



UPC/UPC WESTSIDE CDC FY19 MD DHCD Funding Application Process

Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development
Division of Neighborhood Revitalization
State Revitalization Programs Application Fiscal Year 2019

**DEADLINE FOR DHCD SUBMISSION:
Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.**

How much money is available? What Programs will be funded?

For Fiscal Year 2019, the Division anticipates that almost \$13.25 million will be available through the State Revitalization Programs (SRP) listed below:

- Community Legacy/Community Legacy Neighborhood Intervention \$6 million*
- Strategic Demolition Fund – Statewide (*Except Baltimore City*) \$3.5 million*
- Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative \$3 million capital & \$750,000 operating*

**FY19 funding levels are pending approval by the Maryland General Assembly and are therefore subject to change*

What is the Community Legacy Program?

Community Legacy, a program of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (the “Department”), is implemented in close coordination with local community partners and other State agencies. Community Legacy is a smart growth tool that catalyzes new investment in older neighborhoods and business districts in support of local revitalization plans for designated Sustainable Community Areas. Community Legacy funds assist leaders from urban and suburban communities, and small towns that have a comprehensive approach to encourage community reinvestment, economic development and resource conservation. Over time, these strategies achieve and maintain vibrant places for Marylanders to live, work and prosper.

Community Legacy provides resources to assist local governments and their nonprofit community development partners in realizing comprehensive community revitalization initiatives. It is intended as a flexible resource to fill key funding gaps not being met by other State or local financing and to position older communities for increased private investment. Community Legacy funds support a wide range of local initiatives aimed at both attracting new residents and businesses and encouraging existing residents and businesses to remain and reinvest in a community.

Examples of revitalization activities supported in the past include, but are not limited to:

- Establishment of a revolving fund to attract home buyers to purchase and rehabilitate homes.
- Programs for existing homeowners and businesses to improve their properties.
- Development of mixed-use projects that may combine housing, retail, office, public and open space.
- Development and/or ownership of open space.
- Development of public infrastructure that is related to a Community Legacy project, such as parking, lighting and improvements to pedestrian and bicycle circulation.
- Streetscape improvements along streets that are generally not State highways.
- Strategic demolition, including land banking, to stimulate redevelopment.
- Acquisition and/or improvement of vacant buildings or unimproved land.

What is the Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative (BRNI) Program?

The overarching goal of Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative (BRNI) is to increase the competitiveness of the target communities for new homeownership and private-sector business, residential and commercial investment, through such activities as strategic property acquisition, redevelopment, rehabilitation and new infill development. Target communities are those that can build upon existing strengths and assets to accelerate their momentum in achieving healthy residential markets and economic growth. BRNI investments demonstrate how strategic and innovative approaches to local housing and economic development can lead to healthy, sustainable communities with a growing tax base and enhanced quality-of-life. The program is focused on areas where modest but sustained investment in a comprehensive strategy will have measurable neighborhood impact.

What is the Strategic Demolition Fund?

The Strategic Demolition Fund (SDF) is a program that invests in pre-development activities that accelerate economic development and job production in Maryland's Sustainable Communities. The program aims to improve the economic viability of "grey field development" which often faces more barriers than sprawling "green field development." (All areas except Baltimore City)

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UPC will be submitting one application for the Upton/Westside communities to DHCD. UPCs application will itemize properties in the Community that have been targeted to receive Community Legacy or BRNI funding. DHCD will be asked to support UPCs neighborhood request for these funding sources. **We are asking for all developers and property owners seeking Community Legacy or BRNI funding in Upton/Westside communities to provide details of their request to UPC by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 4, 2018.**

Please submit a letter of interest to upton@historicopton.com outlining the following items.

Letter of Interest Content

1. DHCD Program (Community Legacy or BRNI)
2. Project(s) name
3. Brief project description
4. Need for funding
5. Degree of completion (ex. plans? specs? construction?)
6. Location and exact address
7. Total project cost
8. Approximate grant request
9. Basic project budget
10. Committed matching funds
11. Do you have community support for this project, if so, who have you spoken with? Do you have a letter of support?
12. Full contact information (Name, address, phone, email)