



LIVING CITIES INTEGRATION INITIATIVE: BALTIMORE PROFILE

TOTAL FUNDING: \$2.75 MILLION IN GRANTS, \$3 MILLION IN FLEXIBLE DEBT, \$12 MILLION IN COMMERCIAL DEBT

OVERVIEW

The Baltimore Integration Partnership proposes to create municipal and regional mechanisms to ensure that low-income communities benefit from large-scale economic development projects and the economic opportunities generated by anchor institutions. The initiative will work with the State of Maryland and City of Baltimore to achieve smart growth goals, including investments in transportation infrastructure; support for the redevelopment of neighborhoods at the city's core (combating sprawl and utilizing existing water, sewer and utility systems); and finding new uses for vacant and abandoned property and buildings. Flexible funds for workforce skill development and training will be used to ensure that residents are ready to participate in the economic opportunities created and identified. Partners will also align development efforts in East and Central Baltimore while preparing for opportunities created by construction of the Red Line transit corridor, a 14-mile east-west transit line, creating a shared leadership and policy agenda and establishing common metrics for measuring impact.

USE OF FUNDING

The partnership will connect low-income Baltimore residents to economic opportunities. Funding will connect at least 1,200 residents to job pipeline services, 840 of whom will be directly employed in careers with family-supporting wages in anchor institutions and/or community economic development efforts; 400 units of mixed-income housing built; and 346,000 square feet of mixed-use commercial space developed. Specifically, three-year grants, ten-year flexible debt and intermediate term commercial debt will be awarded as follows:

- Flexible and commercial debt to The Reinvestment Fund (TRF) for financing for acquisition and construction of housing, commercial, and community facilities including grocery stores, charter schools and other neighborhood services and amenities
- Grant support to the Association for Baltimore Area Grantmakers for initiative management, capital project pre-development, neighborhood job connectors, workforce integration and training funds, data analysis and evaluation
- Grant support to the Job Opportunity Task Force and the Central Maryland Transportation Alliance to integrate a workforce and transportation policy change agenda

PARTNERS

The Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers is coordinating the effort in partnership with the State of Maryland, the City of Baltimore, The Reinvestment Fund (TRF), The Annie E. Casey Foundation, Associated Black Charities, the Goldseker Foundation, Baltimore Workforce Funders Collaborative, Baltimore Neighborhood Collaborative, Johns Hopkins University, Maryland Institute College of Art, Central Baltimore Partnership, Central Maryland Transportation Alliances, East Baltimore Development Inc., and Job Opportunities Task Force.