Community Health and Safety Works

2024

Maryland
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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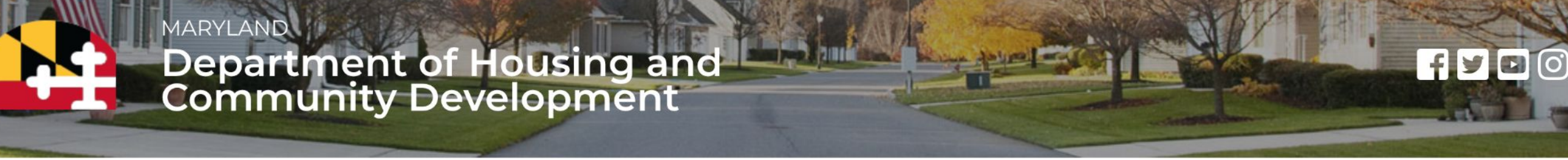

Community Health and Safety Works

Visit the Community Health and Safety Works (CHSW) landing page on the DHCD wesite:

dhcd.maryland.gov/Communities/Pages/csw/

Part 1 :

REVIEWING THE APPLICATION

FY24 Round

- **Funding:** $10 million total for all projects in Baltimore City and Sustainable Community Areas elsewhere in the state.
- **Timeline:**
  - March 21, 2024: Application opened in the Maryland OneStop
  - March 28, 2024 10am - 11am: Cameras and Lighting Virtual Training
  - April 2, 2024 11am - 12pm: Technical Assistance Virtual Training
  - April 3, 2024 10am - 11am: Placemaking/Environmental Justice Virtual Training
  - April 25, 2024: Applications closing in OneStop at 11:59pm
  - June 2024: Awards will be announced
  - December 31, 2025: Grant term will end

Who Can Apply

Eligible Applicants:

- Tax exempt nonprofits
- Community-based organizations with a nonprofit fiscal sponsor
- Local government

Eligible Areas: Projects should be located in Baltimore City or within designated **Sustainable Communities Areas** elsewhere in the state. Use the DHCD Neighborhood Revitalization Mapper website to identify if the project addresses are located in an eligible area.

Community Health and Safety Works

- Applications in the following categories:

    1. **Community Placemaking**
    2. **Environmental Health and Justice**
    3. **Cameras, Lighting and Related Safety Services**
    4. **Technical Assistance for CHSW Initiatives**

- Optional technical assistance available to awardees.
- Applicants can apply to each track one time.

Application

Application Questions: Organizational Summary

a. What is your organization's official mission statement and purpose? (Total max characters: 250)

b. Provide your organization's recent accomplishments (2021 thru 2023) in the areas targeted by this application. (Total max characters: 1,000)

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. (Total max characters: 1,000)

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. (Total max characters: 1,000)

Application Questions: Describe Current Conditions

Community Placemaking: Describe the location of this project and cite specific crime and safety issues and/or incidents that have impacted the area. Also provide crime statistics related to the violent crime and other illegal activity that you have described. (Total max characters: 2,500)

* *Maryland Data Sources for Crime Statistics will be available on grant landing page*

Environmental Health and Justice: Describe the location of this project and the predatory and unhealthy practices in the target area for this application. Please cite specific issues and include relevant data, such as the heat index, air pollution, water quality data, citations for illegal dumping. If these unhealthy practices contribute to crime, please cite specific incidents of violent crime and other illegal activity and specific crime statistics. (Total max characters: 2,500*)*

**Maryland Data Sources for Environmental Health will be available on the grant landing page*

Application Questions: Project Information

a. **Summary:** Provide a project summary.

b. **Location:** Provide the project address. All project addresses must be located within Baltimore City or within the boundaries of a designated Sustainable Community elsewhere in the state

c. **Timeline**: Is this a new activity or a phase of an ongoing project? If it is a phase, describe what has been implemented to date.

d. **Equitable improvements:** Describe how this project improves Community Placemaking or Environmental Health and Justice in the target area. Include how the project contributes to creating a more equitable community.

e. **Project Activities:** List the project activities that will address the needs described in the section above. Include any partners that will help your organization implement the project.

f. ***Site Control:*** 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 in your application.

g. **Maintenance:** Describe your plan for maintaining this project after the grant period ends.

Who owns your target site? See Project Permissions:

- **Parks and Recreation:** If your project is located on land owned by either Baltimore City Department of Parks and Recreation, you must submit a required form and have approval by the application submission date: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZwqzNqil1dCUbZyafQUvZqcryG47xNde/edit

- **Baltimore City Department of Transportation** allows community organizations to implement creative projects in Baltimore City's roadways, sidewalks, alleys, and other areas maintained by DOT. For more info, including how to request traffic calming and submit project design and documents for placemaking projects in the right of way, please visit: https://transportation.baltimorecity.gov/community-led-placemaking-program-information-application

Application Questions: Project Results

a. **List specific, measurable and realistic goals** for this project and describe the activities you will implement related to those goals. (Total max characters: 100)

b. **List the outcomes for this 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

c. **How will you track progress** and evaluate the anticipated outcomes? List specific metrics. (Total max characters: 2,000)

Application Questions: 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. (Total max characters: 2,000)

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

c. **Do you anticipate needing technical assistance for your project?** If yes, what type of technical assistance do you think you will need?

Additional Sections: Attachments, Budget, Timeline

a. **Attachments:** 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 the applicant wishes to provide relevant additional information

b. **Budget:** 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”. Include a budget narrative.

c. **Timeline:** Describe the timeline milestones and how they contribute to addressing the project’s outcomes. (Total max characters: 2,000)

Specific Project Questions?

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Part 2:

MORE INFO & EXAMPLES

Community Placemaking

Community Placemaking

- Projects that engage artists and designers to support **community-led initiatives to beautify and activate** formerly vacant or blighted sites.

- Grants **$35,000 - $100,000**

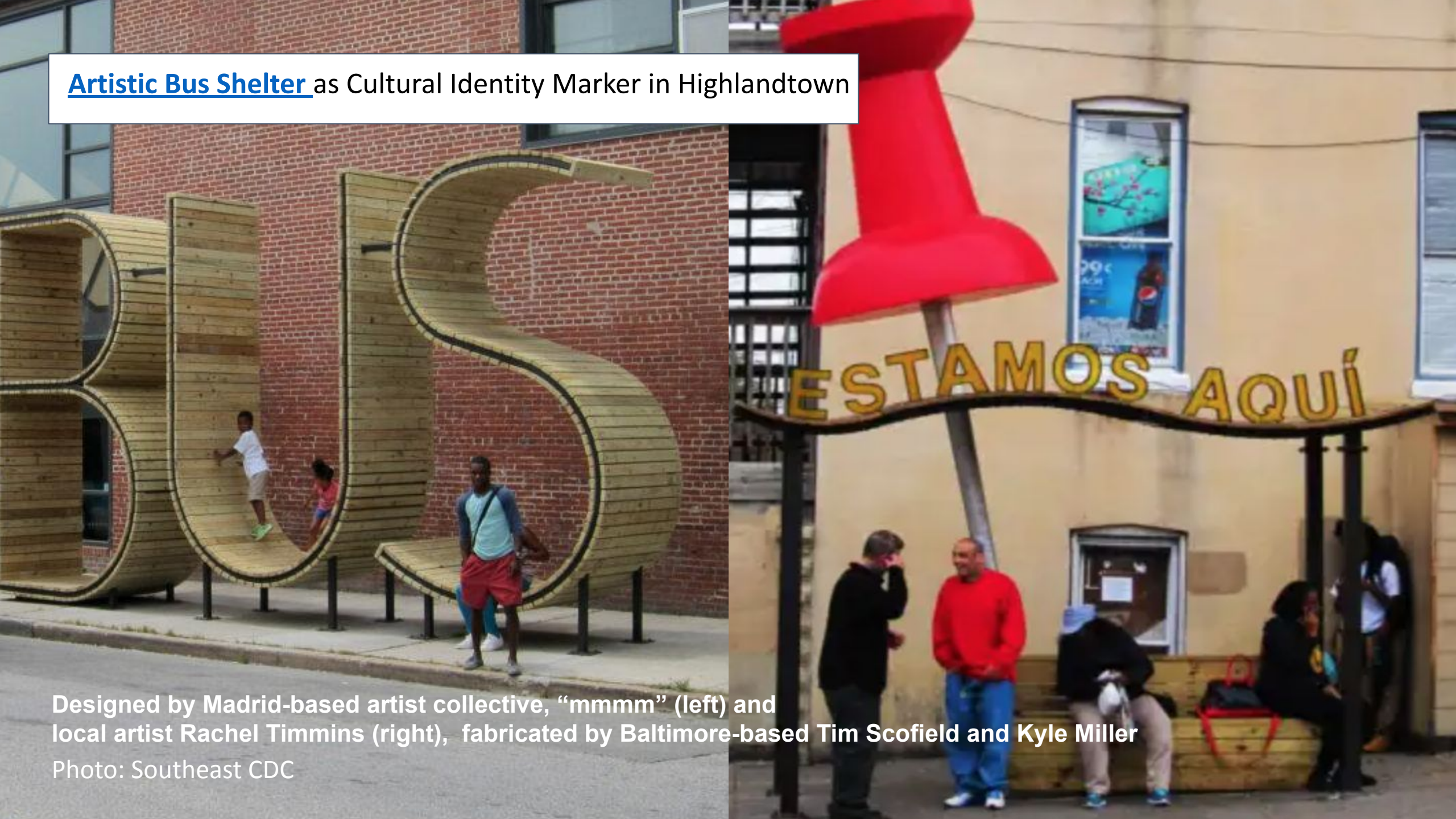
Community Placemaking: Eligible Project Examples

- **Public art installations:** including murals and sculpture
- **Performance spaces:** Live music, theater, festivals, markets, cultural exchanges, and dance performances that draw community members into the space
- **Public space amenities:** Seating, planters, shade structures, children's play areas, signage, bike racks, and other site amenities that improve residents/visitors experience in the space
- **Lighting:** Lighting design that enhances the atmosphere of the space and encourages a welcoming environment and increased use.
- **Fences and entry gates:** Define the boundaries of a public space and encourage its use for positive, community-building activities and safe pedestrian access

Carey St. Pocket Park: Vacant lot turned community garden and mural
Photo: Arts + Parks (Lead Artist and Landscaping Design team)

26th Street Green: Closed neighborhood street as performance + gathering space
Photo: Graham Projects (Producer)
Designed by engineering firm RK&K

Artistic Bus Shelter as Cultural Identity Marker in Highlandtown



Designed by Madrid-based artist collective, “mmmm” (left) and local artist Rachel Timmins (right), fabricated by Baltimore-based Tim Scofield and Kyle Miller

Photo: Southeast CDC

Core Components

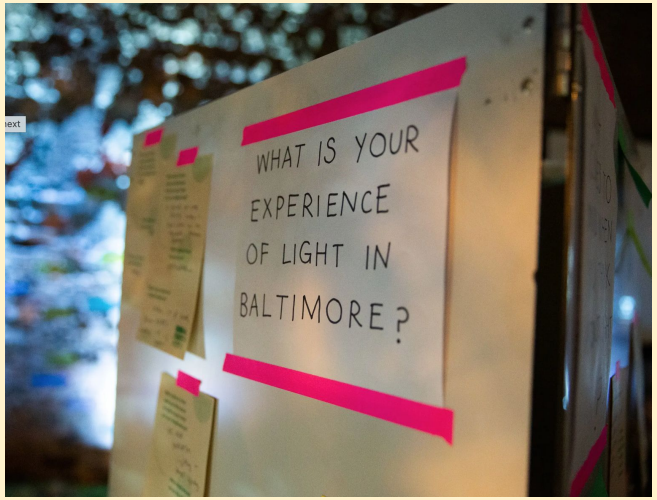
1. An **engagement process** that includes input from community stakeholders *representative of the demographics of the community served* by the project.

2. A **design plan** that incorporates the *community's vision with the support of artists and designers* in creating the design plan.

3. A sustainable **implementation plan** that considers *ongoing maintenance needs and programming* for activating the public space.

Engagement Process: Example

Signal Station North: Baltimore City

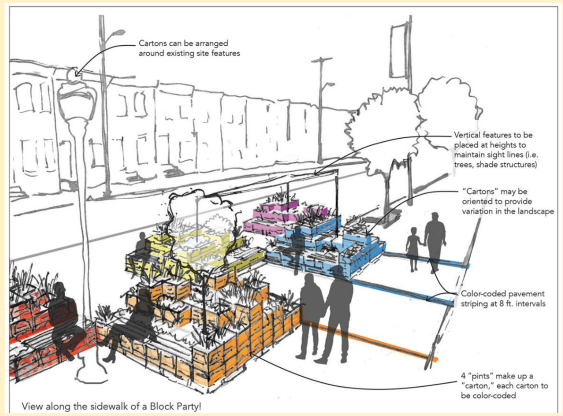


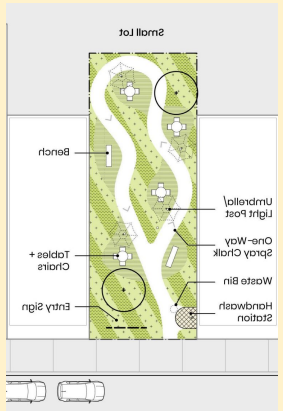
Blue Light Junction facade in Greenmount West, designed by Flux Studio in Baltimore City

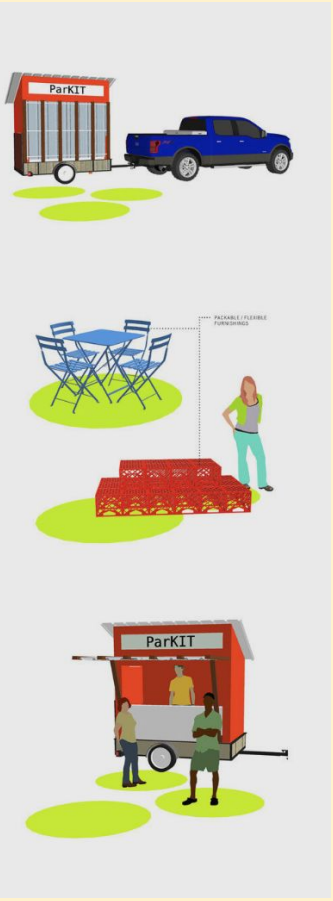
Source: Neighborhood Design Center Publication in partnership with the City of Baltimore, Baltimore Development Corporation and Johns Hopkins

Design Plan: Example

Design for Distancing: Affordable Outdoor Public Space Activations







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Implementation + Maintenance: Boone Street Commons

July 2019

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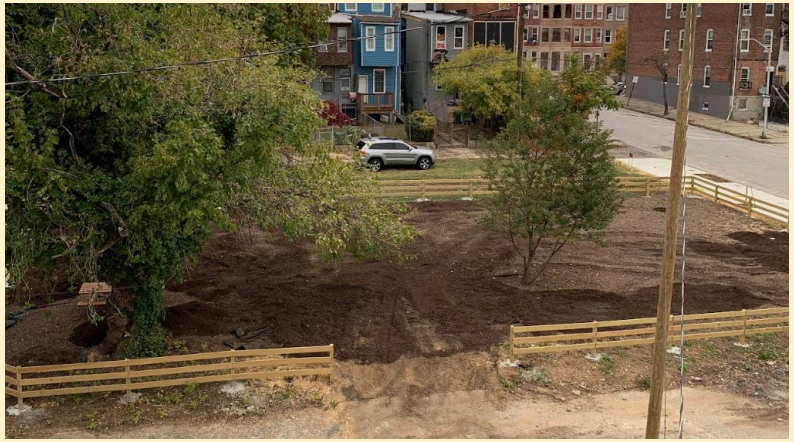

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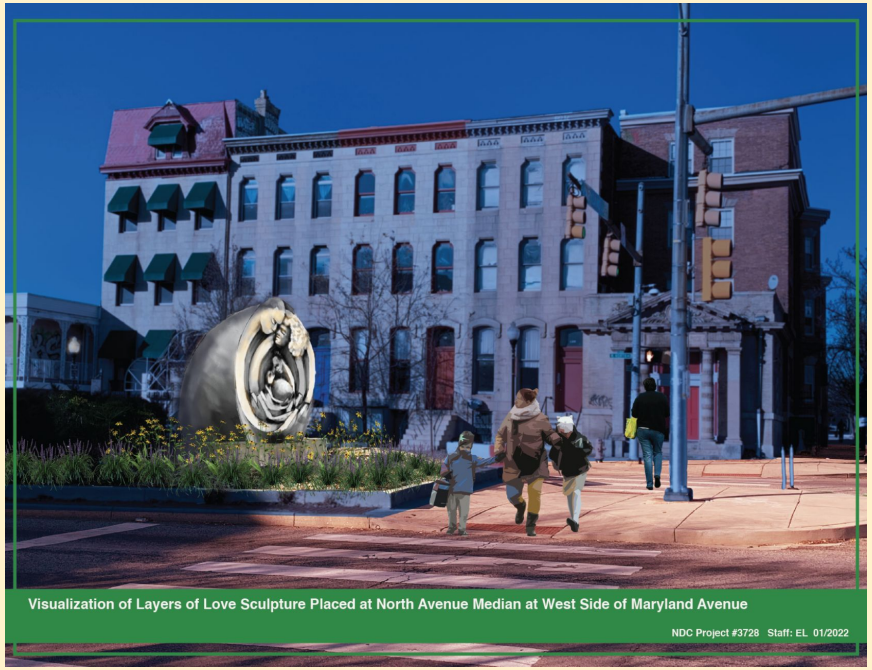
Maintenance Plan: sample



Maintenance Task	Dormant Season			Late Winter / Early Spring			Growing Season			Late Summer / Early Fall		
	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT
Cut Back Perennials												
Cut Back Grasses												
Apply Mulch / Soil Amendment												
Test Soil												
Watering												
Pruning												
Weeding												

= High Intensity Activity
= Low Intensity Activity

Sample maintenance chart to care for new landscaping

Placemaking Week is coming to Baltimore: www.placemakingweek.org

Environmental Health and Justice

Environmental Health and Justice

- Community-led collaborations to **eliminate predatory and unhealthy practices** such as:
  - illegal dumping
  - littering
  - high speed traffic hazards
  - urban heat islands
  - other climate change-related conditions

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Environmental Health and Justice: Examples of Eligible Projects

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY:
Auto circulation, traffic calming, and pedestrian safety improvements via landscaping, fencing, alley gating and sidewalk improvements that encourage walking

GREENING:
Planting trees and other streetscape greening to enhance the tree canopy, recreational space, and contribute to stormwater management

TARGETING DUMPING AREAS:
Removing blight and signals of blight (such as litter, graffiti and bulk trash dumping) and instead create markers of community pride and ownership in those spaces

HIRING LANDSCAPING STAFF & SPECIAL EQUIPMENT:
Funding staff or contracted cleaning and landscaping services and purchasing litter removal equipment

COMMUNITY-LED ORGANIZING:
Strengthening community-led resident and merchant cleaning and greening stewardship through organizing, education, beautification, and outreach activities

TRANSIT ENHANCEMENTS:
Transit stop enhancements including shade, seating, trashcans, lighting, and signage.

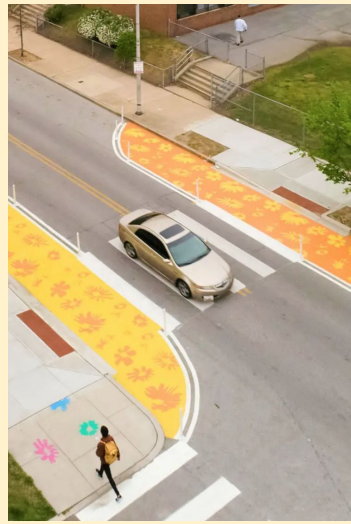
Community Farm + Green Space: Duncan Street Miracle Garden

Photos from Duncan Street Facebook

Rain Water Garden: Collington Square School

Photos: Arts + Parks

Pedestrian Safety: Johnston Square Pedestrian Safety



Photos: Neighborhood Design Center

Technical Assistance & CHSW Resource Guide

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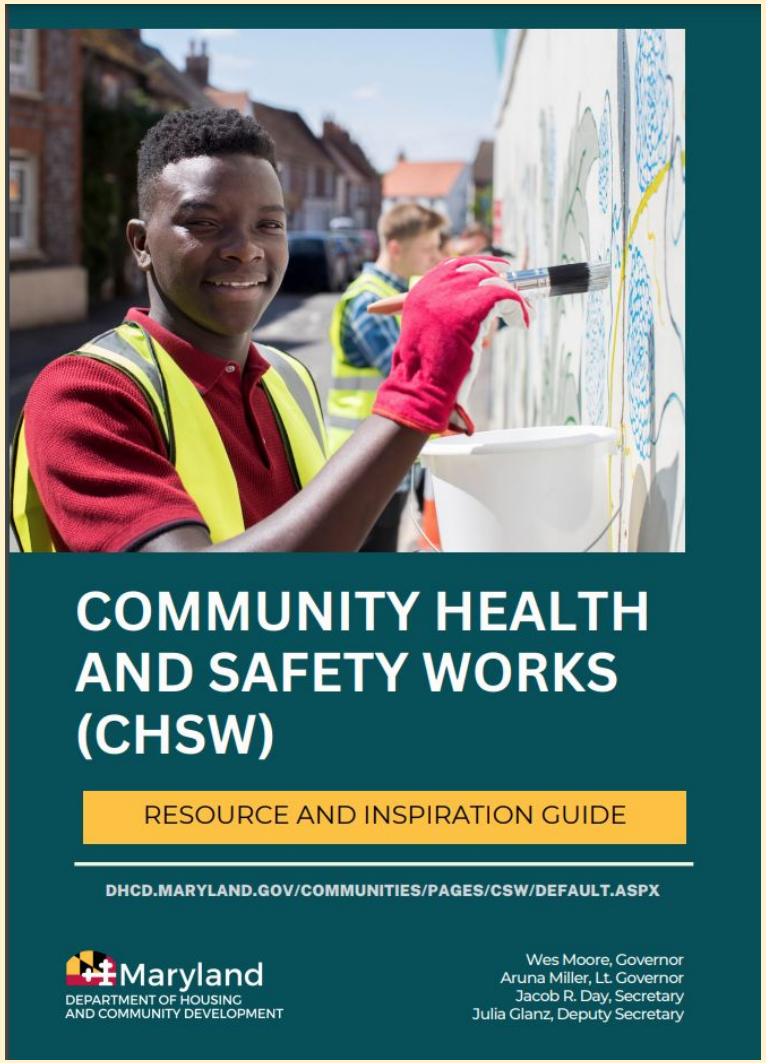
Technical Assistance for CHSW Initiatives

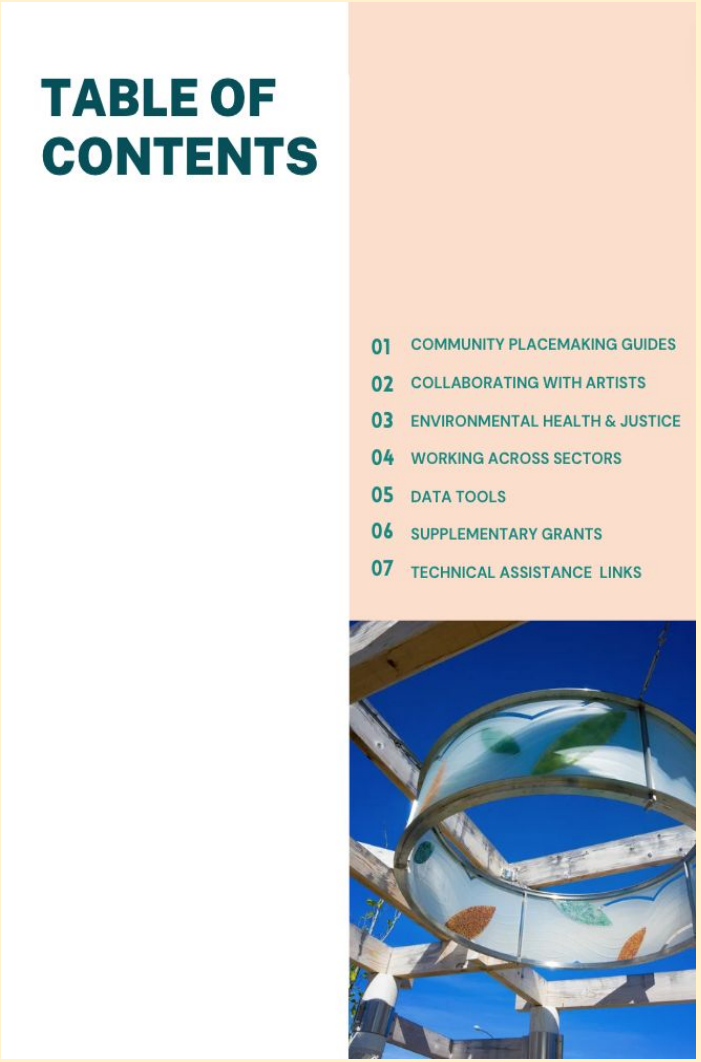
Some examples of technical assistance may include guidance on:

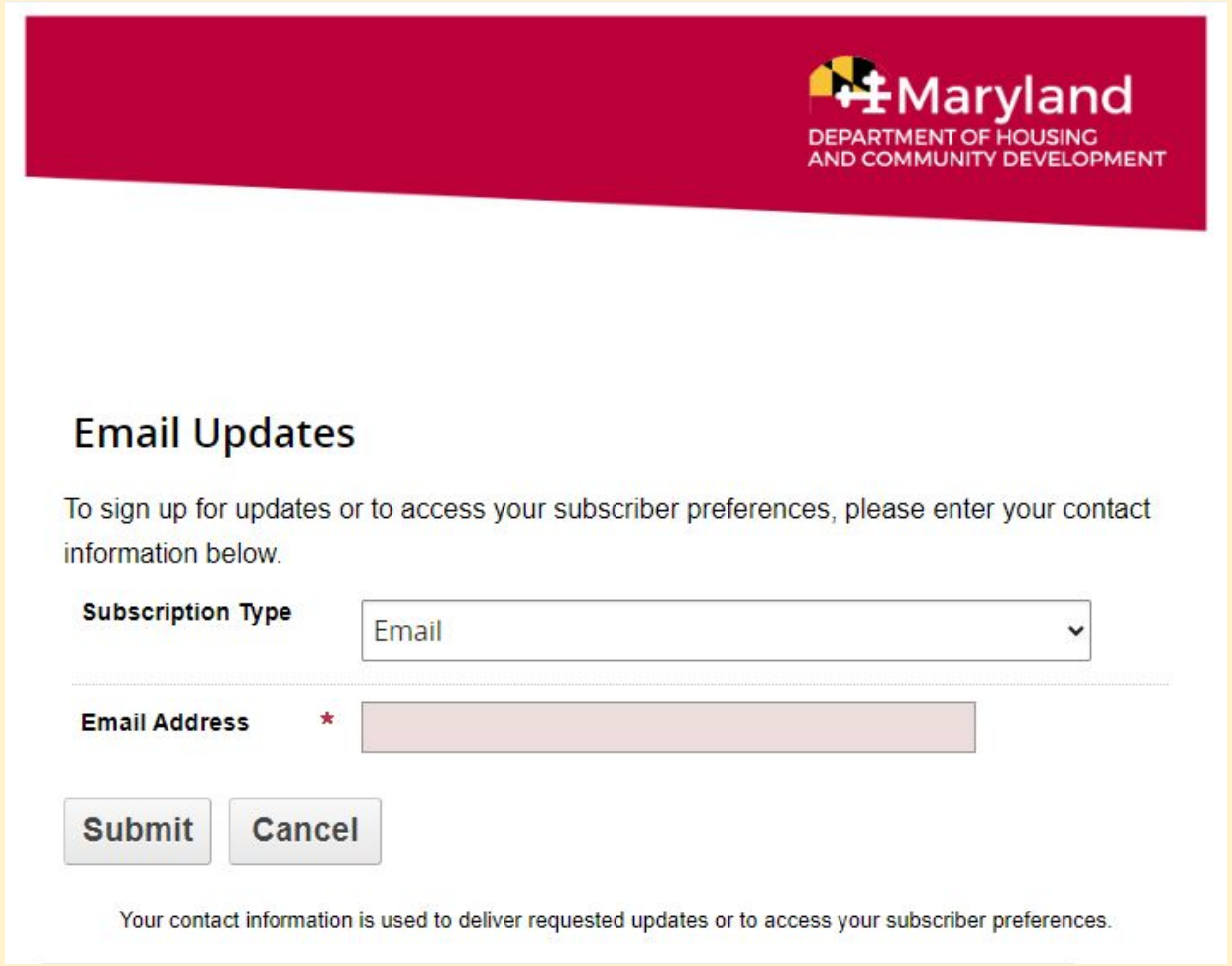
- ❑ Designing an **inclusive community engagement process.**
- ❑ **Integrating art and cultural elements** into a public space project.
- ❑ **Integrating green infrastructure** and climate-sensitive urban design into public space projects.
- ❑ Creation and evaluation of a **call for artists and designers** for projects.
- ❑ Obtaining and **evaluating bids** from contractors for projects
- ❑ **A maintenance plan** for public space improvements

Visit the CHSW Resource Guide for:

- How-to guides
- Data sources
- Project examples







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