SBGP Community Grants Program
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Can organizations submit multiple grant 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 a grant 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 the 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 we strongly encourage you obtain a letter of support from at least one community/neighborhood association or nonprofit in the SBGP District that is based within the SBGP neighborhoods where you will carry out your project. 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 typically announced in late October, and winter grants notifications are typically 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.

Are letters of support required?

Effective January 2, 2026, a letter of support is no longer required for an application to be reviewed. However, applicants are strongly encouraged to engage with the community and seek out a letter of support from either:

- *A community or neighborhood association based within the SBGP district, or*
- *A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that is legally registered and physically located in the SBGP neighborhood(s) where the project will take place.*

These letters help affirm that the proposed project has genuine community backing. Applicants should begin outreach early in the application process, as obtaining letters of support may take time and coordination.

If the applicant is itself a community association, it is strongly encouraged to demonstrate broader community support for the proposed project by providing a letter of support from:

- *Another community or neighborhood association*
- *A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that is legally registered and physically located in the SBGP neighborhood(s) where the project will take place.*

Below is a list of local neighborhood and community associations and community schools for applicants that wish to share the details of their proposed project and determine support or collaboration.

Please note that some associations may not meet during some months or may require a Board vote on letters of support. Please be sure to reach out to organizations 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

Carroll-Camden Industrial area
- Carroll-Camden Business Association
  - https://carrollcamden.org/

Cherry Hill
- Cherry Hill Community Coalition
  - Email: cherryhillcommunitycoalition@gmail.com
- Cherry Hill Development Corporation
  - https://chdcmd.org/

Federal Hill
- Federal Hill Neighborhood Association
  - https://www.federalhillbaltimore.org/
  - Email: info@federalhillbaltimore.org

Federal Hill South
- Federal Hill South Neighborhood Association
  - https://sites.google.com/site/fhsneighborhood/home
  - Email: federalhillsouthna@gmail.com

Lakeland
- Lakeland Community Association Partnership
  - https://www.facebook.com/groups/1556127551306215/
  - Email: lcap21230@gmail.com

Mount Winans
- Mount Winans Community Association
  - https://www.facebook.com/MTWCA/
  - Email: mtworganizer1@gmail.com

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

Pigtown / Washington Village
- Citizens of Pigtown
  - https://www.citizensofpigtown.com/
- Friends of Carrol Park
  - https://www.friendsofcarrollpark.org/
- Pigtown Main Street
  - https://www.pigtownmainstreet.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
  - Email: sharp.leadenhall.ia@gmail.com
- Historic Sharp Leadenhall (Formerly South Baltimore Partnership)
  - https://www.historicsharpleadenhall.org/
  - Email: bettyblandthomas@comcast.net

- Neighbors Meeting Neighbors - Friends of Solo Gibbs Park
  - https://www.neighborsmeetingneighbors.com/

St. Paul
- Sharon Decker – Sharondecker70@gmail.com

South Baltimore Neighborhood
- South Baltimore Neighborhood Association
  - https://www.mysobo.org/public_html/

Westport
- Westport Neighborhood Association
  - https://www.facebook.com/people/Westport-Neighborhood-Association/100064338625231/
  - Email: 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