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Dear Upton Developers:

The Upton Planning Committee, (UPC), will be applying to the State of Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for 2021 CORE, Community Legacy and BRNI resources on **October 15, 2020**.

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development has announced the Fiscal Year 2021 application round for three State Revitalization Programs - Community Legacy, Strategic Demolition Fund – CORE for Baltimore City, and the Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative.

These programs offer funding to support local housing, community and economic development, and other revitalization projects. They are part of the department's commitment to helping the state's local governments and nonprofit agencies achieve their community revitalization and economic development goals.

Project Overviews and Application Details

[Community Legacy](#)

Summary: The Community Legacy program provides local governments and community development organizations with funding for essential projects aimed at strengthening communities through activities such as business retention and attraction, encouraging homeownership and commercial revitalization.

Eligible Applicants: Local governments, non-profit community development organizations

Eligible Use of Funds: Capital costs, such as, construction/rehabilitation, acquisition, architectural and engineering drawings, site development, other capital improvements

[Strategic Demolition Fund](#)

Summary: The Strategic Demolition Fund seeks to catalyze activities that accelerate economic development and job production in existing Maryland communities. The Fund aims to improve the economic viability of “grey field development,” which often faces more barriers than sprawling “green field development.” There are three specific initiatives of the Strategic Demolition Fund.

Eligible Use of Funds for all SDF Initiatives: Demolition of derelict non-contributing structures, site acquisition and assembly, site development, stabilization, construction-level architectural and engineering designs.

1. [Strategic Demolition Fund – Statewide \(excludes Baltimore City\)](#)

Eligible Applicants: Local governments or nonprofit community development organizations **working outside Baltimore City.**

2. [Strategic Demolition Fund – Project C.O.R.E.](#)

Project C.O.R.E. or Creating Opportunities for Renewal and Enterprise, means a new canvas for Baltimore, clearing the way for new green space, new affordable and mixed use housing, new and greater opportunities for small business owners to innovate and grow. The initiative will generate jobs, strengthen the partnership between the City of Baltimore and the State of Maryland and lead to safer, healthier and more attractive spaces for families to live and put down roots.

<https://dhcd.maryland.gov/ProjectCORE/Pages/default.aspx>

Eligible Applicants: Maryland Stadium Authority, Nonprofit Community Development Organizations working in Baltimore City and Baltimore City Government

Additional Eligibility Requirements: Funds can only be for projects located in Baltimore City and should help achieve Project C.O.R.E. goals.

Please go to the Project C.O.R.E website to learn more about this initiative.

3. [Strategic Demolition Fund – National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund](#)

Eligible Applicants: Local governments and nonprofit community development organizations.

Additional Eligibility Requirements: Funds from the NCAP-EDF program should primarily **support commercial and residential development projects.** At least 85% of funds will be dedicated to Sustainable Communities between the District of Columbia and Interstate 495.

[Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative](#)

Summary: The Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative program aims to demonstrate how strategic investment in local housing and businesses can lead to healthy, sustainable communities with a growing tax base and enhanced quality -of-life. The program attempts to focus on areas where modest investment and a coordinated strategy with various partners will have an appreciable neighborhood revitalization impact.

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit Community Development Organizations

Eligible Use of Funds: Capital costs, such as, construction/rehabilitation, acquisition, architectural and engineering drawings, site development, other costs associated with capital neighborhood improvement projects

Additional Eligibility Requirements: Must be an approved BRNI applicant with an approved neighborhood revitalization plan

***If you DO NOT have an approved strategic neighborhood revitalization plan and are new to the BRNI program, please contact your regional project manager (see the contact list at the bottom of the page)

Other Requirements:

Community Legacy projects must be located in an area designated as a Sustainable Community by the State of Maryland. Projects can also be located in designated Opportunity Zones within Allegany, Garrett, Somerset and Wicomico Counties. To see your jurisdiction's Sustainable Community or Opportunity Zone boundaries, please use the online revitalization mapping tool found at this website: <https://www.dhcd.state.md.us/GIS/revitalize/index.html>.

In addition to being located in a Sustainable Community, Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative projects should be located in an area targeted by an eligible program applicant. Projects should help achieve the strategies outlined in a local government's Sustainable Communities plan. All Sustainable Community plans can be found online by visiting <https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Communities/Pages/dn/communities.aspx>.

For additional program and application information, visit <https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Communities/Pages/StateRevitalizationPrograms/default.aspx>.

UPC Application Process

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.**

UPC will be submitting one application for the Upton community to DHCD. UPC's 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 **October 9, 2020**. Please submit the DHCD letter of interest to upcwestsidecdc@gmail.com. The Letter of Interest form is attached.

Please make sure it is submitted by **October 9, 2020**, **late submissions may not be considered.**