



Neighborhood Revitalization State Revitalization Programs Fiscal Year 2026

Program and Application Training

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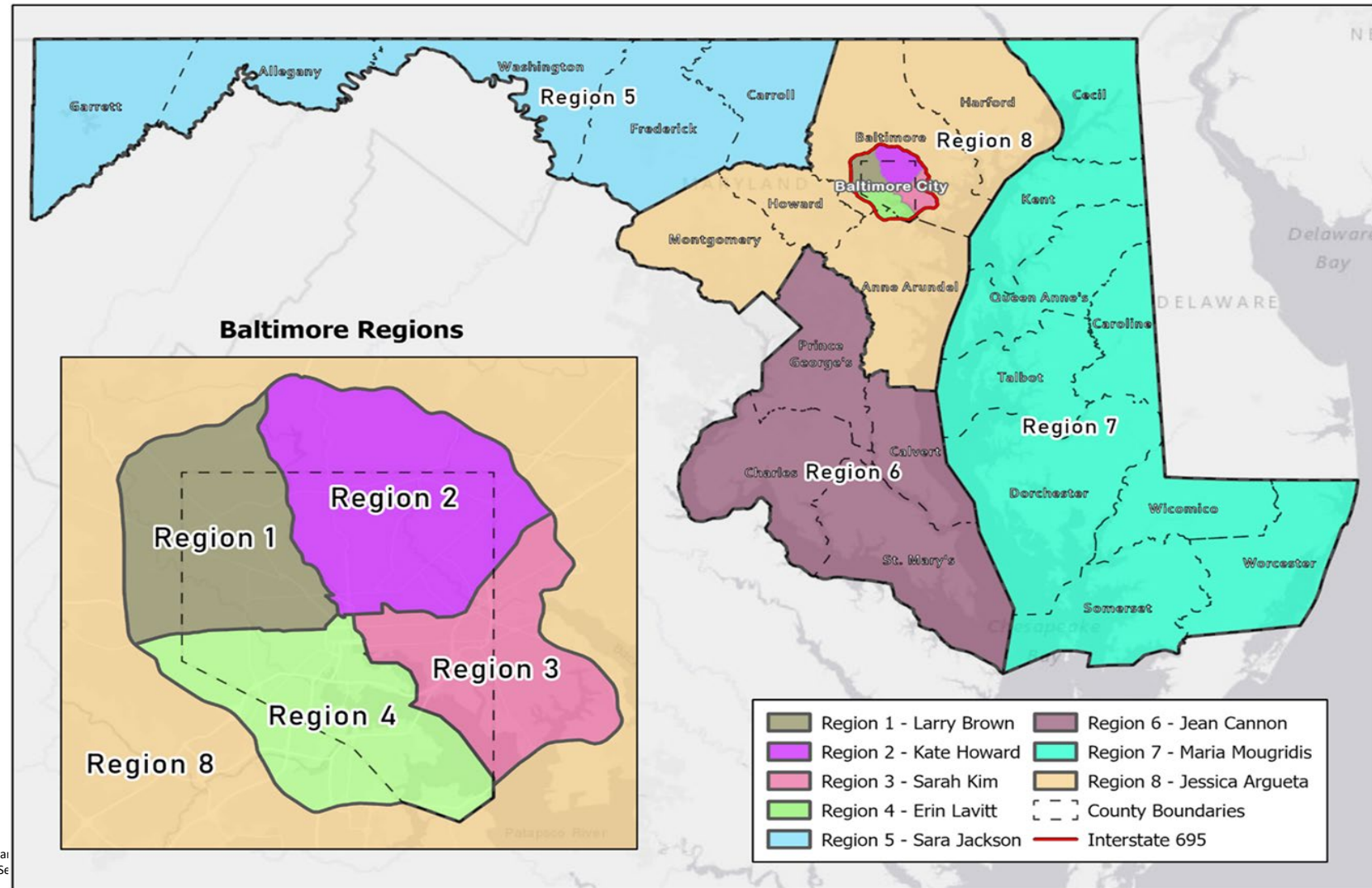
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Agenda

1. Team Introductions
2. State Revitalization Programs
 - Program Allocations, Eligible Applicants, Eligible Target Areas, Fiscal Year 2026 Considerations
3. Sustainable Communities
4. Program Profiles
5. *Midpoint Question & Answer Period*
6. Application and Review Process
 - Online submission through Project Portal
 - Required Attachments
 - Review Process, Scoring Criteria
7. Project Portal Training Materials
8. *Final Question & Answer Period*

DHCD State Revitalization Programs Project Manager Regions



DIVISION OF NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

- Work with local partners to bring new investment and vitality to Maryland's core communities.
- Offer a broad range of loan, grant and technical assistance programs to help:
 - Local governments
 - Non-profit organizations
 - Small businesses



FY2026 State Revitalization Programs Budgeted and Available Funding

Fiscal Year 2026 Budgeted Funding

- Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative \$18 MM capital, \$499,486 operating
- Community Legacy \$8 MM capital
- Maryland Façade Improvement Program \$5 MM capital
- National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund \$18 MM capital, \$200,000 operating
- Seed Community Development Anchor Institution Fund \$10 MM capital
- Strategic Demolition Fund – Statewide \$10 MM capital

Fiscal Year 2026 Available Funding

- Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative \$9.65 MM capital, \$499,486 operating
- Community Legacy \$5.3 MM capital
- Maryland Façade Improvement Program \$5 MM capital
- National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund \$8.6 MM capital, \$200,000 operating
- Seed Community Development Anchor Institution Fund \$3 MM capital
- Strategic Demolition Fund – Statewide \$5.5 MM capital



Eligible Uses - Capital vs Operating Funds

Capital

- Land, structures, bricks and mortar
- Approximately 15 year shelf life
- Examples: property acquisition, construction, architectural and engineering drawings, site development, demolition, deconstruction

Operating

- Costs associated with day-to-day operations of a program, organization, business, etc.
- Examples: staff salaries, feasibility/planning studies, marketing, maintenance

Eligible Applicants

- Community Legacy: Local Governments, Community Development Organizations
- Maryland Façade Improvement Program: Local Governments, Community Development Organizations
- Strategic Demolition Fund – Statewide: Local Governments, Community Development Organizations
- Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative: Community Development Organizations
- National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund: Local Governments, Community Development Organizations
- Seed Community Development Anchor Institution Fund: Hospitals or Higher Education Institutions

Fiscal Year 2026 Considerations

- Reminder that the new organization cut-off is two weeks (on 6/11) before the round closes (on 7/2).
- The FY26 Baltimore Vacants Reinvestment Initiative (formerly Project CORE) closed May 23rd. Therefore, there will be no additional BVRI application option.
- The Department may elect to evaluate all submitted FY2026 applications, for the FY2026 and/or FY2027 award cycle.
- Organizations that have previous year funding are required to be up to date on reporting and all other program requirements. Noncompliance may negatively affect the application.
- Additional organizational questions and project impact reporting have been added. More information later in presentation.

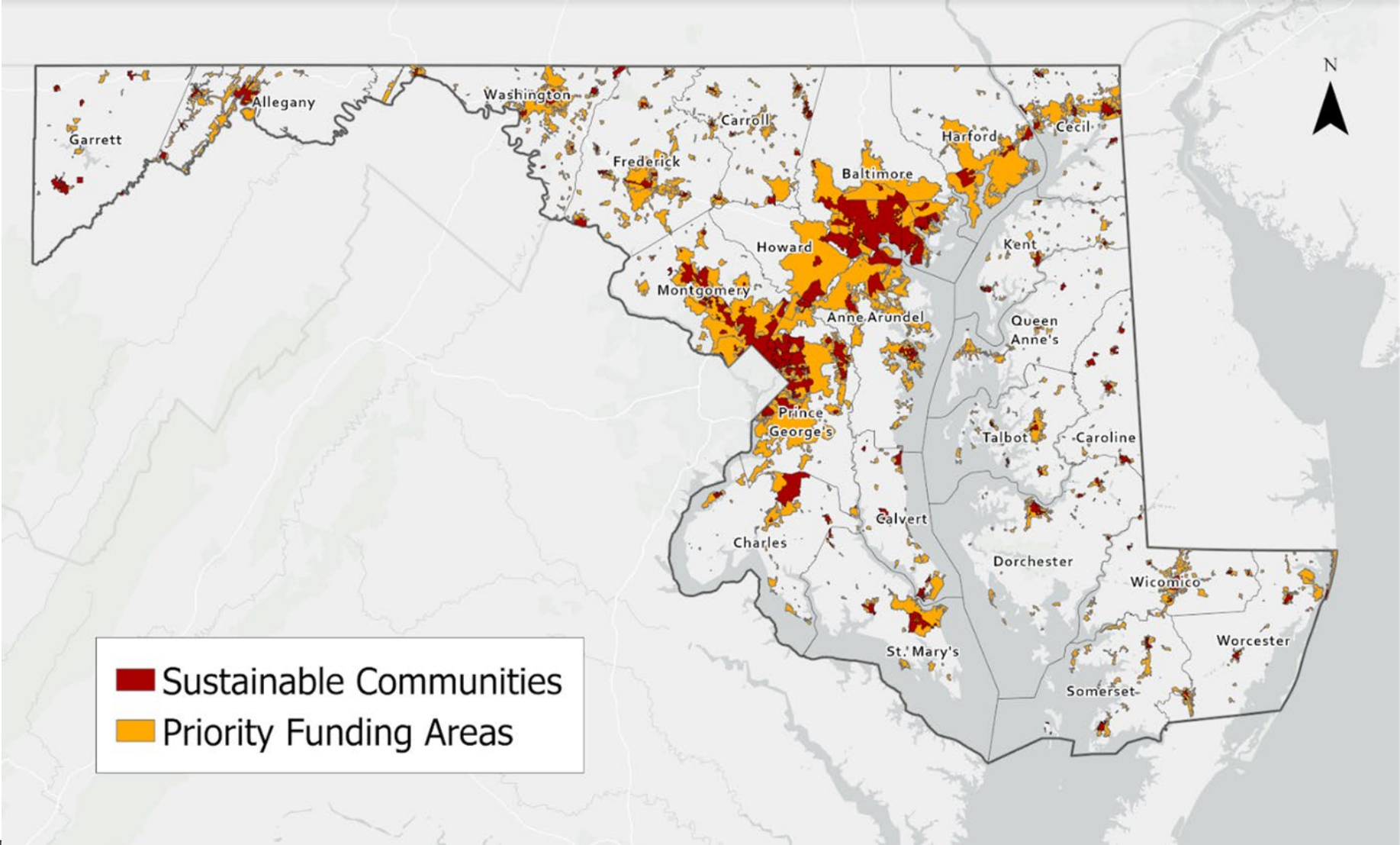
Financial Assistance and Application Processing Fee (FAAP)

- Beginning FY2026, the Department will be implementing a nonrefundable Financial Assistance and Application Processing (FAAP) Fee.
- Fee of four percent (4%) of the financial assistance awarded (for example, a \$100,000 award would be charged \$4,000.00).
- The FAAP Fee will be implemented on all capital awards except for those awarded through the Maryland Façade Improvement Program.
- The FAAP Fee will be included in the award project/program budget. Therefore, no need to include it in the application budget. Awardees will be invoiced after award execution.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

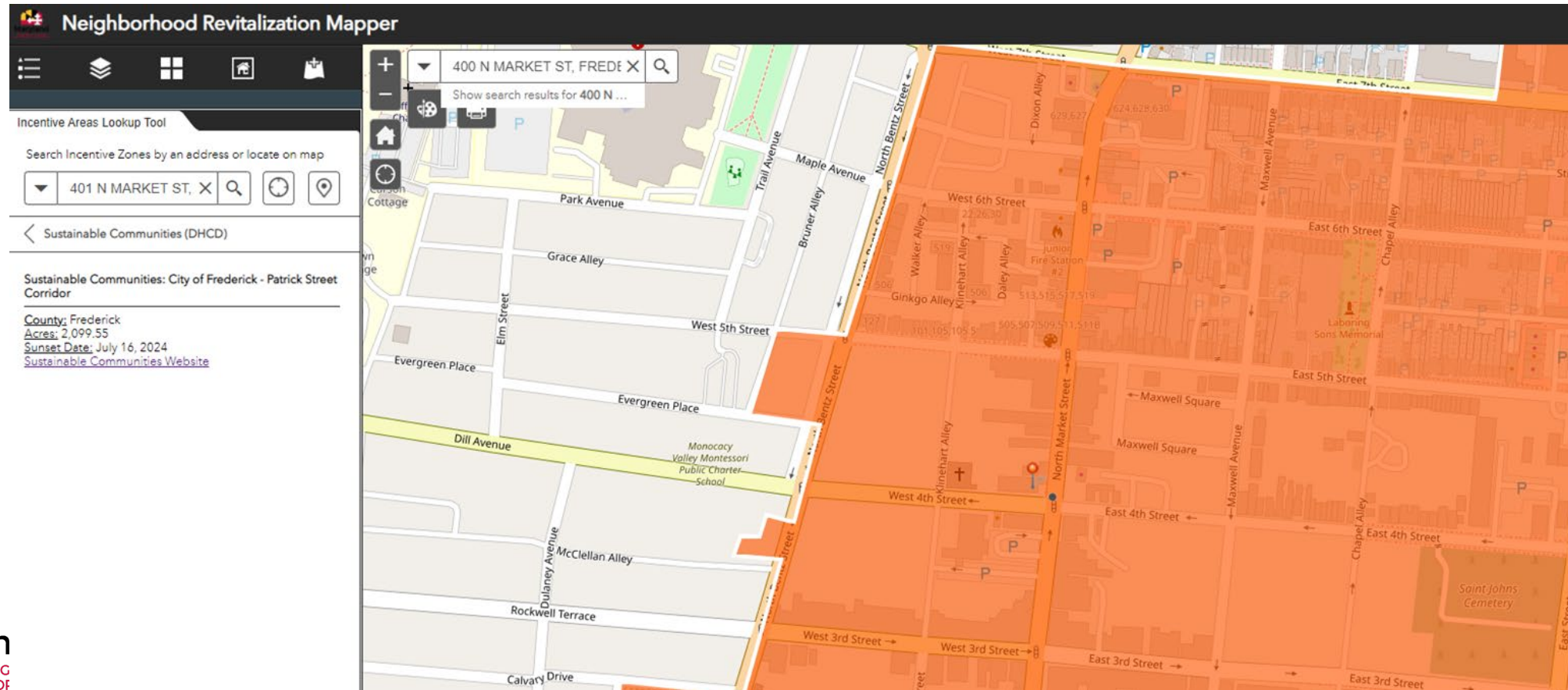
- Projects must be located in one of the State's Sustainable Communities.
- The State uses the Sustainable Communities designation to prioritize revitalization investments.
- Each program may have special exceptions.

Maryland Sustainable Communities



Neighborhood Revitalization Mapper

Is your project in a Sustainable Community or other incentive area?
Use the [Neighborhood Revitalization Mapper](#)



Key Elements of a Successful Application



Community Legacy Overview

- Purpose: Preserve existing communities as places to live, conduct business and promote sustainable communities
- Eligible Uses of Funds: Capital expenditures only
- Eligible area(s): Sustainable Communities; Opportunity Zones in Allegany, Garrett, Somerset and Wicomico Counties
- Eligible Applicants: Local governments, non-profit community development organizations

Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation, Inc. Reedbird Youth Development Park

FY 2021 – Community Legacy

Project Description: Build a multi-purpose turf field at Reedbird Park in Cherry Hill, Baltimore City

Award Amount: \$200,000

Total Project Cost: \$950,000

Impact: The field compliments the Middle Branch Wellness Center & provides an additional source of revenue for the community, as well as use for local sports leagues, youth groups, and amateurs.



Maryland Façade Improvement Program Overview

- Purpose: Assist qualified businesses located in Sustainable Communities with improving the outside appearance of their buildings or facilities
- Eligible Uses of Funds: Capital expenditures only
- Eligible area(s): Sustainable Communities
- Eligible Applicants: Local governments, non-profit community development organizations



Old Ellicott City Facade Program

FY 2024 – Maryland Facade Improvement Program

Project Description: Grants established for the revitalization of Old Ellicott City (OEC) to improve the building facades, design planning, and building fit-out.

Award Amount: \$100,000

Impact: These grants will support new businesses and current businesses to attract customers to OEC and allow for the continuation of a successful facade improvement program.



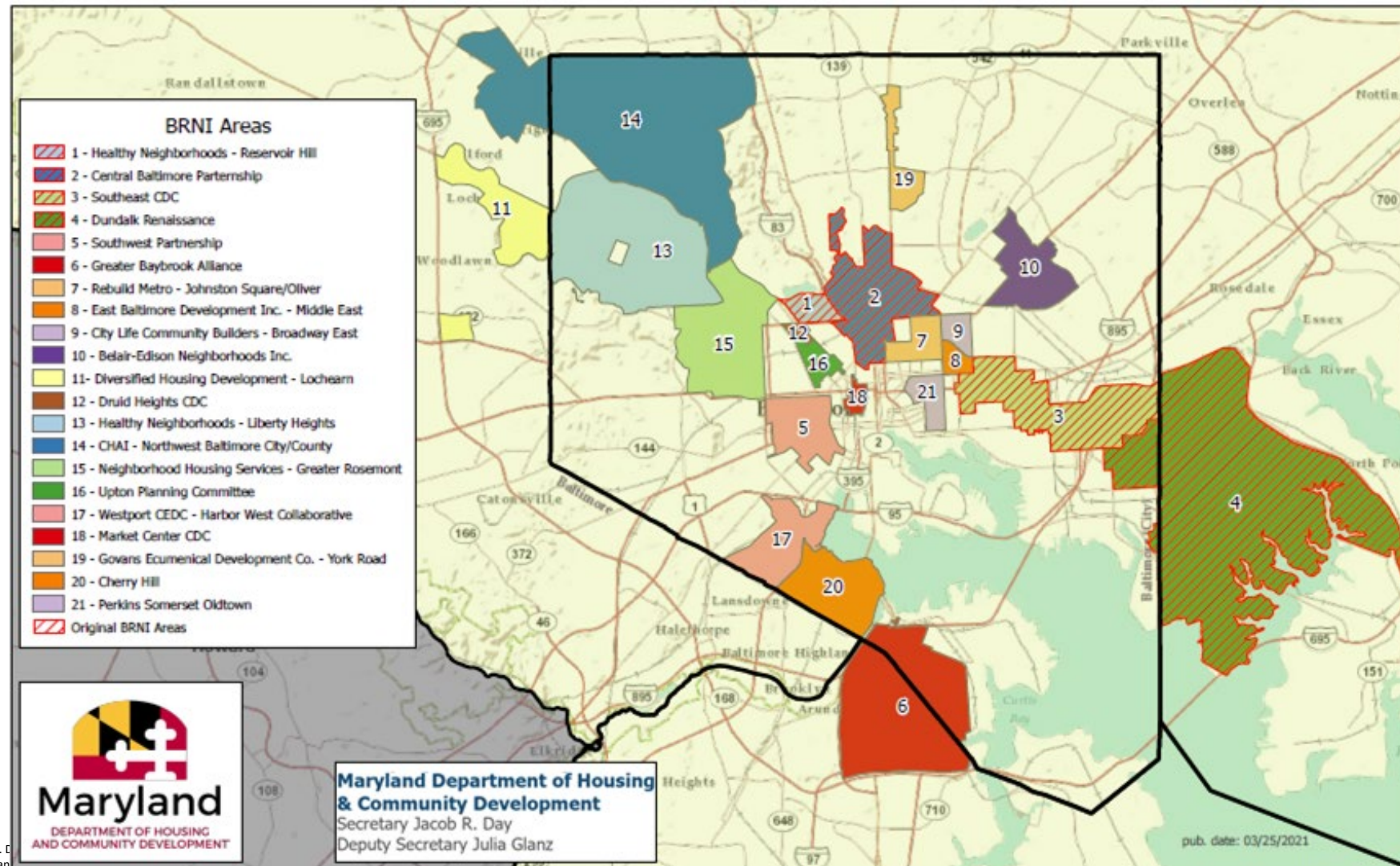
Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative Overview

- Purpose: Increase the competitiveness of target communities, demonstrate how strategic and innovative approaches can lead to healthy, sustainable communities, and accelerate achievement in target communities through strategic neighborhood plans
- Eligible Uses of Funds: Capital expenditures and limited operational costs
- Eligible area(s): Sustainable Communities in Baltimore City, inner-beltway communities of Baltimore County and Anne Arundel County
- Eligible Applicants: Community Development Corporations in Baltimore City, Baltimore County or Anne Arundel County that are implementing a clear revitalization strategy in a specific neighborhood or set of neighborhoods; Cross-jurisdictional partnerships; Partnerships with Community Development Financial Institutions

Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative Neighborhood Plan

- Housing
- Economic Development
- Transportation
- Natural Resources
- Quality of Life
- Community Engagement

Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative Map



Govans Ecumenical Development Corporation (GEDCO) Community Hub

FY 2023 – Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative

Project Description: Completion of the interior renovations needed to combine and expand community services offices to better support the community.

Award Amount: \$250,000

Total project cost: \$1,442,290

Impact: GEDCO's Community Hub is officially open and houses GEDCO's offices, counseling services, food pantry, computer lab, and additional community needs as they come up. The space is in a central location of the GEDCO BRNI area further demonstrating their commitment to the BRNI area.



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Strategic Demolition Fund – Statewide Overview

- Purpose: Accelerate economic development and job production; Improve the economic viability of “grey field development”
- Eligible Uses of Funds: Predevelopment expenditures: demolition, site acquisition and assembly, site development, public infrastructure improvements, construction-level designs, stabilization
- Eligible Area(s): Sustainable Communities and Opportunity Zones in Allegany, Garrett, Somerset and Wicomico Counties
- Eligible Applicants: Local governments, non-profit community development organizations
- Prepare to provide additional information related to demolitions and stabilizations if awarded

County Commissioners of Washington County

FY 2022 – Strategic Demolition Fund

Project Description: Support the redevelopment of the former Fort Ritchie military base by upgrading the sewer utility lines.

Award Amount: \$250,000

Impact: The much-needed infrastructure improvements allow for the occupancy of thirty-eight retail and commercial buildings as well as create workforce opportunities and attract employers and businesses to the community.



Seed Community Development Anchor Institution Fund Overview

- Purpose: Provide matching financial assistance through grants and loans to anchor institutions to support local community development projects.
- Eligible Uses of Funds: Capital costs: construction/rehabilitation, acquisition, architectural and engineering drawings, site development, public infrastructure improvements, other costs associated with capital neighborhood improvement projects. Requires 1:1 budget match.
- Eligible Area(s): Must be in a Sustainable Community and/or an area of blight and support the improvement of a neighborhood that surrounds an anchor institution.
- Eligible Applicants: Maryland Hospitals and Maryland Higher Education Institutions, Maryland Hospital and Maryland Higher Education Institution Departments, Foundations, and Other Entities of the Institution

Healthcare Workforce Development & Pediatric Behavioral Health Services - Underserved Rural Areas, Mount Saint Mary's University

FY 2024 - SEED Anchor Institution Fund

Project Description: Revitalization of an underutilized facility into a behavioral health center and Physician's Assistant Program in Frederick County.

Award Amount: \$1,000,000 (FY-24 SEED)

Impact: This project will help to address the growing healthcare shortage by providing employment opportunities & drawing visitors from within/outside the community as they pursue both educational training & behavioral healthcare services.



Wide Angle Youth Media Studios at the Service Center The Johns Hopkins University

FY 2024 & 2025 – SEED Anchor Institution Fund

Project Description: Construction of the Wide Angle Youth Media headquarters serving 2,250+ young people in its first 5 years.

Award Amount: \$500,000 over two fiscal years

Impact: Project will rehabilitate a building into a state-of-the-art learning center for the development of youth voice and creativity. This revitalization aligns with the university's and community commitment to educational and workforce opportunities.

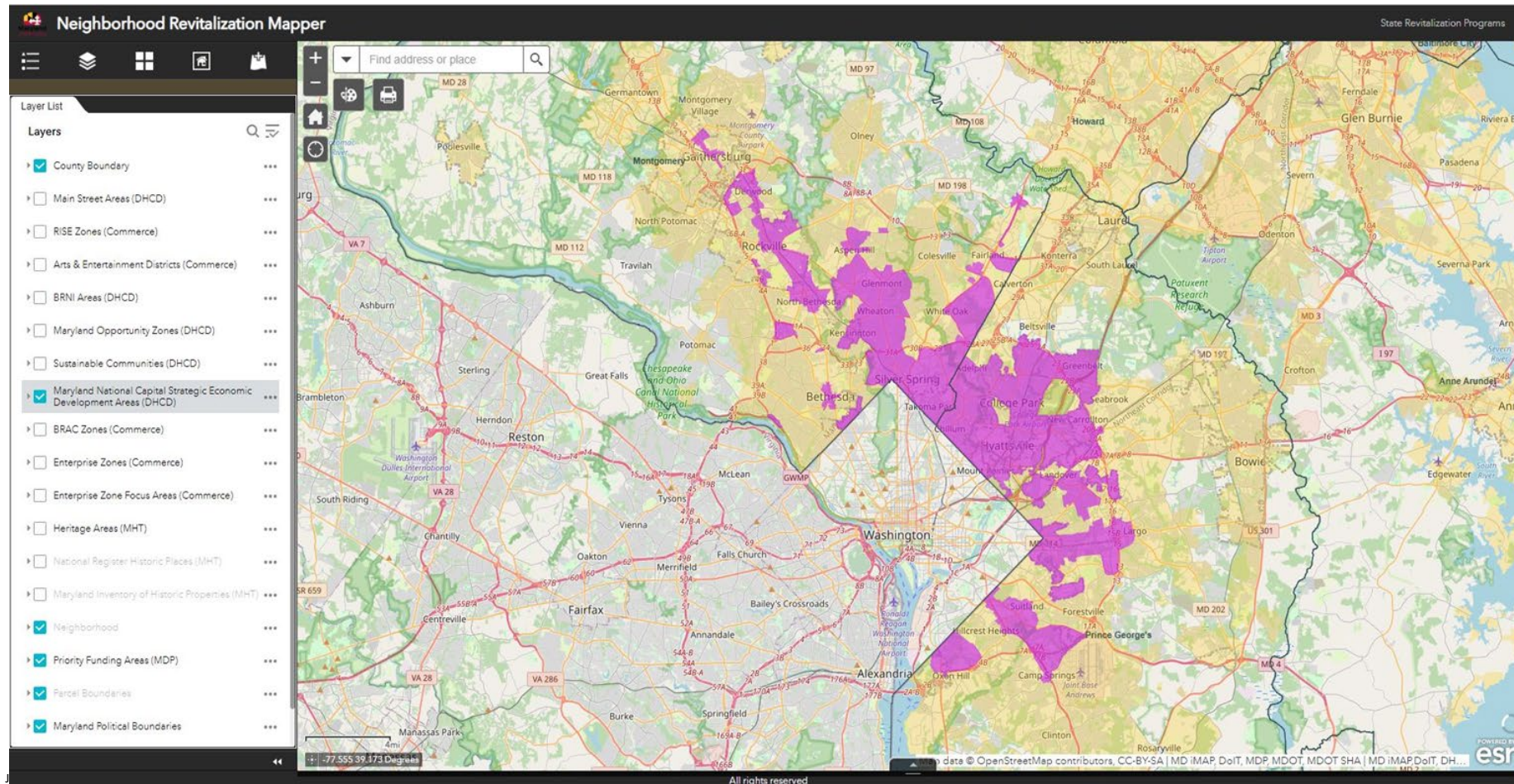


National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund Overview

- Purpose: Provide competitive funding for strategic investment in local housing and businesses to encourage healthy, sustainable communities with a growing tax base and enhanced quality of life.
- Eligible Uses of Funds: Support the goals and objectives outlined in a target area's Sustainable Communities Action Plan. Capital costs and limited operating costs.
- Eligible Area(s): Sustainable Communities in: Prince George's County (boundary created by Interstate 495 in the State and the District of Columbia) and/or Montgomery County, within an Enterprise Zone or the boundary created by Prince George's County, Maryland Route 200, Interstate 270, Interstate 495 to the Maryland State Line and the District of Columbia.
- Eligible Applicants: Local Governments and Community Development Organizations



National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund Map



College Park City-University Partnership, CP Community Preservation Trust

FY 2024 – NED

Project Description: Funding supported acquisition and operations for the Community Preservation Trust in College Park to help low to moderate income homebuyers.

Award Amount: \$450,000 (\$50K operations)

Impact: Since its creation in 2023 they have been able to purchase and sell 9 homes to date all in different neighborhoods throughout College Park and with different household sizes. They've also been able to leverage and recycle \$500,000 from previous DHCD awarded funds into the purchase of new properties.



Application and Review Process

Threshold Requirements

- Current awardees are required to be in compliance with terms and conditions of their current award agreements.
- Sufficient progress must have been achieved, and the awardee must be in good standing. Project applications submitted by organizations who are noncompliant due to missing reporting, outstanding requests for payment documentation, not making sufficient progress on project and disbursement schedules, and overall not meeting the requirements of the executed grant agreement, **will be rated negatively due to noncompliance**. It is imperative that the organization provide all required documentation.
- **Consult with your project manager to discuss the status of your existing project(s) before submitting an application.**

Legal Exhibits

- Signed Disclosure Authorization and Certification
- IRS Taxpayer Identification and Certification (W-9 Form)
- Operating budget for the current fiscal year
- Independent Financial Audit (Most Recent, as applicable), OR IRS Form 990 from the Prior Calendar Year
- **Optional:** Notification for Local Support Resolutions or Letter of Support
 - The State will notify local jurisdictions of your intent and request support

Legal Exhibits - Community Development Organizations

- Corporate Resolution
- Articles of Incorporation
- By-Laws
- IRS Tax Exempt Determination Letter
- List of Organization's Board of Directors (current, dated)
- Evidence of Certificate of Good Standing - SDAT print out
- MD Charitable Organizations Registration - Secretary of State Letter
- Corporate Diversity Addendum

Other Supporting Documents

Individual Project Information

1. Evidence of site control
2. Documentation of funding commitments
3. Cost estimates
4. Program guidelines (required for MFIP and other programs)
5. Sustainable Communities map
6. Memorandum of Understanding

Mandatory Online Submission of Applications

- All 2026 SRP applications must be completed and submitted electronically using the [DHCD Project Portal web-based system](#).
- Returning applicants should already have accounts in the system.
- New applicants should request a New User account:
 - Identify the organization, project location and interested funding program.
 - **Deadline for new user requests is June 11**
- There are Project Portal training materials available once you are logged into the system.

Other Supporting Documents (cont.)

Photographs

- Interior and Exterior
- If the project is a site, photographs of the site

Construction or renovation projects

- Plans/specs, construction drawings
- Maryland Historical Trust review (if applicable)
- A Minority Business Enterprise Plan may be required if awarded funds exceed \$250,000

Your application will not be considered if the application is incomplete and required documents are not submitted by the deadline.

Maryland Historical Trust Act Project Review

- Maryland Historic Trust (MHT) review is required for all capital projects prior to starting work or disbursement of funds.
- If a project was reviewed previously by another agency/program or from a prior fiscal year, evidence of that review may be uploaded to your application.
- If a review has not yet occurred, DHCD will coordinate the review once award decisions are made.
- DHCD has a Programmatic Agreement in place to streamline MHT reviews. Please do **NOT** submit projects directly to MHT. Contact Melissa or your Project Manager with questions.

Melissa Archer, DHCD Preservation Officer
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FY26 General Application Review Timeline and Award Lifecycle

- Application Period: Online Submissions due July 2 at 3 PM
- Review Period: Summer 2025
- Award Recommendations: Fall 2025
- Award Announcements: Fall/Winter 2025
- Award Agreement Drafting and Execution: Winter 2025
- Active Award Management: 2 Year Award Term

Partner Reviewing Agencies

- Maryland Department of Commerce
- Maryland Department of the Environment
- Maryland Department of Health
- Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development
- Maryland Department of Natural Resources
- Maryland Department of Planning
- Maryland Department of Transportation
- Maryland Higher Education Commission
- Maryland Historical Trust

State Revitalization Programs Application Project Criteria

- Demonstration of community need for reinvestment and strength of community input and support (20 points)
- Clarity of project or program scope (20 points)
- Project readiness to proceed and clarity of timeline (15 points)
- Project financing and committed financial resources, including significant private-sector leverage as well as utilization of other city and state public funding (25 points)
- Capacity of project sponsors and partners to implement the project/program (20 points).

Application Additional Considerations

Additional Considerations

Additional consideration will be given to initiatives that address the overarching priorities of the Moore-Miller Administration and reflect the core objectives of MD DHCD, including to: **increase housing for all, create lovable places, and right the wrongs of the past.** Great places –lovable places– result from consistent targeted investment in locally driven and inclusive community reinvestment plans, particularly:

- Investments in designated ENOUGH areas, addressing the community conditions surrounding children in poverty, enriching community assets and services for youth.
- Investments in designated Just Communities, righting the wrongs of the past by transforming neighborhoods into thriving communities where all Marylanders, regardless of background, have access to fair housing, economic stability and opportunity.
- Increased housing production, including mixed-income, middle market and affordable housing, especially at TOD sites.
- Increased household and generational wealth building, such as through homeownership, legacy homeowner renovations, and small business development in historic Main Streets and business districts.
- Accelerated elimination of vacant properties, particularly in Baltimore City.

FY26 Project Impact Data Sheet

- Objective: Quantify the results of your proposed project or program
 - “What will you accomplish with the **requested** funds?”
 - Estimates are OK!
- Not all questions will apply - only answer those that do
 - You must answer at least one question
 - Use the “Other” question option to describe your proposed project or program if needed
- If your application is successful, you will update your answers based on the awarded funds
 - “What will you accomplish with the **awarded** funds?”
- You provide updates on your progress in your quarterly and final reports
 - “What have you accomplished **so far**?”



Just Communities Initiative

- Racial/ethnic demographics: Required information for senior staff and/or Board of Directors as part of organization profile in the Project Portal
 - Why? Through DHCD's Just Communities Initiative, we are tracking where our investments are made geographically and interested to know what populations are being served by our investments. The information is for investment analysis not funding decisions in Fiscal Year 2026.
- DHCD will measure people-and place-based metrics for each location selected for an award.
- Awardees may also be asked to report demographic data for beneficiaries of SRP funding, including homeowners and renters who benefit from completed development projects.



Application Demographics - Organizations

Beginning in FY 26, applicants and awardees are requested to provide race/ethnicity demographic information for your organization's Board of Directors and Senior Staff.

APPLICANT PROFILE - ORGANIZATION DEMOGRAPHICS

Review the reported Organization Demographics of your Board and Senior Staff

Beginning in FY2026, applicants and awardees are requested to provide race/ethnicity demographic information for your organization's Board of Directors and Senior Staff.

This data is entered and stored on **your account Profile's "Organization Demographics"** page, and is displayed in the table below for submission with this application.

Note: State, County or Municipal Government Organizations who do not have Boards of Directors are requested to provide only Senior Staff demographics.

- Edits to this data must be entered and saved on your account's Organization Demographics page prior to submission of the application.
- In order to submit this application, this table must be filled-out so that both columns Total to 100%.
- For the purposes of this application, "Senior Staff" is defined as staff with decision making authority or management responsibility within the organization.

Race/Ethnicity	Board Composition (%)	Senior Staff Composition (%)
White	0%	0%
Black or African American	0%	0%
Hispanic or Latino	0%	0%
American Indian	0%	0%
Native Alaskan	0%	0%
Native Hawaiian	0%	0%
Other Pacific Islander	0%	0%
Asian - Indian	0%	0%
Asian - Chinese	0%	0%
Asian - Other	0%	0%
Other - Single Race	0%	0%
Other - Multi-racial	0%	0%
Unknown/Decline to State	100%	100%
TOTAL	100%	100%



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Proposed Budget

- Be specific - **WHAT** are we paying for?
- Any additional sources noted in the budget must be verified (please include attachments)

Proposed Program/Project Budget and Financing (25 Points)

APPLICATION PROGRAM/PROJECT BUDGET TABLE

Instructions: Complete program/project budget indicating activity by line item and source of funding.

Capital Amount Requested: \$0.00

Operating/Non-Capital Amount Requested: \$0.00

Total Amount Requested: \$0.00

Total Program/Project Cost: \$0.00

Activity/Use of Funds	Requested Amount(s)		Additional Source(s) of Funds			Totals By Activity/
	Capital Amount	Operating/Non-Capital Amount	Applicant Amount	Other Source Amount	Name of Additional Source(s)	Use of Funds
Site Pre-Development Activities						
Acquisition	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$
Architectural/ Engineering Design	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$
Demolition	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$
Infrastructure	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$
Stabilization	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$
Site Development Activities						
New Construction	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$
Rehabilitation / Renovation	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$
Operations and Non-Capital Activities						



Proposed Timeline and Readiness





















- **50%** of the awarded funds must be drawn down by the **first anniversary date** of the award
- 2-year award term

Proposed Program/Project Timeline and Readiness (15 Points)

APPLICATION PROGRAM/PROJECT TIMELINE (SCHEDULE)

Complete the following timeline table by entering key dates and short descriptions of activities for your program/project. *

At least three activity rows are required. The first row should be listed as the "Commencement Date" and the last row should be listed as the "Completion Date."

Start Date	End Date	Activity Description
 01/01/2025	 04/01/2025	Commencement Date *
 MM/DD/YYYY	 MM/DD/YYYY	*
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 MM/DD/YYYY	 MM/DD/YYYY	
 MM/DD/YYYY	 MM/DD/YYYY	
 MM/DD/YYYY	 MM/DD/YYYY	
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 06/01/2027	 06/30/2027	Completion Date
 07/01/2027	 08/15/2027	Final report due within 45 days of completion



Regional Project Managers Contact List

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