

## **SBGP Community Grants Program Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Can organizations submit multiple applications?**

*Yes, organizations can submit multiple applications but should keep in mind that they will be competing with themselves. Each application will be separately evaluated and also compared to other applications that have been submitted.*

### **Can organizations submit an application if they have a current Community Grant or Enhanced Services project?**

*Yes, however, SBGP takes into consideration the equitable distribution of funding across all its programs and communities. SBGP responds to needs across our communities in a fair and just manner that allows us to provide enhanced support to the communities facing the greatest challenges, without ignoring other neighborhoods in the process. SBGP also considers an applicant's previous track record of completing SBGP-awarded projects.*

### **Can an organization apply for a project that is city-wide and not specifically within the SBGP District?**

*Yes. The organization should outline how many residents of the SBGP District will be served by the city-wide project and funding request should align with the number of residents served within the SBGP District. [Learn about the SBGP District here.](#)*

### **Does my organization have to be in the SBGP District?**

*Your organization does not have to be in the SBGP District, but your project needs to serve or benefit residents of the SBGP District to be eligible for funding. In order to ensure your project has meaningful community backing, Community Grant applications require a letter of support from at least one community association in the SBGP District. See a list below.*

### **How can I submit my application early for an eligibility check?**

*Submit your application as normal through Submittable by the early submission deadline. SBGP staff will complete a technical review of your application and provide written feedback to you one week before the application deadline and reopen your application for editing. You will then have until the final deadline to update your application materials and add any missing information or documents.*

### **When will award notifications be announced?**

*Summer grants notifications are announced in late October, and winter grants notifications are announced in May.*

### **If awarded, when will grant recipients have access to spend down grant funds?**

*Grant recipients can begin spending their awarded funds after their grant agreement is signed.*

### **If awarded, what is the grant disbursement process? Will grant recipients receive a check in the mail?**

*All grants are disbursed through a reimbursement process. Grant recipients submit draw requests for reimbursement and are paid by check or electronic funds transfer (EFT). On a case-by-case basis, grant recipients can request advance requests for funds. Grant recipients will not receive a check in the mail for total grant award in advance of project activities occurring.*

### **How long do grant recipients have to complete grant projects?**

*Grant recipients have one year from the date of their signed grant agreement to complete their project. Requests for extensions can be made throughout the grant term.*

### **If an application is not considered for award, can the organization reapply?**

*Yes! Organizations that are not awarded are encouraged to ask for feedback and reapply during a future Community Grants application cycle.*

### **How are awarded grant recipients supported through the one-year grant term?**

*The Community Grants team provides technical assistance, networking, and capacity building workshops, and 1:1 meetings scheduled throughout the year. [Learn more about our workshops and see our schedule here.](#)*

### **What qualifies as a Community or Neighborhood Association when I'm seeking a letter of support for my project?**

*Below is a list of accepted local neighborhood and community associations and nonprofit organizations that applicants can reach out to share the details of their proposed project and determine support or collaboration. **Please note that some associations may not meet during summer months or may require a Board vote on letters of support. Please be sure to reach out to Associations early in the application process to give them as much time as possible to accommodate letter of support requests.** You can also search in Baltimore City's Community Association Directory here:*

*<https://planning.baltimorecity.gov/maps-data/online-community-association-directory>*

#### **Barre Circle**

- Barre Circle Community Association, Inc.
  - <https://www.facebook.com/BarreCircleCommunityAssociation/>
  - Email: [barrecirclepresident@gmail.com](mailto:barrecirclepresident@gmail.com)

### **Carroll-Camden Industrial area**

- Carroll-Camden Business Association
  - <https://carrollcamden.org/>

### **Cherry Hill**

- Cherry Hill Community Coalition
  - Email: [cherryhillcommunitycoalition@gmail.com](mailto:cherryhillcommunitycoalition@gmail.com)
- Cherry Hill Development Corporation
  - <https://chdcmd.org/>

### **Federal Hill**

- Federal Hill Neighborhood Association
  - <https://www.federalhillbaltimore.org/>
  - Email: [info@federalhillbaltimore.org](mailto:info@federalhillbaltimore.org)

### **Federal Hill South**

- Federal Hill South Neighborhood Association
  - <https://sites.google.com/site/fhsneighborhood/home>
  - Email: [federalhillsouthna@gmail.com](mailto:federalhillsouthna@gmail.com)

### **Lakeland**

- Lakeland Community Association Partnership
  - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1556127551306215/>

### **Mount Winans**

- Mount Winans Community Association
  - <https://www.facebook.com/MTWCA/>
  - Email: [mtworganizer1@gmail.com](mailto:mtworganizer1@gmail.com)

### **Otterbein**

- Otterbein Community Association
  - Email: <https://www.theotterbein.org/wp/oca/community/>

### **Pigtown / Washington Village**

- Citizens of Pigtown
  - <https://www.citizensofpigtown.com/>
- Friends of Carroll Park
  - <https://www.friendsofcarrollpark.org/>

### **Ridgely's Delight**

- Ridgely's Delight Association
  - <http://www.ridgelysdelight.org/?q=rda/association>

### **Riverside**

- Riverside Neighborhood Association
  - <https://www.riversideneighborhoodassociation.com/>

### **Sharp-Leadenhall**

- Sharp- Leadenhall Improvement Association
  - <https://www.facebook.com/SLIABaltimore/>
  - Email: [sharp.leadenhall.ia@gmail.com](mailto:sharp.leadenhall.ia@gmail.com)
- Historic Sharp Leadenhall (Formerly South Baltimore Partnership)
  - Email: [bettyblandthomas@comcast.net](mailto:bettyblandthomas@comcast.net)
- Neighbors Meeting Neighbors - Friends of Solo Gibbs Park
  - <https://www.neighborsmeetingneighbors.com/>

### **St. Paul**

- Sharon Decker – [Sharondecker70@gmail.com](mailto:Sharondecker70@gmail.com)

### **South Baltimore Neighborhood**

- South Baltimore Neighborhood Association
  - [https://www.mysobo.org/public\\_html/](https://www.mysobo.org/public_html/)

### **Westport**

- Westport Neighborhood Association
  - <https://www.facebook.com/people/Westport-Neighborhood-Association/100064338625231/>
  - Email: [wna21230@gmail.com](mailto:wna21230@gmail.com)
- Westport Community Economic Development Corporation
  - <https://www.westportcedc.org/>

### **Community Schools in SBGP District:**

*A Community School is both a place and a set of strategic partnerships that promote student achievement, positive conditions for learning, and the well-being of families and communities.*

#### **Arundel Elementary School**

2400 Round Road Baltimore, MD 21225

Community School Coordinator with Elev8 Baltimore, 410-396-1379

#### **Cherry Hill Elementary Middle School**

801 Bridgeview Road Baltimore, MD 21225

Community School Coordinator with Elev8 Baltimore, 410-396-1392

#### **Lakeland Elementary/Middle School:**

2921 Stranden Road, Baltimore, MD 21230

Community School Coordinator with Y in Central Maryland, 410-396-1406