

**Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development
Community Safety Works**

PROJECT EXAMPLES: Facility and Community Improvements Grant and Business District and Neighborhood Safety Grant

Eligible requests will be for physical projects and community services that are part of a comprehensive plan for making public and private spaces safer for residents, businesses and visitors

Examples of these types of projects and/or services include but are not limited to:

- **Surveillance tools** such as lighting, cameras and technology and operating programs that increase visibility of vulnerable spaces. Networks of cameras and license readers should be made effective through monitoring plans and partnerships with law enforcement and other relevant public agencies.
- **Auto and pedestrian circulation improvements** to create natural and man-made environments via landscaping, fencing and other means to better control pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Examples include site fencing and alley gating and sidewalk improvements to prioritize the safety of pedestrians.
- **Improving opportunities for “eyes on the street,”** including the removal of barriers to site lines (such as through trimming trees and shrubs), opening up closed off spaces, renovating public spaces/playgrounds and expanding restaurants to sidewalks and outdoor spaces to draw regular visitors and positive activity.
- **Reinforcing community ownership, solidarity and pride,** through clean and beautified streets, sidewalks, and signage. Removing blight and signals of blight (such as litter, graffiti and bulk trash dumping) and instead created “markers” of community pride and ownership such as signs, gardens, new trees, other plantings and upgraded public spaces.
- **Purchasing litter removal equipment** such as “All Terrain Litter Vehicles” and funding staff or contracted services to provide ongoing cleaning, maintenance and beautification of public spaces.
- **Increasing citizen and merchant stewardship** through education, training and marketing activities that seek to engage residents and other neighborhood stakeholders to actively participate in keeping residential areas and public spaces clean, safe and green. Examples include community safety patrols such as “Pooches on Patrol” dog walking activities.
- **Contracted security services** or “Ambassador” programs.
- **Contracted cleaning/landscaping services** to maintain improved open spaces.