

Question	Answer
In the Capital Budget template, where do we include the expense for materials (i.e. lumber, paint, plumbing, electrical wiring, drywall, etc.?)	Rehab Construction.
Can for-profit organizations apply directly to the Operating or Capital grant?	Yes.
Is a mixed use building with retail and residential units eligible for rehabilitation costs?	Yes.
Can the \$4M max total project threshold for Capital awards be considered for a first/initial phase of a potentially larger project, or does this max threshold mean that even if a community development project <i>might</i> exceed this \$4M in the future, it is ineligible?	Applicants may apply for a project's initial phase if that phase does not exceed \$4 Million.
Are modular units eligible capital expenditures for use such as a daycare or other community service?	Modular units are eligible expenditures if the applicant has site control and the intended usage meets all CCG eligibility guidelines.
Are duplexes eligible?	Duplexes are eligible, assuming all other CCG eligibility requirements including site control are met.
Does the organization applying have to reside in Baltimore City?	The non-profit must be registered with the State of Maryland, be in good standing. The project being funded must be in Baltimore City.
Are the following examples Operating or Capital expenditures: Improvements to community centers, AV equipment, ventilation, outdoor fitness areas, etc.	Capital improvements would include renovations to structures such as ventilation or creation of outdoor spaces. Operating expenses would include non-permanent additions such as AV upgrades, gym equipment etc.
Can CCG Capital funds be used to upgrade/repair scattered-site homes?	Yes, CCG scattered site repairs and allows for units to be spread across blocks or neighborhoods if the applicant has site control for all properties.
Are security costs, such as camera or security booth installation and security patrols eligible for Capital funding?	Capital improvements would include funding to structures such as security booths or cameras and infrastructure. Operating expenses would include non-permanent additions such monitoring and patrols.
If you're applying as one organization, but have the support of numerous others, should they be identified on the application?	If additional organizations are PARTNERS in the project, they would be included as Partners on the application and all partner documents must be provided. If the organizations are simply in support, applicants are welcome to supply letters of community support in their application as supplemental documents for scoring consideration.
Can a Community Land Trust can apply for a capital grant?	No, Community Land Trusts are ineligible for CCG funds.

Can CCG funds be used properties that are natural green spaces—not residential/housing — that require Capital infrastructure work such as plumbing etc.?	Currently, "Community Gardens or Urban Agriculture" are considered an ineligible use of CCG funding according to the Round 4 Notice of Funding Availability.
Can CCG funds be used to rehabilitate properties intended for sale to Baltimore residents?	Yes.
How do you show site control for a revolving loan fund or strategic acquisition fund when you don't know exactly what properties you'll be using the funding for, or which will be used for various properties as they arise?	Applicant can provide list of subject properties and detailed acquisition plan for those properties in lieu of site control documents.
Is there funding for commercial tenant improvements to facilitate social distancing in commercial spaces?	Applicants can still use CCG funds to provide improvements for social distancing.
How do you show the requisite site control or permissions to show rehabilitation and repair projects for homeowners to stabilize their homes?	In lieu of site control documents, the applicant will provide an estimate of the number of homeowner properties they plan to renovate with the CCG funds. If the CCG application is approved, the grantee will establish site control via an agreement with the homeowner for the repairs. The grantee will be reimbursed by DHCD for repairs made when documentation for the repair is provided.
For projects that reduce the impact of environmental inequities, does this have to happen for residential properties, or can it be for commercial or industrial properties?	Funds can be used for residential and commercial properties.
Is there a list of fiscal agents or eligible partner organizations who are interested in working with applicants?	No, applicants must find their own Fiscal Agents and Partners.
What are the Fiscal Agent responsibilities for CCG grants?	Applicants are responsible for partnering with Fiscal Agents to determine their own specific rights and responsibilities via a formalized contract or MOU.
Are you able to apply for both the Community Catalyst Grants Program Operating and Capital Application?	Yes, if you meet all other eligibility criteria in the Notice of Funding Availability guidelines.
Can a CDC (Community Development Center) apply more than once if they serve multiple community organizations?	Yes, but an organization is limited to supporting no more than 3 CCG projects per funding round.
Are both Capital and Operating grants project specific?	Yes.
Can a non-profit and for-profit organization partner on an application?	Yes, but the primary applicant must be the non-profit.
Can operating funds be tied to a position that is not project specific?	Applicants would have to explain in their application narratives how the position would enable the organization to gain capacity for their work and projects.
Is there a required CCG Scope and Schedule template?	Due to varied project types, the Scope and Schedule does not have a specific CCG template. Applicants are encouraged to submit

	a Scope and Schedule in whatever format is most suited to their project.
Can a faith-based organization without a formal community development arm apply for Capital funding?	A faith-based organization must have a formal, dedicated community development arm to be an eligible applicant.
Can Capital funds be used to provide grants to provide home improvement assistance for individual homeowners?	This would be considered "pass through" grant funding, which is eligible for CCG Capital funds.
Which type non-profit is applicable?	Eligible applicants include community development corporations, umbrella organizations, neighborhood revitalization organizations, faith-based organizations, merchant associations and other organizations that have a valid 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6) status or that have received a temporary determination from the IRS. Organizations that do not have a 501(c)(3) status can apply through an eligible applicant or a fiscal agent. Eligible applicants must provide proof of their business entity's status of good standing with the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT).
What is included in "total development costs"?	Pre-Development, Hard and Soft Construction.
Before applying, could we reach out for feedback regarding the submitted documents?	CCG Staff is unable to provide project or applicant specific feedback.
If you are applying for other grant funding but have not been awarded that yet, should you apply for CCG funding?	Applicants are encouraged to apply for multiple funding sources for their various projects and current applications do not impact eligibility.
Are Capital grants available to loan funds that provide developers with financing for the acquisition/rehabilitation of distressed single-family properties located in NIIF impact areas?	No, loans are not an eligible use of CCG funds.
Are applicants required to submit Evidence of Good Standing with the State of Maryland?	Yes. Applicants unable to provide Evident of Good Standing are not eligible.
Do all organizations complete Organizational disclosure forms?	Yes.
If you apply for operational and capital grants, are the proposals reviewed independently?	Operating and Capital Grants will be reviewed and scored by independent review panels. Applicants applying for both are encouraged to make each application "stand alone" for clarity.
If applying through a fiscal agent, should an applicant upload the fiscal agent's documents (IRS letter, tax return, etc.) twice, both under Primary Applicant and again under Fiscal Agent?	If the non-profit does not have their own organizational documents, the Fiscal Agent would be the Primary Applicant and the non-profit would be the Partner Organization.