

## Chapter 407

**(House Bill 1154)**

AN ACT concerning

**Program Open Space – Baltimore City Grants – Use of Grant Funds**

FOR the purpose of altering the capital projects for which a certain statutory minimum grant to Baltimore City, payable from the State's share of the proceeds of Program Open Space, may be used; and generally relating to the use of a certain grant to Baltimore City under Program Open Space.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Natural Resources  
 Section 5–903(a)(2)(ii)1.  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources  
 Section 5–903(a)(2)(ii)4.  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Natural Resources  
Section 5–903(a)(2)(ii)5.  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Natural Resources**

5–903.

(a) (2) (ii) 1. As specified in subparagraph 2 of this subparagraph, a portion of the State's share of funds available under subparagraph (i)1A of this paragraph for this program shall be utilized to make grants to Baltimore City for projects which meet park purposes. The grants shall be in addition to any funds Baltimore City is eligible to receive under subsection (b) of this section, and may be used for acquisition or development. In order for Baltimore City to be eligible for a State grant, the Department shall review projects or land to be acquired within Baltimore City, and upon the Department's recommendation, the Board of Public Works may approve projects and land including the cost. Title to the land shall be in the name of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City.

The State is not responsible for costs involved in the development or maintenance of the land.

4. For fiscal year 2018, the grant funds to Baltimore City in excess of \$1,500,000 under subsubparagraph 1 of this subparagraph may only be used for capital purposes related to the following projects in the amounts specified:

A. ~~\$500,000~~ \$400,000 for Herring Run Park;

B. ~~\$600,000~~ \$500,000 for Clifton Park;

C. \$300,000 for Druid Hill Park Trail Head;

D. \$300,000 for [James Mosher Park] **ATHLETIC FIELD RENOVATIONS AT GWYNN'S FALLS PARK; and**

E. \$300,000 for Patterson Park; **AND**

**F. \$200,000 FOR FIELD LIGHTS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AT FREDERIC B. LEIDIG RECREATION CENTER.**

**5. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019, A PORTION OF THE GRANT FUNDS TO BALTIMORE CITY IN EXCESS OF \$1,500,000 UNDER SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH MAY ONLY BE USED FOR CAPITAL PURPOSES RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS IN THE AMOUNTS SPECIFIED:**

**A. \$100,000 FOR HERRING RUN PARK;**

**B. \$100,000 FOR CLIFTON PARK; AND**

**C. \$100,000 FOR FIELD LIGHTS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AT FREDERIC B. LEIDIG RECREATION CENTER.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2017.