



Hughesville Village Revitalization Plan
Summary of Funding Programs



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Mission Statement

The mission of Charles County Government is to provide our citizens the highest quality service possible in a timely, efficient, and courteous manner. To achieve this goal, government must be operated in an open and accessible atmosphere, be based on comprehensive long-and short-term planning, have an appropriate managerial organization tempered by fiscal responsibility.

Vision Statement

Charles County is a place where all people thrive and businesses grow and prosper; where the preservation of our heritage and environment is paramount; where government services to its citizens are provided at the highest level of excellence; and where the quality of life is the best in the nation.



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Water/Wastewater Improvements					
Agency	Grant Program	Eligible Improvements/Eligibility Requirements	Contact	Relevance	Funding Levels
Maryland Department of the Environment	Supplement Assistance Program: Provides grants to local governments for planning, design and construction of wastewater facilities. Project must address public health or water quality problems where the ability of local government to pay is limited.	Wastewater treatment plant upgrades, connection of failing septic systems in older established communities to public sewers, combined sewer overflows abatement, rehabilitation of existing sewers and conveyance systems including pumping stations.	Debbie Thomas (410) 537-3722	Possible funding source to address public sewer infrastructure needs.	Grants in conjunction with other state and federal funding. Funds up to 100% of eligible project cost, with participation by the grantee at a level determined to be affordable.
	State Water Quality Revolving Loan (WQRLF):	New and replacement sewers, correction of I/I, wellhead protection and other activities.	(410) 537-3000	Possible funding source to address public water infrastructure needs.	Project specific.
	Drinking Water Supply Assistance Program: Provides financial assistance to local governments for the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation and improvement of publicly owned water supply facilities. Project must address water supply related health problems to meet federal Safe Drinking Water Act requirements.	Upgrade water treatment facilities, well development, water storage tanks, water distribution facilities up to private property lines, consolidation of smaller water systems. Costs for planning, engineering and project administration are eligible for loans only.	Debbie Thomas (410) 537-3722	Possible funding source to address public water infrastructure needs.	Funds up to 87.5% of the total eligible project costs, but may not exceed \$1.5 M per project. There is a 12.5% local match requirement which may be funded through the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund (DWRLF) Program.
Environmental Compliance – Small Businesses					
Agency	Grant Program	Eligible Improvements/Eligibility Requirements	Contact	Relevance	Funding Levels
Maryland Department of the Environment	Small Business Assistance Program: Assists small businesses with environmental permitting and compliance.	Free assistance available to any independently owned and operated business with less than 100 employees is eligible. Affected businesses: dry cleaners, auto body shops, chrome platers, wood furniture manufacturers and refinishers, and printers.	(410) 537-3772 or agosden@mde.state.md.us	Assistance to small businesses providing certain community services.	Free assistance for understanding environmental requirements, getting the proper forms, filling out permit applications and filling out compliance forms.
	MDE Small Business Loan Program: Small Business Pollution Compliance Loan Program for businesses with 25 or fewer full time employees to provide financial assistance to upgrade or replace equipment to reduce air pollution.	Loans can be used for costs to upgrade or replace air pollution control equipment or for equipment to make operational changes to reduce air pollution and for equipment to modify production practices to reduce air pollution. Cost of equipment and installation are covered by the loan.	(410) 537-3772	Loans to small businesses who must upgrade facilities to comply with environmental regulations.	Loans of up to \$50,000 are available for a project. The interest rate for the loan is based on the Maryland General Obligation Bond Rate. Length of loan can not exceed 15 years.

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Planning & Technical Assistance – Communities and Small Businesses

Agency	Grant Program	Eligible Improvements/Eligibility Requirements	Contact	Relevance	Funding Levels
Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development	Community Development Block Grant Program – Planning and Technical Assistance: Funding for a range of community development activities.	Emphasis is placed on commercial revitalization, economic development, housing development and community facilities/infrastructure.	Glenda Odom (410) 209-5820 odom@mdhousing.org	Various community development projects public and private.	Eligibility criteria and project and program specific.
	Maryland Small Business Development Center: Provides low cost training and no cost consulting to small businesses.	Small and emerging businesses are eligible for training, confidential business counseling and management assistance as well as develop or refine a business plan, solve problems and find sources of capital.		Technical support to small and emerging businesses.	Free counseling services.
	Small Business Financing: Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority (MSBDFFA)	Maryland’s loan guaranty, contract financing, surety bond and direct investment program to small or socially or economically disadvantaged businesses.	MSBDFFA Timothy Smoot (410) 333-4270	Financing options for small business development.	Business development opportunity specific and program specific.
	Maryland Center for Community Development: Provides training and technical assistance to organizations that are doing housing and community development including economic development.			Training and technical assistance for organizations undertaking economic development activities.	Project and program specific.
	SCORE of Maryland: A volunteer organization providing business counseling without charge.	Entrepreneur education and the formation, growth and success of small businesses. Free counseling and low cost workshops in communities.			Free assistance.

Community Legacy Program (CLP)

Agency	Grant Program	Eligible Improvements/Eligibility Requirements	Contact	Relevance	Funding Levels
Department of Housing and Community Development, Division of Neighborhood Revitalization	Neighborhood Revitalization Programs: Funding from various traditional state funding sources, plus relaxed standards/criteria through CLP.	Purchase or rehabilitation of older homes without regard to income of home buyer or owner. Acquisition, demolition or deteriorated buildings or sites where a redevelopment project has not yet been identified. Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), Demolition and Redevelopment Ready programs.	Glenda Odom (410) 209-5820 odom@mdhousing.org	Funding supports revitalization and rehabilitation projects.	Project specific.
	Traditional State Funding Sources: Programs targeted to address neighborhood revitalization.	Neighborhood Conservation Program, Sidewalk Retrofit Program, Transportation Enhancement Program, Smart Growth Transportation Program, Live Near Your Work, Neighborhood Business Development Program and Community Development Block Grant Program.	Glenda Odom (410) 209-5820 odom@mdhousing.org	Funding supports revitalization and rehabilitation projects.	Program and project specific.

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Historic Preservation					
Agency	Grant Program	Eligible Improvements/Eligibility Requirements	Contact	Relevance	Funding Levels
Maryland Historical Trust	Historic Preservation Revolving Loan Fund: Provides loans to nonprofits, local jurisdictions, business entities and individuals to assist in the protection of historic property.	Acquisition, rehabilitation or restoration of historic property listed on, or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Funds may be also used for short-term financing of studies, surveys, plans and specifications, architectural, engineering and other special services related to pre-construction work.	Maryland Historical Trust (410) 514-7634	Rehabilitation eligible properties.	Average loan is in the amount of \$100,000 with loans as large as \$300,000. Low interest loans are available. Successful candidates must convey a perpetual historic preservation easement to the Maryland Historical Trust.
	Historic Preservation Capital Grant Program: Provides capital monies to nonprofits, local jurisdictions, business entities and individual citizens to preserve their historic resources.	Acquisition, rehabilitation or restoration of properties listed on or eligible to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.	Maryland Historical Trust (410) 514-7634	Rehabilitation eligible properties.	Grant awards are limited to \$50,000 per year per period. There is no limit on the number of times application can be made. Successful candidates must convey a perpetual historic preservation easement to the Maryland Historical Trust prior to receipt of funds.
Maryland Historical Trust	Heritage Preservation Tax Credit Program: Provides state income tax credits for properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places.	Credits are available for owner-occupied property as well as income-producing property for rehabilitation expenditures. Rehabilitation must conform to the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation and must be certified by the Maryland Historical Trust.	Maryland Historical Trust (410) 514-7626	Rehabilitation eligible properties.	State income tax credits equal to 20% of the qualified costs expended for rehabilitation of a certified property. Maximum credit allowed is \$3,000,000 rehabilitation project. Other requirements are detailed.
	Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program: Provides state income tax credits for rehabilitation of certified heritage structures.	Credits are available for costs including rehabilitation, architectural and engineering fees, site survey fees, legal expenses, development fees and other construction-related costs. Eligible properties include certified heritage structures rehabilitated for commercial, industrial, agricultural or rental residential purposes. The National Park Service must approve all rehabilitation projects seeking tax credits.	ww2.cr.nps.gov/TPS/tax or call (202) 343-9594 – U.S. National Park Service	Rehabilitation eligible properties.	State income tax credits equal to 20% of qualified costs expended in the rehabilitation of a certified property. Rehabilitation costs must exceed \$5,000.

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Priority Funding Areas Funding

Agency	Grant Program	Eligible Improvements/Eligibility Requirements	Contact	Relevance	Funding Levels
Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development	Job Creation Tax Credit Program: Grants state income tax credits to businesses in certain areas.	Businesses in manufacturing or mining; transportation or communications; agriculture, forestry, fishing; public utility or warehousing; research, development, or testing; biotechnology; computer programming, data processing, or other computer related services; central financing, real estate or insurance services; central administrative offices or a company headquarters; and business services located within a priority funding area. Business entity must create 25 new jobs in a 24-month period along with other requirements.	1-888-CHOOSEMD	Job creation in certain sectors of the market. Certain market sectors should be explored as possible economic development opportunities in the village.	Tax credit granted will be the lesser of \$1,000 or 2-1/2% of a year's wages for each new, full-time job calculated on an aggregate basis. The maximum allowed during any credit year for a single facility is \$1 M.

Transportation Improvements

Agency	Grant Program	Eligible Improvements/Eligibility Requirements	Contact	Relevance	Funding Levels
MDOT •SHA (<i>screening</i>) •MDOT Technical Committee (<i>review & recommend</i>) •Executive Committee - MDOT, DNR, Highway Administrator, Transit Administrator & SHPO (<i>review & approval</i>)	Transportation Enhancement Program: Provides match funds for transportation and transportation related projects meeting the eligibility criteria of the program as provided for under SAFETEA-LU.	Reimbursement program for transportation enhancement projects for improvements such as roadway reconstruction/rehabilitation to include eligible transportation related buildings and structures, historic preservation, pedestrian/bicycle improvements, trails and similar projects meeting eligibility requirements. Program has numerous eligibility and match funding requirements.	Enhancement Program Manager – Michael J. Haley (410) 545-5675 or 1-888-204-4828	Trail improvements and other eligible projects.	Match program 50/50 (local/federal dollars). Minimum of \$50,000 must be requested. Projects may be split into phases and be required to compete independently. Local dollars must fund 100% of ROW acquisition and design costs. Local share must cover in cash 20% of actual construction cost.
Maryland State Highway Administration	Community Safety and Enhancement Program: Projects initiated by the District Engineer.	Projects include roadway improvements, streetscapes (<i>includes typical streetscape improvements</i>), landscaping and lighting. Local dollars would be spent for amenities (decorative lighting, trash receptacles) and underground utilities. Requires execution of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the SHA in exchange for funding or improvements.	SHA District 5 – Gregory D. Welker, District Engineer (410) 841-1001	MD 5 improvements and streetscape improvements. <i>Note: Currently there is no written MOU.</i>	Program eligible items funded by SHA and non-eligible items funded by local dollars.