

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Scott to provide \$14.7 Million for Clean Corps initiative to Beautify Communities

Mayor Brandon M. Scott announced the City's Clean Corps initiative to hire community members as part of the City's strategy to improve its capacity to clean and maintain public spaces in historically disinvested neighborhoods throughout Baltimore City. Under this initiative, the Mayor is awarding the Department of Planning \$14.7 million of American Rescue Plan Act funding to partner with community and citywide organizations to clean 15 neighborhoods from a list of 33 selected neighborhoods.

This initiative combines equity, workforce development, and empowering community-led efforts to accomplish its four main goals:

- Make Baltimore City cleaner by decreasing the amount of trash in neighborhoods.
- Provide job opportunities for Baltimore City residents.
- Provide tools to underinvested neighborhoods to address debris in alleys and streets and unmaintained public trash cans & vacant lots.
- Build the capacity of the Department of Public Works to work with organizations to provide needed city services.

In August, the Baltimore Civic Fund will issue a request for applications for nonprofit organizations to partner with neighborhoods to hire Baltimore residents at \$15 per hour for clean and green efforts. The 33 eligible neighborhoods were selected based on highest number of service request calls for boarding, trash, and high grass and weeds; highest decrease in population; highest number of privately-owned vacant lots; and other factors. Successful applicants must demonstrate that they have the support of their neighborhood association.

This initiative is a partnership between many agencies including the: Baltimore Department of Planning's Baltimore Green Network, Baltimore Department of Public Works, Mayor's Office of Employment Development, Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development, Mayor's Office of Recovery Programs, and Baltimore Civic Fund.

Key Takeaways:

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Neighborhoods

**\$337,470 -
\$339,570**

per neighborhood per year

\$14.7M

total investment

SUMMARY:

\$14.7 million in ARPA funding will support the Clean Corps initiative aimed to beautify alleys, unmaintained vacant lots, and public trash cans while providing job opportunities for Baltimore residents.