

**Article 83B - Department of Housing and Community Development**

4-701.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(e) "Designated revitalization area" means a designated neighborhood under § 4-203(c) of this article.

(H) "PRIORITY FUNDING AREA" MEANS A PRIORITY FUNDING AREA UNDER § 5-7B-02 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

[(h)](I) "Redevelopment assistance" means the expenditure of funds by nonprofit organizations for labor and materials used directly in the physical improvement of any part or all of a [designated revitalization] PRIORITY FUNDING area.

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The purpose of the Neighborhood and Community Assistance Program is to:

(1) Assist nonprofit organizations in carrying out approved projects in [designated revitalization] PRIORITY FUNDING areas;

(2) Encourage businesses to invest in [designated revitalization] PRIORITY FUNDING areas; and

(3) Strengthen public/private partnerships.

4-705.

(a) For each fiscal year, a nonprofit organization may submit to the Department, for approval under the Neighborhood and Community Assistance Program, a proposal for a project to provide services to a [designated revitalization] PRIORITY FUNDING area, including:

(1) Community services, including child care and recreational services;

(2) Redevelopment assistance;

(3) Job training for individuals of limited income;

(4) Education; and

(5) Crime prevention.

(b) A proposal submitted under this section shall include:

(1) The project to be conducted;

(2) The [designated revitalization] PRIORITY FUNDING area benefited by the project;

(3) A description of the applicant's experience and capabilities;

(4) The estimated costs of the project;