

Pimlico Local Impact Aid – Project Request Questions & Answers

1. Where can I find information on the request form process?
 - Community request form guidelines, information sessions, and more details can be view at <https://planning.baltimorecity.gov/pimlico-community-development-authority/funding-resources>.
2. Is there a maximum request amount?
 - There is no maximum request. Average awards in recent years are \$50,000 for operating awards and \$400,000 for capital projects. This fluctuates based on project and amount of funding available.
3. Is there a limit to request submissions by one organization? Can organizations submit multiple projects?
 - Organizations are not limited in number of requests for projects. Organizations are strongly encouraged to prioritize projects based on need and project readiness. If the organization has previously received funding through Local Impact Aid, they must be up to date on all reporting to be qualified for FY26 funding.
4. If an organization is applying for multiple projects, can they submit in both areas?
 - Yes, please fill out one project request form per project and identify which area it takes place in (Park Heights Master Plan OR One Mile Radius).
5. What is the best means to submit collaborative projects? For example, if multiple stakeholders are invested in the development of a property/parcel/land.
 - Application should be submitted via the implementing body, the organization that will take on the funding allocation.
6. Is there a listing of last year's recipients?
 - Yes please visit the Department of Planning's website and view prior year Spending Plans available at <https://planning.baltimorecity.gov/pimlico-local-impact-aid-spending-plans-and-reports>.
7. I saw a requirement to have City permitted documents available. What if the paperwork is in process with the City and not in hand by the deadline?
 - Please submit the most up-to-date information you have, provide any attesting information that shows that the lease agreement is in process. This could be an email from the respective City agency or a memo with status of paperwork submitted. If you receive updates on this after submission, please follow up via email at pcda@baltimorecity.gov.
8. When does the project need to be completed?
 - Standard grant agreements are written to have a two-year contract timeline.

9. Can organizations outside of the catchment area apply for funding?
 - Yes! To receive funding, organizations are required to be in Baltimore City. Projects are required to take place in the Park Heights Master Plan area OR One Mile Radius. Please use our interactive map to search your project address to determine eligibility.
10. For a faith-based 501c3, would accessibility by installing a fence and a wheelchair ramp for the public be an eligible initiative?
 - Capital improvements for eligible organizations are eligible for funding. Organizations should demonstrate need and how the project supports the greater community.
11. Funding for operations, is there a preference for what type or maturity of the organization?
 - No, preference however, the PCDA & City are sensitive to emerging organizations. Organizations will have to demonstrate sound financial record. In order to build capacity, we encourage fiscal sponsorship for those organizations.
12. Can funds go towards acquisition of property?
 - Yes, it can be used for acquisition of property. This is determined on a case-by-case basis. Property acquisition must be for a tax-exempt organization that meets the eligibility criteria, not for an individual pursuing property acquisition.
13. Can funding support rehabilitation of a property?
 - Funding can be used for rehabilitation of a property through a nonprofit that meets the eligibility requirements. This funding is not for personal use – it would have to be fulfilling a mission-based organization's goals.
14. Is this funding requests all or nothing?
 - Projects can be funded in part, please be as specific as possible in line-item budget so that the PCDA can determine if there is a specific portion that can be funded.
 - PCDA looks at both individual projects and wholistic proposed budget when determining funding. This means that if there is room for part of a project to be included, organizations may receive funding in part.
15. When developing abandoned land parcels that were formerly city alleys for trash pickup but are now blighted, vacant, and overgrown with vegetation, is it considered part of the infrastructure or real estate/land use category?
 - The application will not require you to ID which State legislative category this falls under, but this could be Sanitation or Public Improvements.