

# State Of Maryland

## 2024 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

<b>1. Name Of Project</b>		
Betty Hyatt Park Playground		
<b>2. Senate Sponsor</b>	<b>3. House Sponsor</b>	
Ferguson	R. Lewis	
<b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)	<b>5. Requested Amount</b>	
Baltimore City	\$250,000	
<b>6. Purpose of Bond Initiative</b>		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Betty Hyatt Park Playground		
<b>7. Matching Fund</b>		
Requirements:	Type:	
Grant		
<b>8. Special Provisions</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
<b>9. Contact Name and Title</b>	<b>Contact Ph#</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
Delegate Robbyn Lewis		robyn.lewis@house.state.md.us
Laura Connelly		410-448-5663 ext. 138
<b>10. Description and Purpose of Organization</b> (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Parks &amp; People Foundation, Inc. and KABOOM! are nonprofit organizations operating in Baltimore City. Parks &amp; 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. Both 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 Betty Hyatt 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**

<b>Acquisition</b>	\$0
<b>Design</b>	\$69,000
<b>Construction</b>	\$158,000
<b>Equipment</b>	\$139,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$366,000</b>

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

Maryland State Legislature	\$250,000
KABOOM! Private Fundraising	\$116,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$366,000</b>

<b>14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)</b>			
<b>Begin Design</b>	<b>Complete Design</b>	<b>Begin Construction</b>	<b>Complete Construction</b>
9/1/2024	10/15/2024	4/1/2025	4/10/2025
<b>15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised</b>	<b>16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site</b>		<b>17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete</b>
0	6,100		7,000
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
Parks & Pepple Foundation, Inc. 2100 Liberty Heights Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21217		1710 E Baltimore Street Baltimore, Maryland	
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	46 - Baltimore City		
<b>21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)</b>			
<b>Local Govt.</b>	<b>For Profit</b>	<b>Non Profit</b>	<b>Federal</b>
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<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>		<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	Laura Connelly	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	Yes/No
<b>Phone:</b>	410-448-5663 x138		No
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	
2100 Liberty Heights Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21217			

<b>24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site</b>				
<b>Current # of Employees</b>	<b>Projected # of Employees</b>	<b>Current Operating Budget</b>	<b>Projected Operating Budget</b>	
12	12	4000000	4000000	
<b>25. Ownership of Property</b> (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)				
<b>A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?</b>			Own	
<b>B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?</b>			No	
<b>C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?</b>			No	
<b>D. If property is owned by grantee any space is to be leased, provide the following:</b>				
<b>Lessee</b>		<b>Terms of Lease</b>	<b>Cost Covered by Lease</b>	<b>Square Footage Leased</b>
<b>E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:</b>				
<b>Name of Leaser</b>		<b>Length of Lease</b>	<b>Options to Renew</b>	
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>				
<b>Current Space GSF</b>		3,000		
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>		3,000		
<b>New GSF</b>		0		

**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.