

FUNDING RESOURCES

East Riverdale-Beacon Heights Sector Plan

There are numerous funding sources at the federal and state levels that can support projects within the East Riverdale-Beacon Heights communities. In addition, foundations and businesses are often enthusiastic about supporting local initiatives. Funding is available for streetscape improvement, environmental activities, bicycle and pedestrian enhancements and transit access.

COMPLETE STREETS TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

ADA Retrofit (SHA Fund 33)

The ADA Retrofit (SHA Fund 33) program allocates funding toward upgrading existing sidewalks, curb ramps, intersections and driveway entrances along state roadways to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and could also be used along Kenilworth Avenue and Riverdale Road. <http://roads.maryland.gov/Index.aspx?PageId=576>

American Conservation Corps and Conservation Volunteers

The Conservation Corps program provides young people aged 18-25 who are considering a land management career 3-6 month paid service programs where they explore future outdoor careers, learn practical field skills, and develop confidence as emerging leaders in the field of conservation. Working alongside Conservation Volunteers, projects focus typically on trail building and maintenance on federally-owned land. The Corps can be contacted about engaging teams to work on local projects. www.usaconservation.org

American Hiking Society

Through its National Trail Fund, the American Hiking Society offers "hiking trail improvement" grants to active member organizations of their Hiking Alliance. Once a year, Alliance Members have the opportunity to apply for a grant (\$500-\$5,000) to improve hiking access or hiker safety on a trail and could include projects in Brier's Mill Run. www.americanhiking.org/national-trails-fund

Army National Guard

The Army National Guard is a great partner for community activities, such as trail building. Their desire to work in communities and their need for community-based work makes them excellent partners especially for trail building and clearing. Their offices in Hyattsville are near the East Riverdale-Beacon Heights study area. www.nationalguard.com

Bicycle and Pedestrian Funding Opportunities: US Department of Transportation, Federal Transit, and Federal Highway Funds

The Federal Highway Administration created a data-table to assist communities in understanding which Federal funding programs can be used for bicycle and pedestrian projects. The table provides an overview of program and eligibility requirements and can assist the East Riverdale-Beacon Heights community in understanding what types of funding are available for various projects.

www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/funding/funding_opportunities.cfm

Bike Shop Sponsorships

Trail and bicycle programs have a positive effect on the economy. Many of those who benefit would like to give back. Bike shops are often willing to donate a portion of their proceeds towards community events or the completion of a particular project. Bike shops in the vicinity of the study area include [College Park Bicycles](#), [Arrow Bicycle](#), and the [Mount Ranier Bike Co-op](#).

Boy Scouts of America

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest youth development organizations. The BSA provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness. Many Scout troops embrace the opportunity to build or clear trails and small bridges, add benches, and address other transportation barriers. www.scouting.org

Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund

The Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund provides funding focused on protecting and restoring the Bay by helping local communities clean up and restore their polluted rivers and streams including projects such as adding stormwater management with transportation projects.

Technical assistance is also provided. www.nfwf.org/chesapeake/Pages/home.aspx

Community Legacy Program

The Community Legacy program provides funding for projects aimed at strengthening communities through activities such as business retention and attraction, encouraging homeownership and commercial revitalization and includes funding for streetscape improvements. To be eligible, communities must first apply for a Sustainable Communities designation.

<http://dhcd.maryland.gov/Communities/Pages/programs/CL.aspx>

<http://dhcd.maryland.gov/Communities/Pages/dn/default.aspx>

Community Services Block Grant Program (CSBG)

The Community Services Block Grant provides funds to alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty in communities and includes transportation projects. Administered by the Department of Health and Human Services, funding is allocated to states who then make it available to local communities. Funded projects have included: commercial district streetscape improvements; sidewalk improvements; safe routes to school; and neighborhood-based bicycling and walking facilities that improve local transportation options or help revitalize neighborhoods.

www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/programs/csbg/about

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program

The CMAQ program supports surface transportation projects and other related efforts that contribute air quality improvements and provide congestion relief. Non-motorized projects can be funded through this program because of their link to air quality improvements. Projects must be located in areas that do not meet, or have recently not met, minimum air quality standards.

www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/air_quality/cmaq

Crowdfunding

Crowdfunding focuses on raising money for projects through many small donations, typically via the internet. Websites, such as gofundme.com, ioby.com and indiegogo.com, allow fundraising campaigns to be easily established. In 2014, Memphis raised \$70,000 in this way to build a separated bicycle lane. In 2015, Denver launched a crowdfunding campaign focused on corporate donors for the planning and design of bicycle facilities.

Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP)

The FLAP program provides funding to improve transportation facilities that provide access to, are adjacent to, or are located within Federal lands. The Access Program supplements State and local resources for public roads, transit systems, and other transportation facilities, with an emphasis on high-use recreation sites and economic generators. FLAP funds could be used to provide greater access to Greenbelt Park.

<http://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/flap>

Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)

HSIP funds are available for safety projects aimed at reducing traffic fatalities and serious injuries. Bike lanes, roadway shoulders, crosswalks, intersection improvements, underpasses and signs are examples of eligible projects. Projects in high-crash locations are most likely to receive funding. States that have identified bicycle and pedestrian safety as Emphasis Areas, such as

those recommended in the East Riverdale-Beacon Heights Sector Plan, are more likely to receive bicycle and pedestrian safety funds.

<http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/hsip>

Local Government Infrastructure Financing

Local Government Infrastructure Financing offers a cost effective way to finance public purpose capital projects; enabling the delivery of essential services to support communities and the people they serve. The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's Community Development Administration issues bonds, on behalf of counties, municipalities and/or their instrumentalities, to finance projects that serve the community at large. These projects can include, but are not limited to, streetscape improvements and transportation enhancements.

<http://dhcd.maryland.gov/Communities/Pages/lgif/default.aspx>

Maryland Bikeways Program

The Maryland Bikeways Program supports projects that maximize bicycle access and fill missing links in the state's bicycle system, focusing on connecting bicycle-friendly trails and roads and enhancing last-mile connections to work, school, shopping and transit. On-road bicycle projects, such as bike lane striping, sharrows, and wayfinding signage and off-road trails are eligible for funding. Eligible project types include: feasibility and design studies; environmental impacts, right-of-way issues, ADA compatibility, outreach, and cost estimates; minor retrofit such as signing, pavement markings, parking, drainage grate replacement; construction.

www.mdot.maryland.gov/Office_of_Planning_and_Capital_Programming/Bike/Bikeways.html

Maryland Heritage Areas Program

The Maryland Heritage Areas Program is governed by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA). MHAA provides targeted financial and technical assistance within thirteen locally designated Heritage Areas such as the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA) which includes the East Riverdale-Beacon Heights communities. Management entities may receive MHAA matching grant funding for support of their operations, marketing, and management plan updates.

<http://mht.maryland.gov/heritageareas.shtml>

Maryland Highway Safety Office Grants

The purpose of the highway safety grant program is to fund activities aimed at reducing the number of motor vehicle-related crashes, deaths and injuries on Maryland roadways. Funding is available for education, enforcement, and engineering projects which address pedestrian and

bicyclist safety.

www.mva.maryland.gov/safety/mhso/grants-management.htm

National Scenic Byways Program

The federal National Scenic Byways Program was established as a grass-roots collaborative effort to help recognize, preserve and enhance selected roads throughout the United States, which includes the Baltimore-Washington Parkways which traverses the study area. Funds may be used for "construction along a scenic byway of a facility for pedestrians and bicyclists."

www.fhwa.dot.gov/hep/scenic_byways/grants

National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA)

NRPA routinely partners with foundations to provide grants for projects in parks, such as the Walk With Ease Grant, which is a partnership between the NRPA and the Centers for Disease Control, or the NFL Play 60 After-School Kick Off Grant, a partnership with the NFL Network to fund fields, equipment and staff. Additional fundraising resources and strategies are also provided. www.nrpa.org/Grant-Fundraising-Resources

New Sidewalk Construction for Pedestrian Access (SHA Fund 79)

This fund focuses on constructing missing sidewalk segments along State roadways to fill gaps within the pedestrian network. The missing segment must be located in an Urban Area (as defined by the Census) and could include Kenilworth Avenue and Riverdale Road.

<http://www.roads.maryland.gov/Index.aspx?PageId=707>

People for Bikes Grant

People for Bikes Grants support bicycle infrastructure projects and advocacy initiatives that make it easier and safer for all people to ride. Most grant funds are awarded towards infrastructure projects such as bike paths, lanes, trails, and bridges, and end-of-trip facilities such as bike racks, bike parking, and bike storage. www.peopleforbikes.org/pages/community-grants

Program Open Space

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources operates the Open Space program which provides funding to local communities for the planning, acquisition, and/or development of recreation land or open space areas and the development of community parks and playgrounds.

<http://dnr2.maryland.gov/land/Pages/Programs.aspx>

Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health

REACH is a national program administered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to reduce racial and ethnic health disparities. Through REACH, awardee partners plan and carry out local, culturally appropriate programs to address a wide range of health issues among African Americans, American Indians, Hispanics/Latinos, Asian Americans, Alaska Natives, and Pacific Islanders. REACH gives funds to state and local health departments, tribes, universities, and community-based organizations. Awardees use these funds to build strong partnerships to guide and support the program's work. Along with funding, the CDC provides expert support to REACH awardees, which can further strengthen the health impacts of recommended projects in the East Riverdale-Beacon Heights neighborhoods.

www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dch/programs/reach/index.htm

Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

The RTP provides funds to States to develop and maintain trails and trail-related facilities. Projects can include: planning and design; land acquisition; maintenance and the purchase of maintenance equipment, and educational programming. Although under the FAST Act the program has been consolidated into the Surface Transportation Block Grant Set-Aside, each state administers it independently with funding set at 2009 levels.

www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/recreational_trails

Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program

This program, administered by the National Park Service, helps to connect Americans to their parks, trails, rivers, and other places. When a community asks for assistance with a project, NPS staff provides free, on-location facilitation and planning expertise from conception to completion. Assistance can include visioning and planning, developing concept plans for trails, parks and natural areas, setting priorities and identifying funding sources.

www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/index.htm

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation provides grants for projects that improve our community's health and the health care system with a focus on non-infrastructure projects. Most grants are awarded through calls for proposals (CFPs) available on their website. Brief proposals for projects that suggest new and creative approaches to solving health and health care problems can be submitted at any time.

www.rwjf.org/en/how-we-work/grants/funding-opportunities.html

Safe Routes to Schools

This program provides funding for education, enforcement, evaluation and infrastructure improvements near elementary and middle schools that promote students walking and cycling to school. This was a federally funded program between 2005 and 2012 and has since been combined with other programs. (Under the FAST Act, funding to States is provided via the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Set-Aside. Maryland coordinates the state-level program through the Maryland State Highway Administration.

www.saferoutesinfo.org

www.roads.maryland.gov/Index.aspx?PageId=735

Student Conservation Association (SCA)

SCA's mission is to build the next generation of conservation leaders and inspire lifelong stewardship of the environment and communities by engaging young people in hands-on service to the land. SCA teams are often looking for service projects, typically focused on trail building and maintenance, in which to get youth involved.

www.thesca.org

Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Set-Aside

This set-aside, established in the 2015 transportation bill, Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), replaces the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). Activities which were eligible under the Transportation Alternatives Program, which itself included the former Transportation Enhancements Program, the Safe Routes to School Program, and the Recreational Trails Program are now eligible under this set-aside. Larger Metropolitan Planning Organizations control a share of the funds to distribute locally through a competitive process.

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/specialfunding/stp/>

The Conservation Fund

The Conservation Fund provides loans for land acquisition to support the creation of bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Their loan program offers flexible financing as well as sustained and expert technical assistance to organizations aiming to protect key properties in their communities.

www.conservationfund.org/what-we-do/land-conservation-loans

The Kresge Foundation

The Kresge Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations and government agencies seeking financial assistance for projects that contribute to improving health at the community level, including those that promote the use of new financial models to achieve cost-effective

solutions. The goal of these grants is to create a comprehensive system that improves health outcomes, promotes health equity, reduces per-capita health costs, remove barriers to health and offers the greatest promise for adoption on a larger scale.

<https://kresge.org/opportunities>

Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant

TIGER grants fund a broad array of road, rail, transit, and bicycle and pedestrian projects. The program focuses on capital projects that generate economic development and improve access to reliable, safe, and affordable transportation especially for disadvantaged communities. The grant funds projects that have gone through preliminary design stages and prioritizes projects with broad stakeholder support. Applicants are required to demonstrate that project benefits outweigh the costs. Projects in urban areas must request at least \$10 million (with a 20% match) and projects in rural areas must request at least \$1 million (with no required match). This program is more applicable for larger projects such as the stream restoration and pedestrian, bicycle, transit and roadway-realignment proposed at the Riverdale Purple Line station.

www.transportation.gov/tiger

Transportation/Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program

The TLC Program funds planning and preliminary design for local jurisdictions on projects that integrate land-use and transportation planning at the community level. Example projects include: transit corridor and station area planning; pedestrian and bicyclist safety and access studies; streetscape improvement plans; trail design; Safe Routes to School planning; Complete Streets policy guidance; transit-oriented development studies. Jurisdictions in the Metropolitan Washington region that are a member of the TPB, which includes Prince George's County, are eligible to apply.

www.mwcog.org/transportation/activities/tlc/program/default.asp

Walmart Foundation

Walmart Foundation provides significant funding for projects that align with their key focus areas: Opportunity, Sustainability and Community. In addition, staff, such as those employed at the Landover Hills, MD Walmart, are encouraged to participate in volunteer projects and can provide smaller levels of financial support.

<http://giving.walmart.com/apply-for-grants>

TRANSIT FUNDING

The following funding sources can support enhanced bus stops including access deficiencies

such as connecting sidewalks, marked crosswalks and signals.

Bus and Bus Facilities Program, Ladders of Opportunity Initiative (5309)

The funds in this program may be used to modernize and expand transit bus service specifically for the purpose of connecting disadvantaged and low-income individuals, veterans, seniors, youths, and others with local workforce training, employment centers, health care, and other vital services. www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13077_16008.html

Livable and Sustainable Communities

U.S. DOT's Livability Initiative focuses on enhancing the economic and social well-being of all Americans by creating and maintaining a safe, reliable, integrated and accessible transportation network that enhances choices for transportation users, provides easy access to employment opportunities and other destinations, and promotes positive effects on the surrounding community. http://www.fta.dot.gov/13747_14399.html

New Freedom Program (5217)

The New Freedom grant program funds projects that help Americans with disabilities participate in the work force and in society. Lack of adequate transportation is a primary barrier to work for individuals with disabilities. The New Freedom program seeks to reduce barriers to transportation services and expand the transportation mobility options available to people with disabilities. www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13093_3549.html

HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUNDING

Prince George's County Historic Property Grant Program

The purpose of this program is to assist in the protection, preservation, and enhancement of historic properties through the award of historic property grants.

<http://www.pgplanning.org/466/Grants>

COMMUNITY FUNDING

Community Impact Grants

The purpose of the Community Impact Grant Program is to provide small capital grants to community based organizations to implement innovative projects.

<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/2928/Community-Impact-Grants-Now-Available>