

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

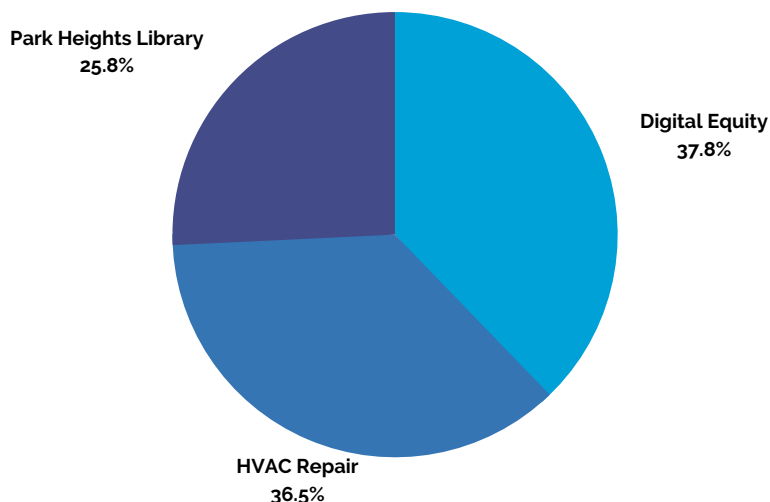
Mayor Scott Announces \$11.7 Million Toward Expanding Library Services and Completing Renovations

Mayor Brandon M. Scott has awarded **\$11.7 million** in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to the **Enoch Pratt Free Library** to advance digital equity, update HVAC systems at prioritized City libraries, and help build a new library in the Park Heights community.

This ARPA investment will support:

- **\$4.4 Million to Advance Digital Equity**
 - **Pratt Anywhere** – Pair access to equipment with programming focused on building and exercising skills necessary for the 21st-century digital economy
 - **Digital Navigators** – Hire and certify digital navigators to offer visitors one-on-one technical support to respond to the increasing service demand
 - **Reimagining Public Computer Spaces** – Redesign traditional “computer banks” into innovative, creative, and entrepreneurial spaces for the community
 - **Outdoor Connectivity Expansion** – Enhance the ability of residents to access free Wi-Fi by improving the outdoor spaces, including landscape improvements, new lighting, and new permanent fixtures that enable visitors to work and charge devices outside of library operating hours
- **\$4.25 Million for HVAC Repair**
 - Baltimore City Department of General Services will partner with Enoch Pratt Free Library to replace aging HVAC systems at prioritized locations
- **\$3 Million for the Building of a New Park Heights Library**
 - Funding will go towards design and development, construction, furnishings, site work, and fees for a 16,000-square-foot library building

BUDGET SNAPSHOT: \$11.7 MILLION



SUMMARY:

- \$4.4 Million to Advance Digital Equity
- \$4.25 Million for HVAC Repair in Enoch Pratt Free Library Facilities
- \$3 Million Toward Building Park Heights Community Library

For more information about the Mayor's Office of Recovery Programs and for updates on ARPA Funding, please visit arp.baltimorecity.gov