



May 1, 2019

Dear Upton Developers:

The Upton Planning Committee, (UPC), will be submitting an application to the State of Maryland on **June 12, 2019**.

Almost \$50 million is available for Fiscal Year 2020 through the State Revitalization Programs (SRP) as listed below:

1. Community Legacy/Community Legacy Neighborhood Intervention \$6 million
2. Strategic Demolition Fund – Statewide \$5.5 million*
3. Project C.O.R.E. \$18.75 million
4. Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative \$12 million capital/\$750,000 operating
5. National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund \$4 million
6. Seed Community Development Anchor Institution Program \$5 million

The Full application is available at the following link:

<https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Communities/Documents/SRP/State%20Revitalization%20Program%20Guidelines-FY%202020.pdf>)

Below are details regarding the upcoming round of Project C.O.R.E. funding.

- Only government agencies and Community Development Organizations (CDC's, Main Streets, etc.) can apply for these funds. **Therefore, all developers with interested projects in Upton will need to submit through UPC.**
- Typical grant award amounts in the past were \$250k to \$500k. This year it could be higher because they have more money to distribute. There is 18 million allocated for FY 2020 and about 9 million will be given through direct grants the rest will be given to the City and Stadium Authority.
- Grants are for two years
- There is a 1:4 match requirement meaning you have to come up with \$1 for every \$4 awarded. The match can be in-kind but can't be state funds.
- Project C.O.R.E. funding is primarily for pre-development costs, not for rehab. Funding can be used towards architectural drawings, stabilization, and demolition, but not construction.
- Three primary goals: (1) eliminate blight (i.e. vacant properties) via demolition and stabilization, (2) improve economic opportunity, and (3) encourage investment. The Governor's goal is that the State's \$70 million over four years will leverage an additional \$600 million in investment.

- Project C.O.R.E. priorities are (in no particular order): proximity to 21st Century Schools Investment, anchor institutions (Universities, etc.), other major investments, transit (especially North Avenue, CityLink); implementation of comprehensive plans; reuse of historic buildings; and residential market strength.
- Projects will be scored on various items (delineated on their website) with a maximum score of 300 points.
- Awards from these applications will be announced within 60 days.

UPC Application Process

UPC will be submitting one application for the Upton community to DHCD. UPCs application will itemize properties in the Upton Community that have been targeted to receive C.O.R.E. funding and other program funding requests i.e. BRNI, Community Legacy etc.

We are asking for all developers and property owners seeking DHCD support in Upton to provide details of their request to UPC by no later than **May 31, 2019**. Please submit the DHCD letter of interest to upton@historicopton.com. The Letter of Interest form is attached.

Please make sure it is submitted by **May 31, 2019**, **late submissions may not be considered**.



UPTON COMMUNITY DHCD FY 2020 Letter of Interest

NAME:	
ADDRESS: <i>(City, County, State, Zip):</i>	
CONTACT PERSON: <i>(Name, Title, Email address, Phone Number)</i>	
PROJECT NAME:	
PROJECT ADDRESS: <i>(List all addresses in the project)</i>	
TYPE OF PROJECT: <i>(Check all that apply for CORE award)</i> <i>Please complete a separate form for each different type of project</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> CORE: ___ Building/Site Assembly ___ Architectural & Engineering Designs ___ Site Development ___ Stabilization ___ Demolition <input type="checkbox"/> Community Legacy <input type="checkbox"/> BRNI
ANTICIPATED TOTAL PROJECT COST:	
ANTICIPATED PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST:	

<p>PROJECT DESCRIPTION: <i>(What is your project and what is the intended development outcome? What economic or community development impacts do you hope it will achieve?):</i></p>	
<p>ATTACHMENTS: <i>(Please include any pictures or maps that may be supportive of the project description):</i></p>	
<p>DO YOU HAVE FINANCING FOR THIS PROJECT?</p>	
<p>HOW DOES THIS PROJECT ALIGN WITH THE UPTON MASTER PLAN?</p>	

**This letter of interest is due on May 31, 2019 to the Upton Planning Committee
Please send via email to upton@historicuton.com**



UPTON COMMUNITY CORE APPLICATION OVERVIEW 2020

What is Project C.O.R.E and how will it benefit Baltimore City?

On Jan. 5, 2016 Governor Larry Hogan announced a four-year partnership to demolish thousands of vacant buildings to serve as the catalyst for redevelopment, reinvestment, and stabilization in Baltimore. Project Creating Opportunities for Renewal and Enterprise – or Project C.O.R.E. – is the name of this initiative.

The goal of this historic partnership is to improve economic opportunity and quality of life in Baltimore City neighborhoods. It is a far-reaching initiative designed to address the needs of the existing population as well as expand opportunities for the development and expansion of small businesses that will benefit the community, the city and the entire state of Maryland. Project C.O.R.E investments will result in safer and more attractive neighborhoods, more jobs, more green space, and more quality, energy efficient affordable housing for the benefit of existing residents.

Will the community be involved in choosing the sites for demolition?

Yes. The community will be a valued partner throughout the process. Baltimore City has established a transparent and ongoing process to engage communities in identifying targets for demolition as well as identifying new purposes for resulting open spaces. The city engages affected communities regularly through its ongoing Vacants to Value (or V2V) program. The schedule of Project C.O.R.E. demolitions will continue to be determined after substantial community input.

Will this initiative lead to the involuntary relocation of residents in the city?

No. Project C.O.R.E will not forcibly displace residents. For those residents living in affected areas, provisions will be made by Baltimore City for their relocation in accordance with the federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (or Uniform Act). The goal of Project C.O.R.E is to empower residents by improving economic opportunity and quality of life in existing neighborhoods. Additionally, it is expected that Project C.O.R.E will result in the creation of jobs and housing opportunities for new residents to live and work in revitalizing neighborhoods.

Will Project C.O.R.E. create employment opportunities?

Yes. Project C.O.R.E. will link job-seeking residents with demolition, deconstruction, stabilization, and redevelopment activity supported by the initiative. In addition, Project C.O.R.E. will support training programs and partner with local trade organizations, non-profit organizations, and other agencies within the State of Maryland to provide a range of workforce development services.

UPC C.O.R.E. Application

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