



## BRNI Project Interest Sheet

Greater Baybrook Alliance is preparing to submit a package of applications to the Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) State Revitalization Programs (SRP). SRP offer a range of funding to further the revitalization goals of communities across Maryland. The funding programs are primarily used to support expenses associated with capital projects – in other words, something that will result in “bricks and mortar” with at least a 15-year shelf life. One of these programs is the Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative (BRNI). BRNI is a state funding source that supports strategic investment in local housing and businesses to lead to healthy, sustainable communities with a growing tax base and enhanced quality of life.

We are interested in partnering with organizations to implement capital projects that align with our strategic goals. Typical BRNI awards are between \$100k - \$250k and support up to 20% of the total project cost. Other SRP grant opportunities, including Baltimore Vacants Reinvestment Initiative (formerly CORE) and SEED funding, may also be a good fit for your project and will be considered.

Due to the limited availability of BRNI operating funds, we are unable to support requests for operating funds in this call for proposals.

BRNI-funded projects across the region have included:

- Down payment assistance to attract home buyers to purchase and rehabilitate homes;
- Funds for the acquisition and rehabilitation of vacant homes for resale to new homebuyers;
- Programs for existing homeowners and businesses to improve their properties;
- Programs that encourage weatherization and energy retrofits to achieve energy efficiency;
- Development of mixed-use projects that may combine housing, retail, and office space;
- Development or enhancement of community open space or neighborhood beautification and placemaking projects;
- Development of public infrastructure, such as parking and lighting and improvements to pedestrian and bicycle circulation;
- Strategic demolition, including land banking, to stimulate redevelopment

We will prioritize consideration of projects that embrace one or more of the following elements, which were developed with community members in the Baybrook areas:

- Shovel-ready
- Leverages additional funding
- Builds from current assets and strengths in the community
- Addresses community needs and interests
- Supports environmental sustainability
- Considers capacity for maintenance and upkeep
- Promotes economic growth and community wealth building
- Partner organization has a track record of success

If your organization is seeking partnership for a capital project, please submit a letter of interest to Meredith Chaiken, [BRNI@greaterbaybrookalliance.org](mailto:BRNI@greaterbaybrookalliance.org), by March 10, 2025 at 5pm, with the following information:

1. Brief description of project
2. The need for the project
3. How capital funds would be used to address the need
4. How the need was identified
5. Which residents, key stakeholders and/or community partner(s) are included in the proposal development process
6. Timeline for project implementation
7. Total project cost, including committed matching funds and your BRNI fund request

These projects will then be reviewed by staff, resident leaders, and stakeholders for possible incorporation into our final package of applications.

A letter of support from the neighborhood/community association will be required to proceed to the full application.

If you have any questions, please contact Meredith Chaiken at 410-929-2270 or [BRNI@greaterbaybrookalliance.org](mailto:BRNI@greaterbaybrookalliance.org).