

State Of Maryland

2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Ardmore Park Playground		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Benson	J. Lewis	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Prince George's County	\$155,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Ardmore Park Playground		
7. Matching Fund		
Requirements:	Type:	
Grant		
8. Special Provisions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
9. Contact Name and Title	Contact Ph#	Email Address
Claire Worshtil		301.699.2536
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Maryland National Capital Parks Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) and KABOOM! have worked together since 2021 to address the quality of playgrounds in Prince Georges County. Our partnership, which is part of KABOOM!'s national 25 in 5 Initiative to End Playspace Inequity. Playspace inequity can occur in any type of community and is characterized by a lack of high-quality, engaging, and/or accessible playspaces. M-NCPPC uses an equity based strategy to identify areas where playspace inequity exists and works with KABOOM! to address the needs of those neighborhoods. Over the last four years 13 new playgrounds have been constructed. This kind of public-private partnership allows M-NCPPC to leverage more resources and extend the reach of our efforts to ensure every child in the Prince George and Montgomery Counties have easy access to the best playgrounds possible.</p>		

11. Description and Purpose of Project (Limit length to visible area)

Ardmore Park is a large, historic neighborhood park that provides several different types of amenities to the community. Its playground has fallen into a state of disrepair and needs a significant renovation. The playground is a vital component to the parks programming because it provides a space for younger park users and their caregivers that is separate from the playing fields and courts that others use. Having a designated space for younger park users is important to preserving the nature of the neighborhood park aspect of this space. The newly renovated playground will provide residents with updated equipment, a new surface, and heat mitigation features. Because the community participates in the playground design process, they feel a stronger sense of belonging. Working with KABOOM!, M-NCPPC conducted a study of playground use before and after a KABOOM! renovation and found that residents use increased by over 260%.

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	\$84,000
Construction	\$124,000
Equipment	\$155,000
Total	\$363,000

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

LBI Funding	\$155,000
Public and Private Match	\$208,000
Total	\$363,000

14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
2/1/2026	3/15/2026	6/1/2026	7/1/2026
15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised	16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete	
0	1,500	3,500	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Maryland National Capital Park Planning Commission 6611 Kenilworth Avenue Riverdale, MD 20737		9222 Ardwick Ardmore Rd. Springdale, MD 20774	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	24 - Prince George's County		
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
[X]	[]	[]	[]
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Claire Worsthil	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-699-2536		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
6611 Kenilworth Avenue Riverdale, MD 20737			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
1,500	1,500	300000000	363000
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)			
A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?			Own
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			No
C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?			No
D. If property is owned by grantee any space is to be leased, provide the following:			
Lessee	Terms of Lease	Cost Covered by Lease	Square Footage Leased
E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	4,000		
Space to be Renovated GSF	4,000		
New GSF	0		

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion

2026

28. Comments

The partnership between M-NCPPC and KABOOM! has helped accelerate the pace of our work and rapidly address the needs of residents who would benefit from a high quality, accessible playground. KABOOM!'s ability to braid private donations with our projects has also expanded the reach of our public dollars and pursuing LBI funding jointly has further enabled the Commission to extend its work in pursuit of our capital plan. In addition to the funding resources our partnership with KABOOM! has created, there is also an important research agenda we have been able to pursue. Demonstrating the efficacy of a community driven planning process has long been a challenge to planners. Through our work with KABOOM!, and the geofencing technology they have provided, we now know that employing a community driven process increases residential use of playgrounds. This kind of evidence will help guide future planning decisions and promotes our best in practice approach to working with outside partners.