



## *Building A Better Future For West Baltimore*


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# **Supporting Development Projects Across the West North Avenue Corridor**

*The West North Avenue Development Authority Awards \$6.1 Million in Financial Assistance Grants to Fourteen Local Businesses.*

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Baltimore, MD — April 11, 2024 — The West North Avenue Development Authority (WNADA) announces the new grant recipients to receive subsidy for commercial and residential projects, as a result of its 2023 WNADA Request for Qualifications (RFQ). More than 70 responses were received in December 2023 with an interest in working on revitalization projects along the West North Avenue corridor.

Thirteen entities were selected to work with WNADA and West Baltimore neighborhoods to support projects that address both short and long-term strategies.

“We are excited to share this announcement and are optimistic on the future development plans from the awarded organizations and businesses,” said Chad Williams, Executive Director of the West North Avenue Development Authority. “There will be an active collaboration and communication effort with our awardees. We know there is much more to do to attract new businesses and residents to the area, however this is a good start toward increasing opportunities and lowering the obstacles,” he added.

The RFQ was designed to identify qualifying businesses with the experience and interest to redevelop six (6) focus areas along the corridor. Some of the projects will start immediately, with others being implemented in the coming months.

“I’m excited to continue to be a partner with the Authority as they work to revitalize the historical communities along the West North Avenue Corridor, This is a broad and diverse set of awards that cover large portions of the area, “ said Baltimore City Mayor Brandon Scott.

RFQ respondents that were not awarded will be eligible to participate in the WNADA Business Development Program. This program was created to assist responding applicants that may require more support for future State solicitations

The grant awards include:

RFQ Site and Project Scope	Awarded Amount	Awarded Entity
<b>Walbrook Mill Redevelopment Site</b> (2616 W. North Avenue) - For the redevelopment of 2616 W. North Avenue into a mixed-use residential, commercial and retail site.	\$2.5 million	Blank Slate Development, LLC - 1,750,000 The Baltimore Arts Realty Corporation (BARCO) - \$750,000
<b>Live @ Coppin</b> (Boundaries: W. North Avenue between Warwick and N. Bentalou and South to Baker Street) For the acquisition and development of vacant properties. Downpayment assistance incentives for homebuyers and Coppin State University students and employees.	\$750,000	Neighborhood Housing Services of Baltimore (NHS) - \$250,000 Charm City Buyers - \$250,000 Visionary Venture Partnership - \$250,000
<b>Coppin Heights Revitalization Project</b> (2700—2900 W. North Avenue) - For the acquisition and redevelopment of vacant properties homebuying opportunities.	\$1 million	Neighborhood Housing Services of Baltimore (NHS) - \$250,000 Rebirth Development - \$500,000 Coppin Heights Community Development Corporation - \$250,000
<b>Retail Business Entrepreneur Incubator – Enterprise Zone</b> (2100 blk W. North Avenue) For the acquisition and development of residential and commercial space for small business retail and IT entrepreneurs	\$750,000	Citywide Youth Development - \$750,000
<b>West North Avenue and McCulloh Street Restaurant/Development Zone</b> - (1200 blk W. North Avenue and 2200 blk Druid Hill Avenue) For the acquisition and development of residential and commercial space for small business retail and restaurants.	1 million	Druid Heights Community Development Corporation - \$650,000
<b>INNOVATION PROPOSALS</b>	\$2.5 million	
<b>Public Safety and Violence Intervention</b>	\$350,000	Frontline Property Management - \$350,000 Subrecipients: Black Knight and The Peace Team
<b>Neighborhood Preservation</b>	\$100,000	Druid Heights Community Development Corporation: Baker-View Homes - Phase II - \$100,000
<b>Inefficient Public Transit Services</b>	\$350,000	The Graham Project - \$100,000 Midtown Community Fund - \$250,000

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Founded in 2021, the West North Avenue Development Authority was created by the Maryland State Legislature. WNADA supports the development and approval of a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plan within 250 yards of the portion of West North Avenue in Baltimore City between the 600 block and the 3200 block, inclusive.

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