 - c. Why the project is a priority for your organization and/or the community.
- b. Proof of land control or permission from a property owner to pursue physical improvement/capital projects, if relevant.
- c. Describe project alignment with any relevant master plans, neighborhood plans, or other strategic and/or implementation plans.

III. GOALS AND ACTIVITIES

- a. Every project must include at least three (3) total measurable activities that the funded organizations will track as part of their quarterly reporting (examples provided).
 - a. Please also identify a performance target and goal related to each measurable activity. The performance target and goal can be the same for more than one activity.
 - b. If this is a request to the City, you can instead describe what a successful project would look like to your organization.
- b. Response to Equity Framework

IV. BUDGET AND TIMELINE

- a. Project Budget Upload
 - a. Must include all expenses and costs; must show other funding sources committed to project; must demonstrate funding gap if one exists.
 - b. Must meet minimum funding requirement of \$25,000.
- b. Project Schedule
 - a. Assumes start date between July 1 and October 1 to align with when funding will be available.

V. ORGANIZATION FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- a. Fiscal Sponsor Information (if applicable)
 - a. Fiscal Sponsor Name
 - b. Fiscal Sponsor Tax ID
 - c. Fiscal Sponsor Contact and Information
 - d. Executed Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement
 - e. Fiscal Sponsor IRS Determination Letter
 - f. Fiscal Sponsor Certificate of Good Standing
- b. Copy of Internal Revenue Service (IRS) letter of determination certifying tax-exempt status. For those applying with a fiscal sponsor, include a copy of the fiscal sponsor's IRS letter of determination.
- c. Certificate of Good Standing from the Maryland Department of Commerce dated no earlier than January 1, 2024.
- d. Board-Approved Organization Budget, including:
 - a. Operating Revenue
 - b. Operating Expenses
- e. Copy of most recent IRS 990, most recent financial statement, or most recent independent audit dependent upon charitable contributions to the organization's budget.

VI. ADDITIONAL

- a. Community Support Letters Upload (optional)

- b. Additional information the PCDA should consider (optional)

REPORTING AND PAYMENTS

- I. **REPORTING:** This funding includes quarterly reporting requirements and deadlines. Reports will include a brief narrative, performance measure updates, and a financial record with supporting documentation showing proof of payment such as receipts, paid invoices, bank statements, etc. Support material in the form of photographs and videos is also required to confirm compliance. Reports are mandatory, and the deadlines are firm.
- a. Grantees will submit quarterly reports by the following dates:
 - i. Monday, October 6, 2025.
 - ii. Monday, January 12, 2026.
 - iii. Monday, April 6, 2026.
 - iv. Monday, July 6, 2026.
 - v. Monday, October 12, 2026.
 - vi. The first Monday after the fifth of the month of every quarter, until project is closed.
 - b. Grantees will submit a final report.
 - i. Final reports and supporting documentation must be submitted to the City within 60 days of the day of completion of the project.
 - ii. Any organization affiliated with a project that has not submitted all documentation of expenditures within the 60-day timeframe will be prohibited from receiving any future funds through Pimlico Local Impact Aid.
- II. **DISBURSEMENT:** Funding will be disbursed based on the schedule determined by the Department of Planning. Generally, capital grants will be disbursed on a reimbursement basis at the conclusion of a project. Generally, operating grants may be disbursed on a 40-40-20 schedule with 40% provided at the start of the project, 40% at the midway point of the project contingent on successful project progress, and 20% at the completion of the project, upon submission of a final report.

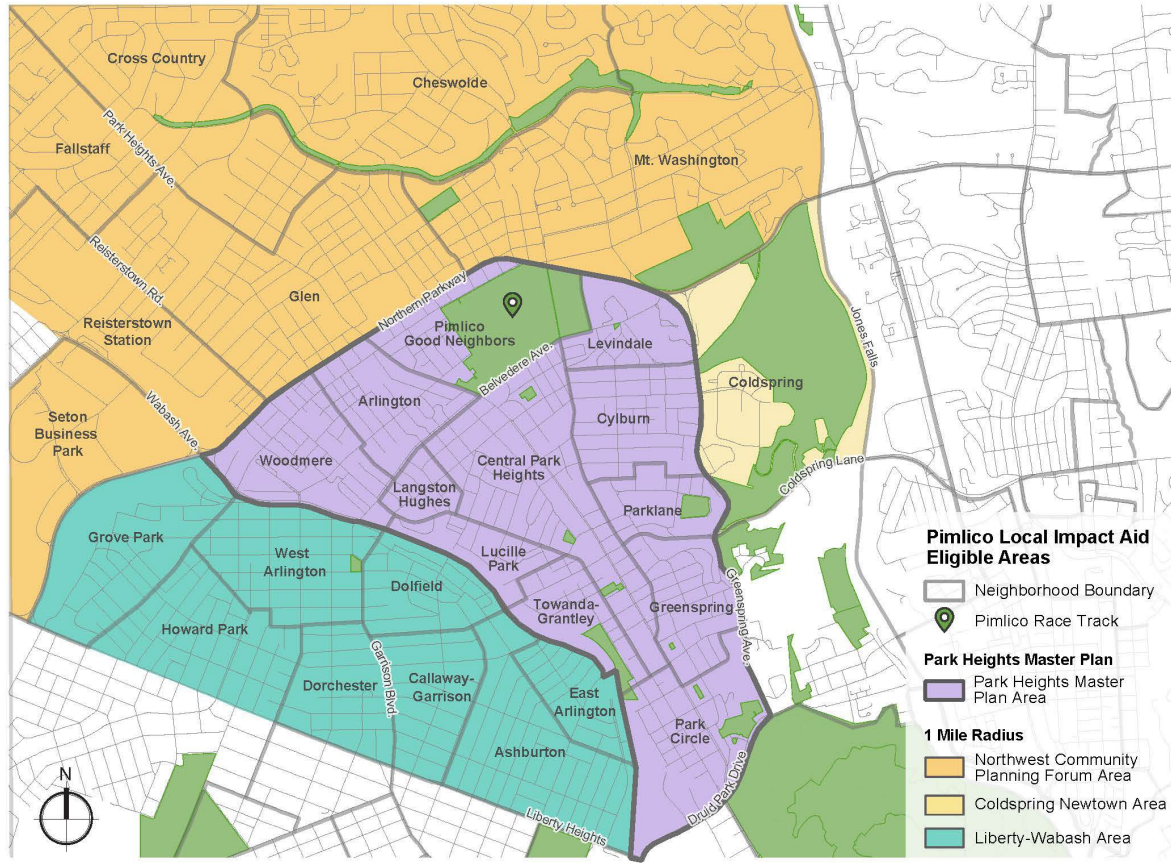
Grantees will be required to create Supplier profiles in the City's online Workday system and to submit invoices electronically. Required documents are as follows:

- Taxpayer Identification Number
- Contact Information
- Business Information
- Current signed and dated W-9 form that must be electronically attached to your registration. Please refer to the IRS W-9 Forms & Instructions if needed at [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov).

APPENDIX A

Pimlico Local Impact Aid-Eligible Areas

Pimlico Local Impact Aid Eligible Areas



APPENDIX B

Timeline and Key Dates

FY2026 Spending Plan Process (subject to change)	
Request Form Opens	Monday, August 18, 2025
Information Session #1	Monday, August 20, 2025, at 7:00 pm
Information Session #2	Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at 12:30 pm
Deadline for Project Requests	Monday, September 29, 2025
PCDA Meeting to Review Preliminary Requests and draft Preliminary Spending Plan	Saturday, November 15, 2025
Draft Spending Plan Released	Wednesday, December 1, 2025
PCDA Meeting for Public Feedback on Plan	Wednesday, December 10, 2025
Final Deadline for Public Comment	December 30, 2025
PCDA Work Session to Deliberate Final Recommendations	Monday, January 13, 2026
Post PCDA Recommendations	Friday, January 15, 2026

Grantee Reporting Schedule	
Quarterly Report Submission Deadlines	October 6, 2025 January 12, 2026 April 6, 2026 July 6, 2026 October 12, 2026 Every quarter on the first Monday after the 5th of the month until project is completed
Final Report Submission Deadline	60 days after project completion

APPENDIX C

Request Form Checklist

Application requirements

- Organization and Project Background
- Type of Project
- Project Overview and Scope
- Project Alignment with Master/Strategic Plans
- Goals and Activities
- Equity Framework
- Project Budget
- Project Timeline
- Fiscal Sponsorship Information (if applicable)
- Organization's Financial and Accounting Information
- Evidence of land control (if applicable for capital projects)
- Letters of Support (optional)
- Additional Details for PCDA to Consider (optional)