Grant Information

Keep Maryland Beautiful Grant

1. Citizen Stewardship Grant
   a. **Amount of money that can be awarded:** up to $5,000
   b. **Purpose of the Grant:** Awarded to schools, nonprofits, and other community organizations whose missions are centered upon directly engaging community members (especially children and young adults) in environmental education and stewardship. You can work with the community organization that you are partnered with so that they can submit the grant on your behalf.
   c. **Deadline to Apply:** Applications open on October 1, 2019 and close on November 14, 2019
   d. **Link for More Info:**
      https://dnr.maryland.gov/met/Pages/grant_programs.aspx
   e. **Contact Person:** For additional information send emails to Dina@forevermaryland.org or call 410-697-9511. Be sure to put the name of your organization in the subject line.

2. Clean Up & Green Up Maryland Grant
   a. **Amount of money that can be awarded:** up to $5,000
   b. **Purpose of the Grant:** Awarded to local groups and nonprofit organizations to develop community-based leadership and volunteer-based activities to eliminate litter and implement beautification and greening initiatives.
   c. **Deadline to Apply:** Applications open on October 1, 2019 and close on November 14
   d. **Link for More Info:**
      https://dnr.maryland.gov/met/Pages/grant_programs.aspx
Contact Person: For additional information send emails to Dina@forevermaryland.org or call 410-697-9511. Be sure to put the name of your organization in the subject line.

Celebrate Urban Birds
1. Mini-Grants
   a. **Amount of money that can be awarded:** $100-$750
   b. **Purpose of the Grant:** Each year, they invite organizations to apply for our mini-grants to help finance creative events that integrate the arts, gardening, community participation, and of course Celebrate Urban Birds’s citizen science project. We hope that these events, or series of activities, will inspire others to organize similar events in their communities. The activities don’t need to be complicated. It’s easy!
   c. **Deadline to Apply:** November 15th
   d. **Link for More Info:** [https://celebrateurbanbirds.org/community/minigrants/](https://celebrateurbanbirds.org/community/minigrants/)
   e. **Contact Person:** urbanbirds@cornell.edu or call (607) 254-2455

BMore Beautiful
1. Care-A-Lot Program
   a. **Amount of money that can be awarded:** up to $5,500
   b. **Purpose of the Grant:** The mission of Care A Lot is to support innovative community groups and organizations in the cleaning, mowing, maintenance and beautification of vacant lots in Baltimore City.
   c. **Deadline to Apply:** Applications open in January and due by the end of February
   d. **Link for More Info:** [https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/sites/default/files/Care%20A%20Lot%20Program%20Description.pdf](https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/sites/default/files/Care%20A%20Lot%20Program%20Description.pdf)
   e. **Contact Person:** Natasha Neale Phone: 410-396-6909 BMOREBeautiful@baltimorecity.gov 1 N. Charles St, 13th Floor Baltimore, MD 21201

Central Baltimore Partnership
1. Spruce Up Grant Program
   a. **Eligibility:** Projects must be located within the following neighborhood boundaries in order to be eligible to apply: Abell, Barclay, Charles North, Charles Village, Greenmount West, Harwood, Midway, Oakenshawe, Old Goucher, Remington, Wyman Park, Waverly Main Street, and some Jones Falls area locations. The applicant must be incorporated as a nonprofit and
hold either a 501(c) (3) IRS tax code designation or use a fiscal sponsor with 501(c)(3) status.

b. **Amount of money that can be awarded:** $10,000 to $25,000

c. **Purpose of the Grant:** Central Baltimore Partnerships supports neighborhood-driven, capital improvement projects in Central Baltimore public spaces through our *Community Spruce-Up Program*. We help neighborhood leaders and other partners identify opportunities for community enhancement, assess project feasibility, and mobilize collaboration between public and private partners. The *Community Spruce-Up Program* has funded 49 projects to-date including playgrounds, community gardens, public art, safety improvements, and neighborhood signs. The striking feather-inspired facade at the Greenmount Recreation Center and the signature orange “W” shaped sign that welcomes visitors to the 32nd Street Farmers Market are just two examples of projects supported by the program.

d. **Deadline to Apply:** March 29th

e. **Link for More Info:** [https://www.centralbaltimore.org/spruce-ups/](https://www.centralbaltimore.org/spruce-ups/)

f. **Contact Person:** Aaron Kaufman email: akaufman@centralbaltimore.org

**Baltimore Community Foundation**

1. Neighborhood Grant Program: Mobilization Grant
   
a. **Eligibility:** Resident-led projects and community-based organizations that include resident leadership and that address a community need. Groups in Baltimore City and Baltimore County may apply.

b. **Amount of money that can be awarded:** $1,000-$5,000

c. **Purpose of the Grant:** BCF aims to help neighborhoods become and remain safe, vibrant, clean and green, and to be supporters and champions of their local schools. The mobilization grants are for projects that will get more neighbors involved in the community

d. **Deadline to Apply:** TBD

e. **Link for More Info:** [https://www.bcf.org/For-Grant-Scholarship-Seekers/Grants/Neighborhood-Grants-Program#deadlines](https://www.bcf.org/For-Grant-Scholarship-Seekers/Grants/Neighborhood-Grants-Program#deadlines)

f. **Contact Person:** Kendra Shaw email: grants@bcf.org

**Chesapeake Bay Trust**

1. Community Engagement Mini Grant
   
a. **Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations, community associations, faith-based organizations and more.
b. **Amount of money that can be awarded**: up to $5,000

c. **Purpose of the Grant**: The Mini Grants Program for Community Engagement is designed to engage Maryland residents in activities that enhance communities, engage residents, and improve natural resources. [https://cbtrust.org/wp-content/uploads/Community-Engagement-Mini-Grant-Requests-Application-Package-FY20_FINAL.pdf](https://cbtrust.org/wp-content/uploads/Community-Engagement-Mini-Grant-Requests-Application-Package-FY20_FINAL.pdf)

d. **Deadline to Apply**: No deadline, application is always open

e. **Link for More Info**: [https://cbtrust.org/grants/community-engagement/](https://cbtrust.org/grants/community-engagement/)

f. **Contact Person**: Bre’Anna Brooks at (410) 974-2941 ext. 112 or bbrooks@cbtrust.org

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**Southeast CDC**

1. Spruce Up Grant
   a. Website says to check back in February 2020 for more information: [http://www.southeastcdc.org/spruceup/](http://www.southeastcdc.org/spruceup/)

**Southwest Partnership**

1. Small Neighborhood Grants
   a. **Eligibility**: Neighborhood associations, block groups, and other community groups in the Southwest Partnership area are eligible to apply. The Southwest Partnership area is the neighborhoods of Barre Circle, Franklin Square, Hollins Roundhouse, Mount Clare, Pigtown, Poppleton, and Union Square.

   b. **Amount of money that can be awarded**: up to $5,000

   c. **Purpose of the Grant**: The Southwest Partnership provides small grants to neighborhood associations and block groups in the Southwest Partnership area for projects that: reduce and prevent blight, increase vibrancy and positive use of streets and public spaces, increase the quality of life for area residents, and increase community engagement and participation in community projects

   d. **Deadline to Apply**: Application for the Fall opens in January and closes in April

   e. **Link for More Info**: [https://southwestpartnershipbaltimore.org/portfolio/small-neighborhood-grants-available/](https://southwestpartnershipbaltimore.org/portfolio/small-neighborhood-grants-available/)

   f. **Contact Person**: grants@swpbal.org 667-210-2105
The Greater Baybrook Alliance

1. Baybrook Beautification Program
   a. **Eligibility:** Must be a community associations, active residents or nonprofit organizations working on residential blocks, streets, and communities within GBA’s targeted communities. GBA’s targeted communities reside within Brooklyn, Curtis Bay, and Brooklyn Park
   b. **Amount of money that can be awarded:** from $1,000 up to $20,000
   c. **Purpose of the Grant:** Makes funding available to communities to improve their blocks, streets and neighborhoods. All GBA Beautification funds must be expended on CAPITAL projects - that is physical improvements to the community. These include, but are not limited to: Installation of landscaping and/or trees, clean up of previously dilapidated open space, playground build, and community gardens.
   d. **Deadline to Apply:** TBD
   e. **Link for More Info:**
      https://www.greaterbaybrookalliance.org/baybrook_beautification_program
   f. **Contact Person:** mchaiken@gmail.com

Baltimore National Heritage Grant

1. Neighborhood Placemaking Grant
   a. **Eligibility:** Eligible applicants are non-profit organizations and tax-exempt community/neighborhood associations in good standing with the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation. Proposed projects must be within this boundary:
      https://www.explorebaltimore.org/page/bnha-boundary-map
   b. **Amount of money that can be awarded:** up to $5,000
   c. **Purpose of the Grant:** The goal of the Neighborhood Placemaking Grant Program is to assist neighborhoods with: enhancing their quality of life through heritage tourism stewardship, become more visitor-friendly and visitor-ready, balance community and tourism, and increase awareness of the Baltimore National Heritage Area and its resources for neighborhoods.
   d. **Deadline to Apply:** Application opens in September and closes on December 9.
   e. **Link for More Info:**
      https://www.explorebaltimore.org/grants/heritage-neighborhoods-grants
   f. **Contact Person:** First-time applicants to Baltimore National Heritage Area are required to attend an information session on the grant process. Previous grant recipients are welcome to attend. Please contact Megan
McSwain, Interpretation and Outreach Manager  
(mmcswan@baltimoreheritagearea.org or 410-878-6411) for workshop dates.