

Maryland State Revitalization Program Review of Fiscal Year 2028 Applications

Objective

This document provides a high-level review of the [Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's \(DHCD\) State Revitalization Program](#) Fiscal Year 2028 funding opportunities. This program funds projects that further revitalization and restoration goals in Maryland communities that meet specific requirements.

Program Summary

The State of Maryland's Revitalization Program includes several funding opportunities for communities to enhance core state goals such as infrastructure improvements, historic preservation, housing production and rehabilitation, vacancy reduction, multimodal transportation improvements and economic development programs.

Applicants who wish to apply for the following programs must be listed as a Sustainable Community. A full list and map of sustainable communities may be found [here](#). Certain programs are only available within given regions; see the table below titled '*Funding Programs Overview*' for program-specific requirements.

Maryland State Revitalization Funding Opportunities Available for NEUs

This funding cycle hosts seven areas of funding for targeted revitalization efforts across Maryland. Of these, NEUs that qualify as Sustainable Communities (and in some cases meet other geographic criteria) are eligible for four of these programs:

- » Community Legacy
- » Maryland Façade Improvement Program
- » Strategic Demolition Fund
- » National Capital Strategic Economic Development Program

Below is a table outlining these programs at a high level. Information presented here is for reference only, and interested applicants are encouraged to fully review each program and its requirements in the [FY 2028 State Revitalization Application Guidelines](#). All projects must be within eligible areas as outlined in [Sustainable Communities](#), unless otherwise specified.

Opportunity	General Description	Activities Supported
Community Legacy Program	This program provides resources to assist local governments and their nonprofit community development partners in filling key funding gaps within community revitalization initiatives. Lead applicants must be local governments or community development organizations. Local government applications should be lead-sponsored by the Community and/or Economic Development agency, or, in the absence of such an agency or staff, the local agency designated by the jurisdiction's chief executive. Supporting applicant team members can and should include housing agencies, planning departments, local non-profits, civic institutions and private sector companies and lenders. Projects must be within eligible areas such as Sustainable Communities and Opportunity Zones in Allegany, Garrett, Somerset and Wicomico counties.	Examples of revitalization activities supported in the past include, but are not limited to: » Establishment of a revolving fund to attract home buyers to purchase and rehabilitate homes » Development of mixed-use projects that combine housing, retail, office, public and open space » Streetscape improvements » Strategic demolition to stimulate redevelopment
Maryland Façade Improvement Program	The purpose of this program is to assist eligible applicants with improving exterior façades for business buildings and facilities. Lead applicants will be local government or community development organizations, who will apply to capitalize a grants fund and develop an application	Funds will be used to improve external building façades.

	process for participating businesses to improve their buildings. Local government applications should be lead-sponsored by the Community and/or Economic Development agency, or, in the absence of such an agency or staff, the local agency designated by the jurisdiction's chief executive.	
Strategic Demolition Fund	This program invests in pre-development activities that accelerate economic development and job production in Maryland's Sustainable Communities. Projects must be within eligible areas such as Sustainable Communities and Opportunity Zones in Allegany, Garrett, Somerset and Wicomico counties.	Funds from this program can be used for, but are not limited to, the following activities: » Demolition of derelict non-contributing structures » Site development or infrastructure improvements » Stabilization of buildings to stay further deterioration and prepare properties for rehabilitation and reuse
National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund	This opportunity provides funding for strategic investment in local housing and businesses to encourage healthy and sustainable communities. This program track focuses on areas within Prince George's and Montgomery counties, including: » In Prince George's County at least in part, within the boundary created by Interstate 495 in the State and the District of Columbia; OR » In Montgomery County, within an Enterprise Zone or the boundary created by: Prince George's County, MD Route 200, Interstate 270, Interstate 495 to the MD state line, and the District of Columbia.	Funds from this program should support the goals and objective outlined in the Sustainable Communities Action Plan, and should also be aligned with a list of activities that includes (but is not limited to): » Programs to acquire or rehabilitate vacant or blighted properties » Development of mixed-use projects that combine housing, retail and office space » Related workforce, employment, career and technical education and apprenticeship programs » Strategic demolition

FY 2028 State Revitalization NOFO Application Status

Funding for 2028 projects is currently open until August 6, 2026, with awards expected to be announced Winter-Spring 2027. If you have additional questions on this program, please [contact your regional project manager](#).

Application Deadline	Applications must be submitted by August 06, 2026, by 2:59 PM ET. Grant applications are submitted through the Project Portal*. *Note: First-time applicants must register as a new user before applying. Approval for account registration may take up to 72 hours. New organization registration cutoff is Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 4:59 p.m. EST.
Funding Overview	The budget for the FY 2028 cycle will be determined by next year's state budget. Outlined below is last year's funding for reference: » Community Legacy: \$8 million » Maryland Façade Improvement Program: \$5 million » Strategic Demolition Fund: \$10 million » National Capital Strategic Economic Development Program: \$20 million » Additional program funds (NEUs not eligible): \$30.5 million
Eligible Uses	Generally, funds under this program should be used for construction-related projects that have at least a 15-year shelf life and fall within the following basic categories: » Acquisition of real property » Predevelopment activities, including, but not limited to architectural or engineering design, building stabilization, environmental remediation or building demolition » Development activities, including but not limited to new construction, rehabilitation and park or playground construction
Cost Sharing Requirements	» No cost share is required for the programs highlighted in this summary.
Priority Populations	» Projects must be in one of Maryland's designated Sustainable Communities. In addition to being located inside a Sustainable Community, projects should help achieve strategies outlined in the Sustainable Community Action Plan.