State Revitalization Programs Fiscal Year 2026 Application Round

Frequently Asked Questions

Commonly Requested Links

Regional Project Manager Contact Information

For additional information and questions not answered below, reach out to your Regional Project Manager

Fiscal Year 2026 Program Guidelines

State Revitalization Programs Webpage

Project Portal

For application submission related questions and issues please email your Regional Project Manager or System Support at nrsystemsupport.dhcd@maryland.gov

New user requests for any new organizations hoping to apply MUST BE RECEIVED by June 11, 2025.

General State Revitalization Programs Application Questions

When is the application deadline?

Applications are due using our online Project Portal system by **Wednesday**, **July 2**, **2025**, **at 2:59 p.m.** Completed applications may be submitted early and are highly encouraged.

What do I do if I'm logged into the Project Portal and I don't see open opportunities to begin the application process under the Dashboard?

Please reach out to your Regional Project Manager directly. Their contact information can be found using the link provided at the top of this document.

What is an eligible CDO (Community Development Organization)?

A CDO is a nonprofit organization which operates for the purpose of improving the physical, economic, or social environment of its geographic areas of operation. To demonstrate eligibility, the application requires a corporate board resolution, proof of good standing, and a charity certification with the State of Maryland. Prospective applicants that are not directly eligible to apply can partner with an eligible applicant.

Can multiple lead writers with separate accounts work on the same application?

Yes. Additionally, multiple users may be assigned to the organization's pending applications in the Project Portal through their own account.

How do I know if my project is located in an eligible geographic target area?

Most State Revitalization Programs require that a project be located in a Sustainable Community. To search eligibility by address, go to the <u>Neighborhood Revitalization Mapper</u>. For exceptions to that criteria, reference the State Revitalization Program Guidelines or contact your Regional Project Manager.

My organization is not located physically within a Sustainable Community but our program/project falls within one. Am I eligible to apply?

For any program, if the actual project is located within a Sustainable Community, even if your organization's headquarters is not in a Sustainable Community, you are eligible to apply for that project. For Community Legacy and Strategic Demolition Fund, the project may also be located in an Opportunity Zone for Allegany, Garrett, Somerset, and Wicomico Counties. For the Seed program, projects may also be located in a "blighted area;" see the FY26 Program Application Guidelines for the definition and more information.

What projects or properties require a Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) review?

All capital projects receiving State financial assistance are subject to the Maryland Historical Trust Act. The Department has a Programmatic Agreement with the Maryland Historical Trust and initiates historic preservation compliance reviews after awards are made.

What if my project was already reviewed by MHT?

There is a question in the application where you can indicate if the project has already been reviewed by MHT for a different state or federal funding source or a previous round of SRP. Please upload any pertinent documentation of the prior review in your application.

Do applicants need to demonstrate site control of properties in order for their application to be eligible?

Yes, proof of site control is required. For property acquisition applications, it is recommended to include a contract of sale or letter of intent in writing demonstrating future site control. If you do not know if what you have on hand demonstrates site control, please reach out to your Regional Project Manager.

Is there a minimum or maximum amount that applicants can request for their project? What is the average award amount?

There is no "typical amount" or cap on what you can request. Awards range from \$25,000 to several million depending on the project, the State Revitalization Program, and the submitted budget. Application reviews prioritize realistic budgets for projects that can be feasibly accomplished within the two-year award term.

Can an applicant apply for more than one project or to more than one State Revitalization Program in a single round?

Yes, an eligible applicant may apply for more than one project, to more than one State Revitalization Program. It is **not** encouraged that an applicant submit the same project proposal to multiple funding sources.

How do I find out more about the Baltimore Vacants Reinvestment Initiative (BVRI)?

Please visit the <u>BVRI webpage</u> at and direct all BVRI related questions to <u>reinvestbaltimore.dhcd@maryland.gov</u>

If my project is awarded, how will payments be made to us?

It depends how your organization is set up to receive payments from the State. You will receive your disbursements by check or ACH (direct deposit). We strongly encourage payments via ACH. To sign up for ACH with the Comptroller of Maryland, please fill out and follow the instructions on the <u>Maryland Comptroller submission form</u>.