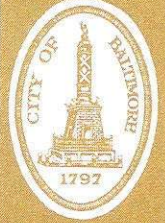


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TO President and Members of the City Council
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The Mayor's Office of Human Services (MOHS) is pleased to have the opportunity to respond to City Council Bill 13-0276-Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation. MOHS has been designated as the agency to administer the Park Heights Master Plan Area, human services programming dollars generated by the Video Lottery Terminal revenue. The \$600,000 designated by this legislation has been allocated through the Video Lottery Terminal revenue for the purpose of providing human services work in the Park Heights Master Plan area.

The Maryland Education Trust Fund – Video Lottery Terminals Legislation (2007 SB 3) designates 5.5 percent of revenue generated by Video Lottery Terminals (VLT), or slot machines, in Maryland be allocated to the designated census districts located directly around the area where VLTs are installed or where racetrack facilities are situated. The funding designated to local communities from VLT revenue is intended to support community and economic development in the area, described as the "local impact area." The original legislation made VLT funding available to local impact areas for a period of 15 years, beginning in Fiscal Year 2012. An amendment to this legislation, made in 2012, extended the period of revenue receipt from 15 years to 20 years. Thus, VLT funding to support human services programming in local impact communities will be made available to the Park Heights Master Plan area through 2032. The legislation requires that each receiving jurisdiction develop a strategic spending plan directing the use of funding in order to have the greatest impact on the local receiving community.

Of the 5.5% of total revenue generated from VLT facilities in Baltimore City, Anne Arundel County and Prince George's County, each local community is required by legislation to compose a multi-year spending plan detailing the community's priorities and strategies for how VLT revenue will be prioritized and disbursed. To that end, the Park Heights Master Plan has been designated to receive a total of \$6,000,000 in slots revenue for Fiscal Year 2013 and 2014. Ten percent (10%) of the total revenue allocated to the Local Impact Area is being dedicated to projects in human development and human services, totaling \$600,000 from this fiscal period. The Pimlico Area Local Impact Aid Plan requires that the human services strategies for which funding is allocated be aligned with the Mayor's Priority Outcomes for Baltimore City and be selected in accordance with input received from the local community.

Through a series of community engagement meetings and focus groups, the community together defined the scope of a Request for Proposals to identify and fund innovative interventions that get youth, who are regularly seen out in the streets of the local area, physically off the streets and into positive youth development programming. The community specifically referred to a target youth population of older youth (ages 15-24), who are perceived to be disconnected from the school system and other youth supports.

MOHS looks forward to a favorable report for this legislation that will work to provide vital youth-focused human services programming to the Park Heights community.



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