



MEMORANDUM

STEPHANIE
RAWLINGS-BLAKE,
Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO,
Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle, *Executive Secretary*

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: February 27, 2014

Re: **City Council Bill 14-0310 – Supplementary State Fund Capital Appropriation – DHCD - \$250,000**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0310 which was introduced for the purpose of providing a Supplementary State Fund Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$250,000 to the Department of Housing and Community Development (Account #9910-905962-9587), to provide funding for Northwest Neighborhood Improvements for activities that include but are not limited to acquisition, relocation, and demolition within the area; and providing for a special effective date.

In 2007, the State legislature passed the Maryland Education Trust Fund – Video Lottery Terminals legislation (2007 SB 3), which provided slots revenue funding to the City of Baltimore to support community and economic development in the Pimlico area. Of the funds that are earmarked for the Pimlico area, at least 75% must be allocated for the Park Heights Master Plan area and up to 25% for census block groups that are within one-mile of the Pimlico Racetrack, excluding the Park Heights Master Plan area. The one-mile radius consists of three distinct geographical areas: the Northwest Community Planning Forum SNAP, portions of the NW Roundtable (formerly known as the Greater Northwest Community Coalition SNAP), and Coldspring Newtown.

The City appropriates Slots revenue for improvements in the one-mile radius (Northwest Neighborhood Improvements) based on estimates provided by the State. In Fiscal Years 2013 and 2014 HCD appropriated \$1,000,000 each year for a total of \$2,000,000 for the One-Mile Radius area. The actual Slots revenue that the City received for the one-mile radius area exceeded the appropriation by \$250,000. The Supplemental Appropriation is necessary to allow the City to receive and spend the additional Slots Revenue. Funds will support a variety of community and economic development initiatives.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 14-0310.

PTG:sd

cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, *Deputy Chief*

