

**AGENDA**

**BOARD OF ESTIMATES**

**02/26/2014**

Department of Planning (DOP) - Grant Agreement

**ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:**

The Board is requested to approve and authorize execution of a Grant Agreement with the Parks & People Foundation. The period of the Grant Agreement is effective upon Board approval for one year.

**AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:**

\$24,000.00 - 9910-902971-9588

**BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:**

The Garden Irrigation Fund Program (GIFP), which was developed in 2012 by the DOP, Parks & People Foundation, and the non-profit land trust Baltimore Green Space, provides for irrigation at community garden sites. The program launched in 2013 and successfully supported seven community gardens. This Grant Agreement will enable a second round of the program and will set roles and expectations for the GIFP, in which community-managed open space site managers would apply for support for installation of water lines. Applicants are required to make the case for why direct water access is necessary or preferable, and for how their site serves the Baltimore community.

The Parks & People Foundation has more than a decade of experience managing small grant programs and support networks for Baltimore's community gardeners, and with contracting out small infrastructure jobs.

**APPROVED FOR FUNDS BY FINANCE**

**AUDITS REVIEWED AND HAD NO OBJECTION.**

(The Grant Agreement has been approved by the Law Department as to form and legal sufficiency.)