

Community Grant Awards – Winter 2022 Grant Cycle

Recipient & Project	Project Description	Amount
Black Yield Institute: Food Sovereignty Strategy	Support of food co-op membership campaign and securing land for the development of a cooperatively-owned grocery store in South Baltimore. Project will continue to build a Black local food production supply chain to shift towards local food procurement and production.	\$70,746
Pigtown Main Street, Inc.: Progress in Pigtown	Support for Pigtown Main Street to maintain a Community Coordinator, other staff, and materials needed to implement the Pigtown Action Plan, which addresses residential displacement, vacancy, and increasing homeownership.	\$70,700
Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore: Water Trail Master Plan	Engagement of a professional consultant and a diverse group of stakeholders in the development and release of a comprehensive Master Plan for the Baltimore Blueway—a network of water trails connecting the Inner Harbor and Middle Branch and reducing barriers that impact a strong paddling culture in Baltimore.	\$70,000
Harbor Hospital Center: Harbor Park West	Project support to convert an empty, underutilized grass lot into a thriving green space that is accessible to both the patient population at MedStar Harbor Hospital and residents in Cherry Hill. Wide, accessible pathways will safely connect pedestrians to the space, installed with compacted gravel and topped with ADA compliant stone.	\$49,999
Living Classrooms Foundation, Inc: BEESMART Summer Program	5-week summer program uses an Environmental-STEM (E-STEM) approach as a vehicle to (1) prevent summer learning loss and ensure that students make academic gains, and (2) provide students with the knowledge and motivation to be lifelong environmental stewards.	\$49,602
Baltimore Compost Collective: Compost Programs	Expansion of existing efforts to reduce food waste, educate and empower youth and community members to affect change by composting, and to increase food security by supporting local food production within Baltimore City.	\$49,500
4MyCiTy, Inc.: Community Composting	Support of community-scale composting of food waste and organic materials through the installation and launch of a composter at Severn Street, distribution of community composting bins to local business, free food waste collection, and education.	\$49,500
Southwest Partnership: CCB Elementary School Playground	Playground renovations offering students a safe place to play outdoors and a space for the community and events.	\$48,980
Baltimore Outreach Services, Inc.: Journey to Independence	Support of emergency shelter general operations and for resources and services necessary to promote stability and independence for homeless women and children through the provision of health and wellness, basic needs, education, job training, and housing placement.	\$45,000

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Saint Barnabas and Saint Susanna (SBSS) Coptic Orthodox Church: Courtyard Renovation	Support the renovation and improvement of the adjoining courtyard to the church, which has been an invaluable space for community events and programs.	\$45,000
God’s Best Family, Inc.: South Baltimore Engagement Center	Support for ongoing programs that offer after-school tutoring, mentoring, and parent peer support for families in Sharp-Leadenhall and surrounding areas.	\$41,700
High Achievement Program, Inc.: Programming	Support for the expansion of intensive after-school academic and mentorship programs for middle school aged youth as they develop for college preparatory high schools.	\$40,000
Federal Hill Main Street, Inc.: Business & Resident Support	Support addressing some of the negative impacts of COVID experienced by both business owners struggling to recover and residents suffering from increased social isolation. Support for free community programs and professional development for FHMS staff.	\$31,732
Southwest Community Council, Inc. dba Citizens of Pigtown: Sharps Disposal	Support to increase safety for residents and visitors by reducing the presence of hazardous medical waste in the Pigtown neighborhood, protect the environment from improperly disposed harmful plastics and metals, and reduce the stigma associated with drug use, treatment, and harm reduction.	\$16,100
Baltimore Urban Baseball Association (BUBA): Support for Coaches	Support for coaches to administer BUBA programming that is centered around (1) engagement, (2) a skills academy, and (3) character development and academic tutoring exposing thousands of youth to baseball/softball in a way that is fun and will increase youth longevity in the sport.	\$10,000
Friends of Carroll Park, Inc.: Chant Down 2022	Support for Chant Down 2022, a free Reggae music festival that provides entertainment and creates an environment for neighbors to come together in fellowship and to attract more uses to Carroll Park.	\$8,000
Our Joyful Noise Baltimore, Inc.: “Music in the Air” Outdoor Festival	Support of a free, monthly series in the park outside of the Sharp-Leadenhall apartments featuring the finest professional musicians performing in a variety of styles from jazz, folk, and blues to classical and rock.	\$5,000
Taste Wise Kids, Inc.: Days of Taste	Programming support for 50 kids and families in 12 South Baltimore neighborhoods, teaching key skills for preparing their own healthy food.	\$5,000

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South Baltimore Learning Corp, Inc.: Book Lovers Unity Cookout	Event support bringing together community members from all over South Baltimore to celebrate the love of books and learn more about free literacy and career preparation programs in a fun and casual setting.	\$5,000
10:12 Sports: Football Mentorship	Support costs for transportation, equipment, and training for mentor coaches and mentors for a youth empowerment program that leverages athletics to create sustainable community, life-long mentorship, leadership development, and workforce training.	\$5,000
Fishes and Loves Pantry, Inc.: Lakeland Block Party	Support for the Lakeland Community Engagement Day, a free, annual summer event serving 1,000+ low-income families and their children.	\$5,000
Restoring Inner City Hope, Inc. (RICH): RICH Workforce Development	Support for the existing workforce development program and helping residents' pathways to securing employment. Additional support to elevate the positions of volunteer partners and payment for programming assistance.	\$5,000
South Baltimore Neighborhood Association: Tree Canopy Care & Expansion	Support for the planting of 10 new tree pits and community education about urban street tree care and its benefits.	\$4,985
South Baltimore United, Inc.: Community News	Distribution expansion of a free newspaper dedicated to bringing together the diverse neighborhoods of the South Baltimore peninsula into a peninsula-wide community.	\$4,979
George Washington Elementary School (GWES), BCPSS: GWES Shade Structure	Support of installation costs for a sail shade structure at GWES outdoor space. Improvements will increase utility and attractiveness of outdoor space that can be used by the community for play and community gatherings.	\$4,650
Neighbors Meeting Neighbors: Neighbors Block Party	A culminating celebration of community between the Sharp-Leadenhall/Otterbein community, meeting together at Leadenhall Street. Building on successfully completing the 1st Block party with over 180 attendees, the Neighbors Meeting Neighbors team hopes to additionally provide neighborhood monthly clean-up days.	\$3,000
Barre Circle Community Association: McHenry St. Fencing	Installation of a new wrought iron fence surrounding the vacant lot at 751 McHenry St. that has long been a concern of the residents of Barre Circle.	\$2,895

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The Kerry Kares Foundation, Inc.: Senior Bus Trip	Bus trip taking groups of seniors from Cherry Hill and Pigtown to reconnect with their heritage and history at the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture.	\$2,250
Baltimore Community ToolBank: Networking & Inventory	Support for a community networking event and enhanced inventory by adding more folding tables, which have been a primary request for partners serving at COVID testing and food distribution sites.	\$2,000
Lakeland Community Association Partnership, Inc.: Lakeland Connection	Support of project promoting connectedness and decreasing social isolation through workshops, activities, and events including a “Virtual Social Hour” for sharing videos, films, and/or movies during which participants will engage and discuss perspectives on what emotions individuals experienced during the pandemic while providing encouragement and support to one another.	\$2,000
Federal Hill Neighborhood Association, Inc.: Cross Street Block Party	Block Party connecting patrons to businesses and bringing the neighborhood together for festivities after a long two years of COVID lockdowns.	\$1,300