

## Greening Grants

Thinking of creating a green space or have one and looking for ways to maintain or enhance your community's green space? Here is a list of organizations and programs to help fund various greening projects in Baltimore City. We're providing you this list so you can get ready and mark your calendars for the ones that have passed so you can be ready next year!

Please note that this is not a complete list, as funding sources are sometimes seasonal, annual, or temporary. Please contact [info@baltimoregreenspace.org](mailto:info@baltimoregreenspace.org) to share other resources or information that we may include in future publications.

## Available Grants in 2021

### Abell Foundation

*Accepts funding requests of \$5000 or less, on a rolling basis*

*Accepts funding requests of \$5000 or more, Grants are due by Jan 4, March 1, May 3, July 1, and Oct 15*

- The Abell Foundation is dedicated to the enhancement of the quality of life in Maryland, with a focus on Baltimore City. The Abell Foundation encourages grant applications that show promise of having a substantial impact on the organization's beneficiaries and on its growth and stability. Consideration is also given to applications for grants that provide creative responses to pressing community needs, strengthen the operational base to ensure more effective and efficient delivery of services and demonstrate potential for stimulating new sources of financial support.
- **Who Can Apply:** The Foundation accepts requests for programs serving disadvantaged communities, with a particular focus on Baltimore City. Nonprofit organizations must be designated by the IRS as 501c3 and 509a organizations. Applicants must include a copy of their latest IRS determination letter and federal tax identification number (EIN).
- **More Information:**
  - <https://abell.org/applying-funding>
  - [abell@abell.org](mailto:abell@abell.org), 410-547-1300

### Awesome Foundation-Baltimore

#### Awesome Grant (\$1000)

*Applications open now, deadlines for 2021: August 1, October 1, and December 1*

- Got an idea to make Baltimore even more awesome? Projects must benefit Baltimore City residents and begin at least one month after the deadline.

- **Who Can Apply:** Anyone in Baltimore City. *No non-profit fiscal sponsor needed.*
- **More Information:**
  - <https://www.awesomefoundation.org/en/chapters/baltimore>
  - [awesomebmore@gmail.com](mailto:awesomebmore@gmail.com)

## Baltimore National Heritage Grant

### Neighborhood Placemaking Grant (\$1500-5000 with a required match)

*This grant application will open September and typically closes by December*

- 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.
- **Who Can Apply:** 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>
- **More Information:**
  - <https://www.explorebaltimore.org/grants/heritage-neighborhoods-grants>
  - First-time applicants to Baltimore National Heritage Area are required to contact Kenyona Moore, [kmoores@baltimoreheritagearea.org](mailto:kmoores@baltimoreheritagearea.org), 410-878-6411

## Bmore Beautiful

### Love Your Block Microgrant (Amount TBA)

*This grant application will open July 2021.*

- Love Your Block are microgrants that are used to support small community-based beautification efforts. This grant is designed to support projects that help spruce up the block and can be accomplished in a day with a small group of volunteers.
- **Who Can Apply:** Information forthcoming, check grant website.
- **More Information:**
  - <https://ecb.baltimorecity.gov/grant-opportunities%20>
  - Natasha Neale, [Natasha.Neale@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Natasha.Neale@baltimorecity.gov), 410-396-6909

## Chesapeake Bay Trust

### Community Engagement Mini Grant (\$5000)

*Application open on a rolling deadline and ends when all funds are awarded*

- The Mini Grants Program for Community Engagement and Restoration is designed to engage Maryland residents in activities that enhance communities, engage residents, and improve natural resources. To see a longer list of potential projects, read the full Request for Proposals (RFP). *Please note the RFP is updated every year.*
- **Who Can Apply:** Nonprofit organizations, community associations, faith-based organizations and more. The Trust seeks to engage groups that have traditionally been under-engaged with environmental issues but also new applicants and organizations from a diverse array of communities. Only applicants who have received three grants or fewer from the Trust in the past are eligible to apply.
- **More Information:**
  - <https://cbtrust.org/grants/community-engagement/>
  - Kathy Somoza, [ksomoza@cbtrust.org](mailto:ksomoza@cbtrust.org), 410-974-2941 x120

### Outreach and Restoration Grant Program (\$30,000-75,000)

*Application open now, due August 11, 2021*

- This grant program encourages outreach, community engagement activities, and on-the-ground restoration projects that increase knowledge, change behavior, and accelerate stewardship of natural resources that involve residents in restoring local green spaces, waterways, and natural resources. Applicants can request funds from one of the following tracks.
  - Track 1: Outreach/Knowledge Building Projects (up to \$30,000)
  - Track 2: Behavior Change Projects (up to \$50,000)
  - Track 3: Restoration Projects (up to \$50,000)
  - Track 4: Outreach and Restoration Projects (up to \$75,000)
- **Who Can Apply:** Non-profit organizations, community and homeowner associations, faith-based organizations, and more.
- **More Information:**
  - <https://cbtrust.org/grants/outreach-and-restoration/>
  - Bre'Anna Brooks, [bbrooks@cbtrust.org](mailto:bbrooks@cbtrust.org), 410-974-2941 x112

### Additional Grants from Chesapeake Bay Trust

*Applications and deadlines vary. Check <https://cbtrust.org/grants/>*

## Forever Maryland – Keep Maryland Beautiful Grant Programs

### Citizen Stewardship Grant (\$5000)

*This grant application opens October 1, 2021, due November 12, 2021*

- This grant supports projects that develops and encourages the ongoing work of organizations that have been active in educating fellow community members (especially young people) about environmental issues such as litter prevention, local stewardship and beautification, or other local and statewide environmental issues, and to preserve natural areas and create a sense of place in communities.
- **Who Can Apply:** 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.
- **More Information:**
  - [https://forevermaryland.org/environmental-grants/#citizen\\_stewardship](https://forevermaryland.org/environmental-grants/#citizen_stewardship)
  - Dina Lansinger, [dina@forevermaryland.org](mailto:dina@forevermaryland.org), 443-640-1034 ext.1160

### Clean Up & Green Up Maryland Grant (\$5000)

*This grant application opens October 1, 2021, due November 12, 2021*

- This grant supports projects to develop community-based leadership and volunteer-based activities to eliminate litter and implement beautification and greening initiatives. This grant also encourages community groups and nonprofit organizations statewide to promote neighborhood cleanliness and beautification by increasing litter removal, greening activities, community education, and citizen stewardship.
- **Who Can Apply:** Local groups, municipalities, nonprofit organizations, and more.
- **More Information:**
  - [https://forevermaryland.org/environmental-grants/#citizen\\_stewardship](https://forevermaryland.org/environmental-grants/#citizen_stewardship)
  - Dina Lansinger, [dina@forevermaryland.org](mailto:dina@forevermaryland.org), 443-640-1034 ext.1160

## South Baltimore Gateway Partnership

### Community Grants (\$2,000-100,000)

*Applications accepted quarterly, Next Deadline is August 31, 2021*

- The project must serve or otherwise benefit the residents, businesses, institutions, or organizations of the neighborhoods served by South Baltimore Gateway Partnership.
- **Who Can Apply:** Any non-profit organization, faith-based organization, community group, PTO, or government agency can apply. For Spark and Small grants, this even includes unincorporated community organizations, or groups of active community residents, so long as you can find a fiscal sponsor to help.

- **More Information:**
  - <https://sbgpartnership.org/community-grants/>
  - Acacia Asbell, [aasbell@sbgpartnership.org](mailto:aasbell@sbgpartnership.org)

## Southwest Partnership

### Neighborhood Grants (\$5,000)

*Application for 2021 cycle opens in this fall and for 2022 in early spring*

- The Southwest Partnership is able to provide grants, usually up to \$5,000 to community members for capital projects that: increase the vibrancy of streets and public spaces; improve the quality of life for current residents; reduce or prevent blight; increase and encourage community engagement and use of public spaces.
- **Who Can Apply:** Neighborhood associations, block groups, and other community groups in the Southwest Partnership area are eligible to apply. The Southwest Partnership neighborhoods include Barre Circle, Franklin Square, Hollins Roundhouse, Mount Clare, Pigtown, Poppleton, and Union Square.
- **More Information:**
  - <https://southwestpartnershipbaltimore.org/portfolio/small-neighborhood-grants-available/>
  - Elizabeth Weber, [elizabeth@swpbal.org](mailto:elizabeth@swpbal.org), 667-281-9082

## Grants to Look for in 2022

### BGE

#### Green Grants (\$500-\$10,000)

*Application typically opens in the spring; deadline in 2021 was May 14, 2021*

- Environmental stewardship is one of BGE's core values. BGE's commitment to use natural resources responsibly, prevent pollution and improve energy efficiency, Green Grants are being offered to communities within the BGE's service area. These grants complement BGE's environmental giving and are part of steps to link employees to the communities they live and work in. Applications will be considered for new and existing programs that fall within the Environmental Focus Areas (Conservation, Education, Energy Efficiency, Pollution Prevention, Community Engagement).
- **Who Can Apply:** 501c3 non-profit organizations with a Board of Directors and the project must be located geographically within the BGE service area.
- **More Information:**
  - <https://www.bge.com/SafetyCommunity/Community/Pages/GreenGrants.aspx>
  - [CSR.BGE@bge.com](mailto:CSR.BGE@bge.com), Include "Request for Discussion" in the subject line

## **Bmore Beautiful**

### **Care-A-Lot Program (\$23 per lot, number of lots covered varies)**

***Grant applications for 2022 cycle will open in early 2022 and the deadline is typically late February/early March***

- The Care-A-Lot Program is designed to support community-based organizations that have the capacity to mow and maintain vacant lots during the "Grow Season" which runs from April-October.
- **Who Can Apply:** Eligible organizations must be a registered 501c3 OR have a fiscal sponsor with a registered 501c3 designation. This program is not intended for landscaping, small haulers and other small businesses.
- **More Information:**
  - <https://ecb.baltimorecity.gov/grant-opportunities%C2%A0>
  - Natasha Neale, [Natasha.Neale@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Natasha.Neale@baltimorecity.gov), 410-396-6909

### **Say YES! Grant Program (Amount Varies)**

***Grant applications for 2022 cycle will open in early 2022 and the deadline is typically late February/early March***

- Say YES! (Youth Environmental Stewards) Program is a seasonal youth engagement program. Community based organizations can apply for a grant to engage with up to 5 youth in their community on various beautification efforts. Selected youth must live in the neighborhood that they are working. Supervision is provided by community leaders as a way to foster mentorship for the next generation of community leaders and activities.
- **Who Can Apply:** Eligible organizations must be a registered 501c3 OR have a fiscal sponsor with a registered 501c3 designation.
- **More Information:**
  - <https://ecb.baltimorecity.gov/grant-opportunities%C2%A0>
  - Natasha Neale, [Natasha.Neale@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Natasha.Neale@baltimorecity.gov), 410-396-6909

## **Celebrate Urban Birds**

### **Mini-Grants \$250-2500**

***Typically opens in early spring, deadline in 2021 was April 21, 2021***

- Celebrate Urban Birds (CUBs), aims to co-create inclusive, equity-based citizen science projects and programming that stem from priorities of communities that have been historically underrepresented or excluded from birding and science. They seek to improve quality of life and promote better science by including missing voices,

perspectives, and experiences. Once a year they invite community-based organizations and leaders to apply to our mini-grants "Equity, Birds, and Conservation." These are focused on promoting events that center Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in birdwatching and ornithology.

- **Who Can Apply:** Mini-grants are awarded to organizations from Canada, United States, Latin America and the Caribbean. Organizations that work with underserved communities are strongly encouraged to apply. No experience with birds required.
- **More Information:**
  - <https://celebrateurbanbirds.org/community/minigrants/>
  - Marilú López Fretts, [urbanbirds@cornell.edu](mailto:urbanbirds@cornell.edu), 787-378-4073

## Central Baltimore Partnership

### Community Spruce Up Grant Program \$10,000-20,000

*Application typically opens in March, deadline is May or early June*

- Supports projects that are neighborhood-driven related to open space and capital improvement projects in the 11 Central Baltimore neighborhoods served by Central Baltimore Partnership.
- **Who Can Apply:** Applicants may be neighborhood associations, merchants groups, or other not-for-profit organizations located in, or serving, the neighborhoods of Abell, Barclay, Charles North, Charles Village, Greenmount West, Midway, Oakenshawe, Old Goucher, Remington, Wyman Park, and/or the Waverly Main Street. Full applications must also include a letter of support from their local community associations.
- **More Information:**
  - <https://www.centralbaltimore.org/spruce-ups/>
  - Aaron Kaufman, [akaufman@centralbaltimore.org](mailto:akaufman@centralbaltimore.org), 443-681-7098