## **State Of Maryland 2024 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet**

1. Name Of Project				
Leith Walk Elementary-Middle Playground				
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Spon	sor		
M. Washington	Boyce			
<b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount			
Baltimore City	\$180,000			
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative				
the acquisition, planning, design, construction improvement, and capital equipping of the I				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:	Type:			
Grant				
8. Special Provisions				
[ ] Historical Easement	[ X ] Non-Sectarian			
9. Contact Name and Title	Contact Ph#	Email Address		
Delegate Regina T. Boyce		regina.boyce@house.state.md.us		
Laura Connelly		410-448-5663 ext 138		
10 Description and Purpose of Organizat	tion (Limit lengt	th to visible area)		

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 Schools on this project and have the support of the School System CEO and the Mayor.

## 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. Students and teachers will participate in the design and selection of the new play equipment which will increase their sense of ownership over this shared recreational and learning space and therefore enhance a sense of belonging. Improving the quality of the playground will increase the usability of the schoolyard playground will make it more appealing to residents who can use that space while school is not in session and draw a critical mass of people to an area that is underused when students are not present. Increased foot traffic in public spaces like this has been shown to improve mental health and reduce instances of crime.

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	\$32,000
Construction	\$52,000
Equipment	\$96,000
Total	\$180,000
13. Proposed Funding Sources - (List all funding source	es and amounts.)
Maryland State Legislature	\$180,000
Total	\$180,000

14. Projec	t Scheo	dule (	Enter a	a date or on	e of the	following in eac	h box. N	N/A, TBD or Complete)	
Begin Des	ign	Com	plete	Design	<b>Begin Construction</b>			<b>Complete Construction</b>	
9/1/2024		10/1:	5/2024	4	4/1/2025			4/10/2025	
and Pledges Raised People				Served Annually at		17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete			
0			96	58	968				
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipient					ts in the Past 15 Years				
Legislati	ve Sess	ion	Ar	nount		Purpose			
19. Legal	Name a	and A	ddre	ss of Gran	itee	Project Add	ress (If	Different)	
Parks & People, Inc. 2100 Liberty Heights Avenue Baltimore, MD 21217				5915 Glennor Road Baltimore, MD 21239					
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located 43A - Baltimo				ltimor	e City				
21. Legal	Status	of Gr	antee	(Please C	heck (	One)			
Local G	ovt.		For P	Profit		Non Profit Federal		Federal	
[ ]			[	]		[ X ]		[ ]	
22. Grantee Legal Representative			23. If Match Includes Real Property:						
Name:	Dr. Fı	rankli	n Land	ce		Has An Appraisal Been Done?		Yes/No	
Phone:	410-4	48-56	563					No	
Address:			If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value						
2100 Liberty Heights Avenue Baltimore, MD 21217									

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site							
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Curr	ent Operating Budget	_	cted Operating Budget		
12	12		4000000	4000000			
25. Ownership of	f Property (Info Requ	ested by	Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)				
A. Will the grante	e own or lease (pick on	operty to be impro	Own				
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?							
C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?							
D. If property is ov	wned by grantee any sp	pace is to	be leased, provide	the followi	ng:		
	Lessee	Terms of Lease	Cost Covered by Lease	Square Footage Leased			
E. If property is le	ased by grantee - Provi	ide the fo	llowing:				
Name of Leaser			Length of Lease	Options to Renew			
26. Building Square Footage:							
<b>Current Space G</b>	Current Space GSF 2,500						
Space to be Reno	Space to be Renovated GSF 2,500						
New GSF		0					

27.	Year of Con	struction of Any	<b>Structures</b>	Proposed
for	Renovation,	Restoration or	Conversion	_

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## 28. Comments

Parks & People Foundation, Inc. and KABOOM! are working with Baltimore City Schools to renovate schoolyard 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.