

FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (FIG)

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is a non-profit organization, which serves as the economic development agency for the City of Baltimore. Our mission is to retain and expand existing businesses, as well as attract new opportunities to spur economic growth that creates jobs.

The goal of BDC's façade program is to aesthetically improve the look of commercial corridors while making revitalization efforts affordable for small business owners. Projects eligible for financing include exterior painting, window treatments, siding, awnings, transoms, signage, lighting and other exterior improvements.

For more information, please contact BDC at (410) 837-9305 or at info@BaltimoreDevelopment.com.



City-wide Grant

City-wide grants provide a “dollar for dollar” match, up to a maximum award of \$7,500, on a single property. Work cannot begin until the agreement letter is signed and returned to BDC. This grant is for commercial and industrial properties.

Main Streets Grant

This grant is only available to businesses located in designated Baltimore Main Streets. It provides a “dollar for dollar” match, up to a maximum of \$10,000, and includes design services in reimbursement only. Approval from the Baltimore City Commission on Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP) and Maryland Historical Trust may be required.

Casino Area Grant for Industrial Properties

The South Baltimore Gateway Industrial Façade Improvement Grant (SBGI-FIG) provides up to a \$25,000 grant for a single industrial property. Grants of up to \$10,000 are provided with no match required. Grants beyond the initial \$10,000 require a “dollar-for-dollar” match up to an additional \$15,000. This grant can be used for paint, signage, awnings, lighting, fencing/security upgrades and other urban design improvements and are limited to industrially-zoned properties that are located within the Casino Impact District. (These grants are limited and available on a first come first serve basis.)

BDC has streamlined its FIG program to simplify the process and all three grants use the same application. Industrial property owners and businesses are eligible. Buildings must be currently occupied or a newly signed lease will be required with the application.