

Chapter 1: (a) Core smart growth funding sources and (b) other State programs with a sustainable funding source

Core State Smart Growth programs are funded primarily through General Obligation (GO) bonds and tax credits. The Financing Smart Growth Sub-Group has reviewed programs that have dedicated revenue streams, which may be considered for the future. A description of current smart growth programs funded through GO bonds and tax credits is located in Section A, and other State programs that support smart growth goals and have a dedicated/sustainable funding stream are summarized in Section B.

(a) Smart Growth Core Programs

Program and Year Created	Lead Agency	Eligible Area	Program Description and Eligible Uses	Eligible Applicants	Recent Appropriations and Avg. Award	Funding Demand and Details	Current Funding Source
Community Legacy (CL) 2001	DHCD/NR	Sustainable Communities	Capital grants and loans designed to assist communities that have the potential, with modest public and private investment, to be vibrant places to live and work. Projects should capitalize on the strengths of a community and be part of a larger revitalization strategy.	Local Governments Community Development Organizations Groups of Local Governments	FY 2013 - \$6 M FY 2012 - \$4.25 M FY 2011 - \$4.25 M FY 2010 - \$2.1 M FY 2009 - \$4.7M Avg. Award: \$100,000	3:1 Annual application. Secretary's reserve of 10%.	GO Bonds
Neighborhood Business Works (NBW) 1995	DHCD/NR	Sustainable Communities	Business loans that provide flexible gap financing to small businesses locating or expanding in revitalization areas. Eligible Uses include but not limited to real estate acquisition, new construction or rehabilitation,	Maryland-Based Small Businesses (defined by the U.S. SBA) Nonprofit Organizations (which contribute to a broader	FY 2013 - \$4.25 M FY 2012 - \$4.25 M FY 2011 - \$4.0 M FY 2010 - \$4.0 M FY 2009 - \$5.0 M Avg. Award: \$200,000	Open and Rolling Financing ranges from \$25,000 to \$500,000 for up to 50 percent of a project's total cost.	GO Bonds

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			leasehold improvements, machinery and equipment.	revitalization effort)			
Community Investment Tax Credit (CITC) 1996	DHCD/NR	Priority Funding Areas	State tax credits for use as incentives to attract contributions from individuals and businesses to benefit local projects and services. Businesses and individuals that donate can earn tax credits equal to 50% of the value of the money, goods or real property contribution.	Nonprofit organizations designated as a 501(c)(3) by the Internal Revenue Service	Avg. Award: \$20,000 FY 2013 - \$1 M FY 2012 - \$1 M FY 2011 - \$1 M FY 2010 - \$1 M FY 2009 - \$1 M	3:1 Contributions of money, goods or real property worth \$500 or more are eligible for tax credits. Individuals and businesses may claim a maximum of \$250,000 in tax credits per year.	State of MD Tax Credit
Local Government Infrastructure Financing 1988	DHCD/CDA	Projects service Priority Funding Areas	Community Development Administration (CDA) issues bonds, on behalf of counties, municipalities and/or their instrumentalities, to finance projects that	Maryland counties, municipalities and/or their agencies	Financing ranges from \$150,000 to \$10 Million Avg. Award: \$1.5 M	Open and Rolling Bond Market twice a Year	CDA issues tax-exempt bonds

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			serve the community at large. These projects can include, but are not limited to, streetscape improvements, transportation enhancements, and water and sewer treatment facilities.				
The Maryland Sustainable Communities Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program 1996	MDP/MHT	Commercial: National Register or local historic district, or certain historic or non-historic structures in a Certified Heritage Area Residential: National Register or local historic district	Provides Maryland income tax credits based on a percentage of the qualified capital costs expended in the rehabilitation of a structure for the following types of projects: •20% credit for single-family owner-occupied residences and commercial buildings •25% credit for high-performance commercial buildings •10% credit for non-historic structures in historic districts or Sustainable	Commercial income-producing properties (including office, retail, rental housing, etc.) Owner-occupied residences Heritage Areas: Only non-residential structures used for heritage tourism-related	Commercial: FY 2013 - \$7 M FY 2012 - \$7 M FY 2011 - \$10 M FY 2010 - \$5 M FY 2009 - \$10 M FY 2008 - \$14.7M FY 2007 - \$30.3 M FY 2006 - \$20 M FY 2005 - \$0 Residential: No Cap	Commercial: 5:1 Residential: Open and Rolling The qualified rehabilitation costs exceed the greater of 50% of the adjusted basis value of the structure or \$25,000.	State of MD Tax Credit

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			Communities	purposes			
Maryland Heritage Areas Program	MDP/MHT	Maryland's current twelve Certified Heritage Areas	Maryland's Heritage Areas are locally designated and State certified regions where public and private partners make commitments to preserving historical, cultural and natural resources for sustainable economic development through heritage tourism.	Grants: Non-profits and governments, Loans: Non-profits, governments, businesses, individuals	FY 2013 - \$3 M FY 2012 - \$3 M FY 2011 - \$3 M FY 2010 - \$3 M FY 2009 - \$3 M FY 2008 - \$3 M FY 2007 - \$3 M FY 2006 - \$1 M FY 2005 - \$1 M Avg. Award: \$35,000	1.5:1 Annual Application	State of MD Property Transfer Tax
Community Parks and Playgrounds	DNR	Municipal corporations and the City of Baltimore are eligible.	Maryland's Community Parks & Playgrounds Program invests in the future of established communities by revitalizing parks and playgrounds statewide. With the support of the Governor and the Maryland General Assembly, a total of \$49.9 million has been approved so far, to restore 511 park & playground projects for our communities	Municipal Corporations and the City of Baltimore	FY 2012 - \$2.5 million	FY 2012: 3.6:1	State General Funds and State General Obligation Bonds, which may be authorized on an annual basis by the Governor and General Assembly.

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			across Maryland.				

