

Request for Proposals: Pimlico Elementary Middle School-Creative Placemaking Project



[The Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts](#), in partnership with the Baltimore Department of Planning [INSPIRE program](#), seeks a qualified artist to engage and work with students and neighbors of Pimlico Elementary Middle School in the development and creation of an outdoor creative placemaking project to be incorporated in a newly established community managed greenspace near Pimlico Elementary Middle School in Park Heights.

Budget: \$30,000

Applications Due: by 5:00 pm August 1, 2018

Apply Online at this [LINK](#)

PIMLICO EMS & INSPIRE:

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[Pimlico Elementary Middle School](#) was constructed in 1925, and was named after the [Pimlico Race Course](#). Pimlico is one of the first schools to be rehabilitated and modernized through the Baltimore City Public School Systems 21st Century Schools program and is [currently undergoing a \\$43M renovation](#). Pimlico is on schedule to re-open in August 2018.

INSPIRE seeks to leverage the 21st Century Schools investment by enhancing the connection between the schools and the surrounding neighborhoods. Since 2015, INSPIRE planners have held community engagement meetings to develop [the Pimlico Elementary Middle School INSPIRE Plan](#). The Plan seeks to lead improvements in the environment and quality of life for students and families, and articulate the community's vision for guiding local private development, and improving environmental, social and economic conditions.

CALL FOR ARTIST:

This call seeks proposals for a new creative placemaking installation into the community managed greenspace project outlined as a strategic local investment in the Pimlico Planning Area INSPIRE Plan. This investment is being realized in two phases.

Phase I- included the concentrated rehab of homes along the 4800 block of Pimlico Road and the creation of two new community managed green spaces.

Phase II- is currently underway and will complement the award of the State's Safe Routes to Grant and further sidewalk and streetscape improvements focused on improving pedestrian safety and traffic calming measures. The highlight of phase II is a strategic street closure that will connect the two green spaces.

The artist selected through this call will lead a community art process through the spring and summer of 2018 that results in artwork or creative elements, to be incorporated into this phase II process of building a safer-connected community green space, and improving walkability and pedestrian safety to access the school.

BUDGET:

The complete budget for artist's time materials and installation is set at **\$30,000** made available from the INSPIRE program. It is possible, but not guaranteed that additional grant funding or in-kind support may offset the cost of installation.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Note: This is a Request for Proposals asking artists and designers to submit conceptual renderings of their proposal. Proposal drawings are considered initial concepts and may need to undergo design revisions and adjustments prior to being fabricated and installed.

Applications are accepted via Submittable at this [LINK](#)

Application Requirements include:

- **Artist Contact information:** *name, phone, email, mailing address*
- **Artist Proposal:** *A conceptual rendering and description of proposed artwork or creative placemaking project for the recently created community managed green space.*
- *Proposal should be submitted as a 1-2 page single PDF document formatted as horizontally oriented 11"x17" pages.*

- **Previous work Samples** 3-5 samples of previously completed artwork. Work samples should reflect the quality of the artist's finished built work. Samples should be saved and uploaded as individual JPG files.
- **Work Sample Descriptions:** Describe the work samples you provided as title, medium, size, budget, and location (if applicable).
- **Artist CV or Resume**
- **Professional References:** Contact information for two professional references

TIMELINE:

June 6, 2018	Call to Artist Open
August 1, 2018, 5:00pm	Application Deadline
September- October 2018	Design & Construction
October-November 2018	Installation Complete

WE'RE HERE TO HELP:

This Request for Qualifications is distributed and managed by the Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts Public Art Program on behalf of the Department of Planning and INSPIRE.

For Questions regarding this call, or the Public Art Program in general, please contact:

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ATTACHMENTS:

Recent renovation of homes adjoining community managed greenspace:



Excerpted pages from Pimlico Elementary Middle School INSPIRE Plan:

Create a Clean and Green Neighborhood

22. Continue to coordinate with Park Heights Renaissance’s Clean and Green Team, DPW, and HCD to develop a consistent greening, mowing, and cleaning strategy to address overgrown yards and deterioration of vacant properties.

Clean streets, sidewalks, vacant lots, alleys, and areas throughout the communities surrounding Pimlico Elementary/Middle School are important for students as they walk to and from school, for residents in the area, and for projecting a positive image to people passing



through. PHR has a team that is working on this issue daily; their efforts should ensure a focus along the primary walking routes. Additionally, with a large inventory of vacant lots in the neighborhood, and more being created through strategic demolition, it is important that community stakeholders, City agencies, and others work together to turn some of them into productive green places. This could include seeding and fencing properties, planting trees, clearing overgrowth, installing temporary art, land maintenance, and/or community managed open spaces. These efforts should continue to be coordinated and incorporated in the City’s Green Network Plan that revitalizes communities by creating an interconnected system of intentional green spaces throughout the city.

23. Complete the Pimlico Triangle Community Managed Open Space.



Through a series of design charrettes with the community and students, two vacant lots across the street from the school have been transformed into a community managed open space with native plantings and places for sitting; student art will be coming soon. The second phase of the project will include the closure of a leg of the intersection and removal of the pavement, on Thorndale Avenue between the two improved spaces, to create a pedestrian plaza and minimizing a conflict point for students and cars. The Safe Routes to School grant includes traffic calming interventions with a raised crosswalk at Thorndale and Pimlico, which will connect the school with the space. More community art and signage is also desired and could be explored in the future. (See Appendix C for Design)



PIMLICO ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT FROM THE STATE OF MARYLAND

The Baltimore City Department of Transportation and the Department of Planning's INSPIRE Program applied in partnership to the Maryland Department of Transportation – State Highway Administration's (SHA) Safe Routes to School (SRTS) 2018 grant for improvements in pedestrian safety around Pimlico Elementary Middle School (EMS). The Baltimore Regional Transportation Board recommended the full funding from the Transportation Alternatives (TA) fund which SHA administers. The goal of the project is to comprehensively address transportation safety by improving conditions for pedestrians and students walking and bicycling to the school in the Pimlico EMS INSPIRE area. See complete list of proposed improvements in Appendix C.



*Existing Conditions:
Oakley Avenue*



*Existing Conditions:
Improved Pimlico Triangle
Community Managed Open Space*



*Existing Conditions:
Pimlico Road at Thorndale Ave.
(connection to Pimlico Triangle)*



The majority of marked intersections will include ADA ramp upgrades, crosswalks addition or refreshing and School Crossing Signs.



Additionally includes the installation of audible countdown pedestrian signal heads at the traffic lights.



Includes traffic calming interventions with a raised crosswalk at Thorndale and Pimlico, which will connect the school to the Pimlico Triangle Community Managed Open Space created in a revitalized vacant lot directly across the street. Additionally a leg of the intersection, on Thorndale Avenue between the two improved spaces will be closed, creating a pedestrian plaza and minimizing another conflict point for students and cars.

Photos of community managed green space projects:



Map/rendering of green spaces before they are combined for street-calming.



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