

Smith Island United has been awarded a grant, SDF-2025-SmithIsland-00679, through MD Dept of Housing & Community Development (DHCD). Attached are a copy of the grant and the requirements. Below are a few of the requirements. The requirements of the pdf located on our website, see below for link, supersedes the requirements here.

Work must be performed by a license and insured contractor in Maryland. To see the list of licensed and insured contractors go here [https://www.dlir.state.md.us/cgi-bin/ElectronicLicensing/OP\\_search/OP\\_search.cgi?calling\\_app=HIC::HIC\\_qselect](https://www.dlir.state.md.us/cgi-bin/ElectronicLicensing/OP_search/OP_search.cgi?calling_app=HIC::HIC_qselect)

The grant information and requirements are posted here- <https://www.smithislandunited.com/Documents/Executed%20Agreement.pdf> . The requirements listed in this document supersedes any Smith Island United requirements.

Contact Somerset County Solid Waste at 410-651-9641 with any questions regarding disposal, etc.

Must have a permit from Somerset County Planning & Zoning 410.651.1424 Applicant will also provide a letter of approval to proceed from the Maryland Historical Trust.

Smith Island United will give preference to applicants that have both a permit to demolish and rebuild. **Rebuild** does not have to be completed by grant end date.

Applications must be emailed to Valerie Mann at [vjmann@comcast.net](mailto:vjmann@comcast.net) . If you do not have email get either one of your community Smith Island United reps to help or get a friend to help with application.

Applications are due by May 1, 2026

Work must be completed by May 1, 2027

### **General Conditions**

1. Applicants must be up to date on their water/sewer bills in Somerset County, and all real estate and personal property taxes.
2. The Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) must review the project for its impact on historic structures. No work may be initiated prior to approval of MHT.
3. Applicants must understand that this is a competitive funding process, and that submission of a grant application is NOT a guarantee of acceptance for funding. Grants will be awarded based upon the merits of the individual projects that are proposed and their adherence to the guidelines mentioned in the application paperwork.
4. Once received, the applications will be reviewed by the Projects Review Committee.
5. It is expressly understood and agreed that the applicant shall be solely responsible for all safety conditions and compliance with all safety regulations, building codes, ordinances, and other applicable regulations.
6. **All work initiated prior to final grant approval will be ineligible for funding.**

7. It is expressly understood and agreed that the applicant will not seek to hold Smith Island United liable for any property damage, personal injury, or other loss.
8. The applicants shall be responsible for hiring and executing an agreement with a general contractor who is licensed to operate in the State of Maryland. Applicant shall ensure that said contractor provides insurance coverage for comprehensive public liability, property damage liability/builder's risk, and workers' compensation.
9. Applicant must certify that there are no hazardous materials located on the property, that it will not cause or allow any hazardous materials to be placed on the property, and that the property is in compliance with all applicable Federal and State environmental laws and regulations.
10. Upon completion of the project, all debris and construction materials are to be removed from the property and disposed of properly. The applicant agrees to maintain the property and improvements, including but not limited to promptly removing graffiti, sweeping and shoveling in front of the property, and otherwise complying with the Code of Somerset County.
11. Smith Island United shall have the right to refuse reimbursement to the property/business owner if it believes the work is unsatisfactory or the improvements are not being completed according to the approved application. If a County permit is required, Somerset County staff will perform an inspection. If a County permit is not required, the work will be inspected by someone designated by SIU for this purpose.
12. Smith Island United will not pay more than the approved grant amount should the scope of work and/or cost increase due to unforeseen circumstances.
13. Smith Island United will only pay for work which has been inspected and found to be satisfactory.
14. At the Project Review Committee's discretion, exceptions to any of the guidelines may be approved due to special conditions or situations, as long as said exceptions do not conflict with any of the terms of the grant agreement between Smith Island United and MD Dept of Housing and Community Development.

I, the applicant, have read and understand the **DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC DEMOLITION FUND PROGRAM** posted here

<https://www.smithislandunited.com/Documents/Executed%20Agreement.pdf> on Smith Island United's website under the news and updates tab and I agree to abide by the general conditions as set forth in this application and the guidance document on Smith Island United's web page referenced above.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Project Description

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of property to be rehabilitated: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide a detailed description of your project with pictures (add additional pages if needed):

This image shows a full page of white paper with horizontal blue or grey ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page, leaving small margins at the top and bottom. There are no vertical margin lines, text, or other markings on the page.

Date to begin the project: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated end of the project: \_\_\_\_\_

Total cost of the project: (include contractor's estimate(s)): \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount for this request: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach pictures and/or drawings and/or descriptions of the project in sufficient detail to demonstrate the need for the project.

Signature of Building Owner (if different from Applicant) consenting to work to be performed on the project property (mark "N/A" if not applicable):

Signature of Homeowner: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_