

Baltimore Regional Neighborhoods Initiative

FACT SHEET

The Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative (BRNI) demonstrates how strategic investment in local housing and businesses lead to healthy, sustainable communities with a growing tax base and enhanced quality-of-life. The initiative assists non-profit community partners working in communities in the Baltimore region where modest investment and a coordinated strategy have an appreciable neighborhood revitalization impact. BRNI was established in Fiscal Year 2014.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

BRNI funds support a wide range of community enhancement projects, including but not limited to:

- Down payment assistance to attract home buyers to purchase and rehabilitate homes;
- Funds for the acquisition and rehabilitation of vacant homes for resale to new homebuyers;
- Programs for existing homeowners and businesses to improve their properties;
- Programs that encourage weatherization and energy retrofits to achieve energy efficiency;
- Development of mixed-use projects that may combine housing, retail and office space;
- Development or enhancement of community open space;
- Development of public infrastructure to stimulate redevelopment.

Projects supported by BRNI build on the strengths of existing Baltimore City and Inner-Beltway communities and are part of or integrated into a community's neighborhood strategic plan and local jurisdiction's Sustainable Communities Action Plan, comprehensive plan, economic development plan or transit-oriented development plan. Funded projects make possible a range of economic development and smart growth outcomes in existing communities, including:

- Development at State-designated Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) sites;
- Stronger local economies in existing communities;
- Increased local jobs and services;
- Compact growth and mixed-use development;
- Expanded housing choices for people of all economic backgrounds.

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