

State of Maryland

2018 Prior Authorization Fact Sheet

(1) Senate Sponsor	(2) House Sponsor	(3) Project Name
Sen. Smith		Martin Luther King Jr. Recreational Park Improvements
(4) Jurisdiction		(5) Contact Information
Montgomery County		Name: Nina Aplebaum Email: nina.aplebaum@montgomeryparks.org Phone: 301-495-2519
(6) Legislator Request		
Remove the County Executive and County Council of Montgomery County as a co-grantee.		
(7a) Original Senate Bond Bill		(8a) Original House Bond Bill
sb1133 of 2016		
(7b) Senate Chapter		(8b) House Chapter
Ch. 27 Item: ZA02(BD)		
(7c) Senate Prior Authorization		(8c) House Prior Authorization
(9a) Misc Chapter		(9b) Misc Prior Authorization
(10) In your own words, please describe in detail the project's background and your need for a prior authorization.		
<p>Martin Luther King Jr. Recreational Park is over 95 acres of parkland with many facilities including various athletic fields and courts, picnic shelters, a lake, a playground, and more than 2 miles of trails. This heavily-used park is in need of safety improvements and accessibility updates in order to continue serving Montgomery County residents and the more than 30,000 people that take advantage of this resource every year. This project will provide necessary improvements such as ADA accessibility and features that promote exercise and heart health. Specifically, this project will: 1) replace existing metal bleachers on the baseball field with new, safe, ADA compliant bleachers; 2) replace the non-accessible baseball players bench areas with new ADA accessible benches; 3) modify a portion of the parking lot areas to provide ADA accessible parking spaces; 4) create accessible walkways from the parking lot to the existing trail and baseball field; and 5) install exercise equipment/stations, trail upgrades, and parking improvements at several locations along the existing loop trail around the lake.</p> <p>A prior authorization is needed to remove the County Executive and County Council of Montgomery County as co-grantees.</p>		
(11) If you are requesting an extension of the date upon which evidence of a matching fund must be presented to the Board of Public Works, please explain the need for the extension. When do you expect to raise the requisite amount of matching funds, if at all?		

(12) If you are requesting a modification of the type of matching funds (e.g., real property, in-kind contributions, or prior funds expended) that can be used to meet your match, or are requesting the matching fund requirement be changed from an equal match to unequal match or removed altogether, please explain why the change is necessary.

(13) If you are requesting an extension of the date upon which the bond funds must be expended or encumbered by the Board of Public Works, please explain the need for an extension. When do you expect to expend or encumber the funds?

(14) If you are requesting to use the funds for another purpose or to expand the scope of the project, please explain the reason and need for the change.

(15) If you are requesting to modify the name of the grantee organization, add another grantee organization, or remove a grantee organization, please explain the reason and need for the change. If applicable, do those organizations being added or removed as grantee consent to the change?

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The County Executive and the County Council of Montgomery County were added as co-grantees by the Legislation because the County is the landowner on record. However, while the County is the landowner on record, according to the 1972 Agreement between Montgomery County and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), "M-NCPPC has the authority to plan, develop, maintain, operate, regulate, and control all park land acquired and held in the record title ownership of the County." The County, therefore, has no interest in this grant and can be removed as a grantee. A copy of the 1972 MOU can be provided.

(16) If this is an emergency bill, please explain the need for such action.