

State Of Maryland

2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Henrietta Lacks Educational Park		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
McCray		
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore City	\$500,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Henrietta Lacks Educational Park project		
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
Jenny Hope		443-742-8452
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Parks & People has worked to improve Baltimore through green space and education since our founding in 1984, ensuring that everyone in Baltimore is connected to nature, the community, and each other through vibrant outdoor spaces. Parks & People primarily works within East and West Baltimore -- under-resourced areas face countless structural barriers that impact daily life including a lack of beautiful community spaces. Recognizing the natural environment as a ready-made classroom, as well as the potential for young people to be environmental and community stewards, Parks & People offers youth programs that promote academic achievement, outdoor physical activities, and engagement through hands-on environmental projects.</p>		

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

Parks & People completed the first phase of Henrietta Lacks Educational Park in 2018 with a variety of funding sources totaling \$1.2M. Henrietta Lacks Educational Park Phase II, initiated in 2023, will expand the western side of the park to incorporate a skate park, outdoor classroom, garden and tennis/pickleball courts. This phase will cost \$3.4M to complete and provide much desired community amenities that have been planned for 8 years. The site was previously vacant houses and this transformation will add to the quality of life for those in East Baltimore - especially the Johnston Square and Oliver communities,

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	\$347,000
Construction	\$2,950,000
Equipment	\$0
Total	\$3,297,000

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

2025 Bond Bill request	\$500,000
MD DHCD CORE - FY23 and FY25	\$675,000
Baltimore City Rec and Parks	\$500,000
CDBG 49 Operating	\$70,000
CDBG 50 Capital	\$600,000
France Merrick Foundation	\$120,000
Other Private Foundations and Individuals	\$832,000
Total	\$3,297,000

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
9/1/2023	8/31/2025	2/15/2026	9/30/2026
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	
120000.00	4600	12,000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
FY22	\$732,000	Two CORE awards - one for Stockton Street Park and	
FY23	\$500,000	CORE award for Post-demo parks across the city.	
FY23	\$480,000	Community Legacy grant to fund improvements to G	
FY25	\$1,165,000	Community Legacy grant to fund improvements to Li	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Parks& People, Inc. 2100 Liberty Heights Ave Baltimore, MD 21217		HLEP 1002 Harford Road Baltimore, MD 21202	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	45 - Baltimore City		
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:	Frank Lance	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	4104485663		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
2100 Liberty Heights Ave Baltimore, MD 21217			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
n/a			
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?			
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	
n/a			
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	71874		
Space to be Renovated GSF	71874		
New GSF	71874		

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

2026

28. Comments

Baltimore City Rec and Parks owns the land, and Parks & People has a long standing (40 years!) partnership with them on many projects and sites across the city to improve or create community amenities.