

City of Cambridge Press Release

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State of Maryland Awards City of Cambridge \$1,150,000 for Community Revitalization Projects

Additional \$550,000 Awarded for Packing House Projects

Cambridge, MD (January 22, 2025). The City of Cambridge is pleased to announce awards from the State of Maryland totaling \$1,150,000 to be used for several community revitalization projects. The awards are administered by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development and will be used to support a wide variety of revitalization programs within the City.

The Mace's Lane Community Center will receive \$500,000 from the Strategic Demolition Fund, a State program aimed at catalyzing economic development and job creation within local communities. The Mace's Lane Community Center is a non-profit organization founded by the Good Shepherd Association and the Mace's Lane High School Alumni Association. The association is converting a formerly segregated high school in Cambridge to a vibrant community center that will feature programs in the arts, sports, and education intended to support children in the area. The award will be used to complete the construction and remaining renovation of the building.

The 444-448 Race Street Development Project has been awarded \$500,000 for its Phase III work. The funding, from Community Legacy, goes to projects in Sustainable Communities in Maryland. Cambridge was redesignated as a Sustainable Community in December 2023. The designation is a threshold requirement for many State of Maryland revitalization projects. The project's Phase III work will entail the creation of three retail spaces and nine apartments.

Community Legacy has also awarded \$100,000 to the "Old City Hall" renovation project at 307 Gay Street for creation of a community room in the building.

Finally, the Maryland Façade Improvement Program has awarded \$50,000 to Cambridge's Façade Improvement program. Monies from this program are used to improve the appearance and historic appeal of commercial building exteriors within Cambridge's Sustainable Community area.

Sponsored by Preservation Maryland, the Packing House received two awards totaling \$550,000 from Community Legacy and the Strategic Demolition Fund. These funds will be used to furnish the shared-use commercial kitchen and to complete the interior and exterior event spaces at the Packing House.

"The City is grateful for these generous awards from the State of Maryland, which demonstrate its ongoing support of Cambridge's work to improve its buildings and economy for the

betterment of the lives of all our residents,” said City Manager Glenn Steckman. “We look forward to the continued improvements these projects will bring to the City of Cambridge over the next year.”

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