

DHCD CHSW - Environmental Justice

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Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development

Community Health and Safety Works:

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND JUSTICE

The system WILL NOT allow more than one application to be submitted by an applicant.

By completing this application, you certify that the statements and answers within are true and accurate to the best of your knowledge and that you are authorized to apply for these funds on behalf of the applicant.

Applicants will be responsible to comply with any state or federal reporting requirements related to Community Health and Safety Works.

Additionally, DHCD may be required to disclose information about Community Health and Safety Works applicants and awardees to the Board of Public Works and the Maryland General Assembly and may desire to disclose such information to other state officials or their staff, local government officials or their staff, and other lenders and funding sources. DHCD is also required to disclose information in response to a request for information made pursuant to §4-101 et seq. of the Public Information Act of the General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

1) APPLICANT INFORMATION

Organization Name:

Mailing Address

READ CAREFULLY: This mailing address MUST be the same as listed on the W-9 submitted with this application. Please carefully review and ensure that these items are correct before submitting.

For community-based organizations applying with a fiscal sponsor, enter your organization's mailing address here; you will be prompted later to enter the mailing address of your fiscal sponsor. The mailing address of the fiscal sponsor **MUST** be the same as listed on the fiscal sponsor's W-9 to be submitted with this application.

Street:

Street 2:

City:

State:

Zip:

Web Address:

Please provide Social Media addresses for:

Facebook:

Twitter:

Instagram:

Primary Contact Information:

Please provide the primary contact for this application.

Name

Title

Phone

Cell Phone

E-mail Address

Secondary Contact Information:

Please provide a secondary contact for this application.

Name

Title

Phone:

Cell Phone:

E-mail Address:

2) Applicant Eligibility

To be eligible to apply, an applicant must meet at least one the following criteria:

- A tax-exempt nonprofit organization based in the state of Maryland; nonprofit organizations will be required to provide an IRS Determination Letter of tax-exempt status
- A community-based organization with a tax-exempt nonprofit fiscal sponsor; community-based organizations with a tax-exempt nonprofit fiscal sponsor will be required to upload 1) the IRS determination letter of their fiscal sponsor; and 2) a letter of support from their fiscal sponsor on letterhead signed by the Executive Director.
- Local government

What category below best describes your organization?

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Tax-exempt nonprofit organization

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Community-based organization with a tax-exempt nonprofit fiscal sponsor

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Local Government

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Other

3) Eligible Activities & Grant Narrative

Eligible activities will include **community-led** collaborations that eliminate predatory and unhealthy practices such as illegal dumping, litter, and traffic hazards and address urban heat islands and other conditions related to climate change.

These include but are not limited to:

- 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, alley gating and sidewalk improvements to prioritize the safety of pedestrians.
- Removing blight and signals of blight (such as litter, graffiti and bulk trash dumping) and instead creating “markers” of community pride and ownership such as gardens, new trees, other plantings and upgraded public spaces.
- Planting trees and implementing other streetscape greening to enhance the tree canopy and remove impervious surfaces.
- Funding staff or contracted cleaning/landscaping services to provide ongoing cleaning, maintenance and beautification of public spaces.
- Purchasing litter removal equipment such as “All Terrain Litter Vehicles”.
- Establishing or expanding community-led cleaning and greening activities such as ongoing litter prevention and beautification.
- Increasing citizen and merchant stewardship through organizing, education and outreach activities that seek to engage residents and other neighborhood stakeholders to actively

participate in keeping residential areas and public spaces clean, safe and green.

- Traffic calming measures to prioritize the safety of pedestrians and slow vehicular traffic.
- Transit stop enhancements including shade, seating, trashcans, lighting, and signage.

Please provide answers for **EACH** of the following:

1. Organizational Summary

a. What is your organization's official mission statement and purpose?

0/250 max characters

b. Provide your organization's recent accomplishments (2021 thru 2023) in the areas targeted by this application.

0/1000 max characters

c. Describe how your staff and Board demographically represent the community you serve. Consider demographics broadly including race, language, gender identity, age, socioeconomic status, ability/disability, etc. If your staff and Board do not demographically represent the community you serve, please describe strategies or initiatives that you plan to implement to ensure your staff and Board better reflect the community.

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d. What is your organization's current financial situation? Please describe the organization's ability to continue operations while managing and maintaining projects and activities for which you are requesting funding. Include an explanation about how your organization has managed prior grant awards and tracked grant expenses. If you are working with a fiscal sponsor, please answer this section from their perspective.

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2. Community Conditions

a. Describe the location of this project, cite specific predatory and unhealthy practices in the targeted area, and include relevant data, such as the heat index, air pollution, water quality data, citations for illegal dumping or others. If these unhealthy practices contribute to crime, please cite specific incidents of violent crime and other illegal activity and specific crime statistics.

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Maryland Data Sources for Environmental Health

[Environmental Justice Mapping Tool](#)

Maryland Department of the Environment

[How To Guide for Using the MDE Environmental Justice Mapping Tool](#)

Maryland Department of the Environment

Maryland Data Sources for Crime Statistics

[Maryland Statistical Analysis Center](#)

Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention

[Violent Crime & Property Crime by Municipality](#)

Maryland Open Data Portal

3. Project Information

a. Provide a summary of your project.

0/500 max characters

b. Provide a primary project address. All project addresses must be located within Baltimore City or within the boundaries of a designated Sustainable Community Area

elsewhere in the state. Use the DHCD Neighborhood Revitalization Mapper website to identify if the project addresses are located in an eligible area.

b.1 Does your project have additional addresses?

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Yes

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No

c. Upload photos of the project site.

d. Is this a new activity or a phase of an ongoing project?

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New Activity

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Phase

e. Describe the need to deter crime and/or promote health and safety in the project location. What is the community challenge or need this project seeks to address? Please cite specific issues and/or incidents that have impacted the health and safety of this space.

0/1000 max characters

f. Describe why this project is important to your organization's strategy for improving environmental health and justice. In this section, include how this project contributes to creating a more equitable community. Equitable communities are often defined as ones where everyone is included in the full benefits of society, treated with fairness and justice, and empowered to participate fully in social, cultural, and economic life.

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g. Describe the status of site control for the project and any permits or approvals needed to complete the project. If you have evidence of site control or permits and

approvals for your project, please upload below.

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If you have evidence of site control or permits and approvals for your project, please upload here.

Please note if your project is located on land owned by Baltimore City Recreation and Parks, you must submit a required form and have approval by the submission date. [A link to the form is here.](#)

Is your project located on land owned by Baltimore City Recreation and Parks?

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Yes

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No

h. What is your plan for maintaining this project after the grant period ends.

0/1000 max characters

4. Project Results

a. List specific, measurable and realistic goals for this project and list the activities you will implement related to those goals.

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b. List the outcomes for this project. Each outcome statement should be specific and measurable and describe changes in knowledge, attitudes, skills, and behaviors that will occur as a result of your project.

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c. How will you track progress and evaluate the anticipated outcomes? List specific metrics.

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5. Project Engagement

a. Describe the level of community engagement and planning that has been completed to date. If this is a new project, explain how community members will be involved in shaping the project.

0/2000 max characters

b. List any partners that will help your organization implement the project and describe their role in project implementation.

Partner Name:

Describe their role in project implementation

c. If needed, DHCD will offer technical assistance to awardees as they conceive and implement their projects.

c.1 Do you anticipate needing technical assistance for your project?

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Yes

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No

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND JUSTICE UPLOADS:

Please upload any plans, studies, community presentations, support letters, mapping or data that you have to support your overall strategy and request for funds. This is not required but is encouraged if applicant wishes to provide relevant additional information.

4) USE OF FUNDS REQUESTED/BUDGET

a. List separately each item/activity, including the dollar amount, which will be supported by this grant request. Be specific DO NOT write “Misc Expenses” or “Other”.

The minimum grant request amount is \$35,000 and the maximum grant request amount is \$100,000

	Requested Amount
Item/Activity	\$
	0.00
	TOTAL REQUESTED AMOUNT:
	\$
	0.00

Incorrect Amount Entered

b. Budget Narrative: Describe the significant budget line items and how they contribute to addressing the project’s outcomes and the organization’s strategy for improving environmental health and justice.

0/2000 max characters

5) TIMELINE

a. Timeline: Complete the table below including dates for key milestones. Include information on the timeline for completing the project(s) as well as any community partner organizations that will assist with the improvement project. For cleaning and greening activities include information on the location(s) and frequency of those activities.

Milestone:	Expected Date of Completion:
	MM/DD/YYYY

b. Describe the timeline milestones and how they contribute to addressing the project’s outcomes.

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