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## **Fiscal Year 2028 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Notification**

**August 3, 2026**

**BALTIMORE, MD** - The FY 2028 CIP application schedule, preliminary CIP Target Allocations, and [CIP Instructions](#) were approved by the IAC on July 16, 2026. The deadline for project submissions is October 5, 2026. All project submissions must be submitted via the IAC's [Business Management System \(BMS\)](#), the tool used by the IAC to facilitate and provide transparency and accountability into the IAC's processes from start to finish.

A new pre-application BMS process called the CIP Application Development Process (CADP) is now available. The CADP will serve as the electronic equivalent of Forms 102b, 102c, and 102d. This automated workflow allows LEAs to calculate estimated Maximum State Awards, modify applications, and collaborate with IAC staff prior to the submission of the final CIP application by the established deadline. Additional directions on this new process can be found in the CIP Instructions. Each LEA will have a kick-off walk-through meeting scheduled by the CPM to begin use of this new process. If you do not yet have one scheduled, please reach out to your Capital Projects Manager (CPM).

Similar to the prior fiscal year, the FY 2028 CIP Supplemental Information Survey will be administered via a separate BMS process early next year.

### **Important Dates**

- 8/3/2026: New CADP opens in the BMS to be used in lieu of the IAC's Planning and Funding Request 102 Forms.
- 8/28/2026: Deadline for LEAs to submit SRC update requests for a major CIP project school and/or the schools adjacent to a major CIP project school.
- 10/5/2026: Deadline for LEAs to submit FY 2028 CIP applications (for each project, a CADP process and the resulting CIP process must be fully submitted) and submission of the front end documentation process in the BMS.
- 11/30/2026: Deadline for LEAs to upload final amendments to FY 2028 CIP requests and letters of support from local government (required) into the BMS.
- 11/30/2026: IAC distribution of a CIP Project Request Status Report containing the status of each request and, if available, the Maximum State Award estimated by the IAC.
- 12/31/2026: IAC distribution of an updated CIP report that additionally includes projected 100% CIP awards.
- 1/31/2027: IAC distribution of an updated CIP report.
- 2/11/2027: LEA presentations to IAC (optional); IAC adoption of the 90% CIP recommendations to the General Assembly.
- 5/13/2027: IAC approval of 100% CIP.

**Important BMS Reminders:**

- Projects that do not yet exist in the BMS must have a Project Creation BMS process submitted with sufficient time for IAC staff processing (up to two business days), and subsequent CADP and CIP submissions. We strongly encourage submission of the Project Creation BMS process ASAP to avoid delays.
- An LEA's CIP submission is not considered complete until the following steps are completed (note: acceptance of late submissions requires approval by the IAC via motion and a vote):
  - A CADP for each project has been submitted on the last step of the BMS process, which will automatically spawn a CIP application process;
  - A CIP process for each project has been submitted with an LEA priority that matches the approved BOE documentation; and
  - All required general CIP documentation is submitted via the CIP Front End Upload BMS process on the LEA's Global project (see the CIP Instructions for specifics).
- Assistance with BMS access, including account requests from authorized individuals, can be requested by emailing [iac.pscp@maryland.gov](mailto:iac.pscp@maryland.gov).

**Funding Factor Updates:**

- At their meeting on July 16, 2026, the IAC approved an updated cost per square foot of \$448 for building only (\$533 for building and site development for applicable projects).
- [State Cost Shares](#) for FY 2028 are available on the IAC website
- State Cost Share Add-Ons: The Excel file distributed with this notice will be used by IAC staff for the FY 2028 CIP to apply Cost-Share add-ons to funding awards for in accordance with the IAC's Administrative Procedures Guide, Section 3.N., up to a maximum project-level State share of 100%. Please contact IAC Planning Manager Jamie Bridges at [jamie.bridges@maryland.gov](mailto:jamie.bridges@maryland.gov) and/or your assigned CPM regarding add-ons for project submissions involving multiple school programs, as they cannot be evaluated 1-to-1 with this dataset.

**New Information and Important Notes:**

- Please visit the IAC's website to access the [Administrative Procedures Guide \(APG\)](#) which includes requirements and policies that govern the IAC's various funding programs, including the CIP, for detailed information on portfolio-level policies and tools, design submissions, and other important information.
- Please note that **applications for Built to Learn Funding should not be submitted** in the CIP *except* when both CIP and BTL funding is requested for the project. For information about submitting requests solely for the BTL, contact Arabia Davis, Funding Programs Manager, and your [assigned CPM](#).
- **Actual and Projected Enrollment Updates:** For FY 2028, eligible enrollment will be based on the seventh-year (2032 for FY 2028) enrollment projections for a major CIP project school and the schools adjacent to a major CIP project school.

**Energy & Decarbonization**

- As of April 17, 2025, revisions to the Maryland High Performance Green Building Program are in effect per the State Finance and Procurement Article (SFP) §4-806 of the Maryland Code Annotated. New and

replacement schools are subject to the electrification requirement with certain exceptions. LEAs are encouraged to consult with their counsel to obtain an interpretation of the new HPGBP.

- **Net-Zero School State-Share Add-On:** An LEA requesting the Net-Zero School State-Share Add-On, which results in a 5% increase to the State cost share for eligible projects, must submit a complete and acceptable [NZE Add-On Request Form](#) with their CIP application and at each design submission, including Ed Specs, SDs, DDs, and CDs.

### CIP Target Allocations

| LEA                           | FY 2028 Target Allocation |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Allegany                      | \$3,738,863               |
| Anne Arundel                  | \$18,422,024              |
| Baltimore City                | \$30,524,876              |
| Baltimore County              | \$29,156,190              |
| Calvert                       | \$4,018,922               |
| Caroline                      | \$2,750,000               |
| Carroll                       | \$6,979,629               |
| Cecil                         | \$6,000,000               |
| Charles                       | \$9,248,034               |
| Dorchester                    | \$2,750,000               |
| Frederick                     | \$13,751,845              |
| Garrett                       | \$2,750,000               |
| Harford                       | \$10,567,183              |
| Howard                        | \$13,186,877              |
| Kent                          | \$8,000,000               |
| Montgomery                    | \$28,678,314              |
| Prince George's               | \$40,994,565              |
| Queen Anne's                  | \$2,750,000               |
| Somerset                      | \$2,750,000               |
| St. Mary's                    | \$4,870,382               |
| Talbot                        | \$2,750,000               |
| Washington                    | \$8,376,546               |
| Wicomico                      | \$7,235,750               |
| Worcester                     | \$2,750,000               |
| Maryland School for the Blind | \$12,000,000              |
| Statewide Reserve Fund        | \$5,000,000               |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>\$280,000,000</b>      |

**Significant Enrollment Growth and Relocatable Classroom (EGRC) Funding**

Based upon eligibility requirements outlined in the APG and CIP Instructions, the preliminary EGRC allocations for each LEA, totaling \$80 million, are as follows:

| LEA              | Qualifies Based on Enrollment | Qualifies based on # of Relocatables | 9/30/2025 Full-Time Equivalent Enrollment | % of Total Statewide Enrollment | FY 2028 Estimated EGRC Allocation |
|------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Anne Arundel     | Yes                           | -                                    | 81,923.25                                 | 9.69%                           | \$9,668,428                       |
| Baltimore City   | Yes                           | -                                    | 71,496.00                                 | 8.45%                           | \$8,437,824                       |
| Baltimore County | -                             | Yes                                  | 103,655.25                                | 12.26%                          | \$12,233,198                      |
| Carroll          | Yes                           | -                                    | 25,199.25                                 | 2.98%                           | \$2,973,968                       |
| Charles          | Yes                           | Yes                                  | 26,692.75                                 | 3.16%                           | \$3,150,228                       |
| Frederick        | Yes                           | -                                    | 49,190.75                                 | 5.46%                           | \$5,451,346                       |
| Montgomery       | -                             | Yes                                  | 150,929.00                                | 17.85%                          | \$17,812,357                      |
| Prince George's  | Yes                           | Yes                                  | 125,898.25                                | 14.89%                          | \$14,858,275                      |
| Queen Anne's     | Yes                           | -                                    | 7,115.00                                  | 0.84%                           | \$839,699                         |
| Somerset         | Yes                           | -                                    | 2,572.00                                  | 0.30%                           | \$303,543                         |
| Washington       | Yes                           | -                                    | 21,513.25                                 | 2.54%                           | \$2,538,953                       |
| Wicomico         | Yes                           | -                                    | 14,677.25                                 | 1.74%                           | \$1,732,181                       |

Please note that enrollment includes SEED School MD students in home school systems and that Prekindergarten students are not included in the full-time equivalent enrollment for the MSDE Foundation program funding. Full-time equivalent enrollment is defined in State Education Article §5-202.

We look forward to receiving your FY 2028 CIP submission on or before October 5, 2026. Please contact [arabia.davis1@maryland.gov](mailto:arabia.davis1@maryland.gov) or (410) 767-2153 with questions or concerns about the CIP application process, your Capital Projects Manager for technical assistance with project development, and Jamie Bridges at [jamie.bridges@maryland.gov](mailto:jamie.bridges@maryland.gov) for information regarding eligible enrollment and adjacent schools.

The Interagency Commission on School Construction is an agency of the State of Maryland. Staff of the IAC can be reached at [iac.pscp@Maryland.gov](mailto:iac.pscp@Maryland.gov). Learn more about the IAC and its programs at [mdschoolconstruction.org](https://mdschoolconstruction.org).