Learn how to protect your community’s rights.

“Without CLC’s assistance, the Charles Village Civic Association would not have been able to realize the same level of successful resolution of ... complicated and controversial issues that had the potential for creating a disruptive climate both inside and outside the community.”

– Jennifer Erickson / President / Charles Village Civic Association

Work together to strengthen your organization.

“The ‘How to Start a Nonprofit’ seminar offered precisely the information I need for starting and sustaining a community service organization. The presenter was knowledgeable and provided specific feedback for questions or concerns. I don’t know what my organization would have done ... without the invaluable guidance of the CLC Pro Bono Program, including this workshop.”

– La Tasha Sharif Vanzie / EVOKU Actualized Global Leadership Experience (EAGLE)
**Does your nonprofit or community association need legal help?**

**Community Law Center** empowers communities and nonprofits that lack the financial resources to pay for private legal representation.

Our staff and pro bono attorneys utilize their expertise in the law to overcome or mitigate many of the social, economic, and environmental problems that plague neighborhoods.

Through various programs, we assist in the formation and growth of hundreds of community associations and nonprofits, facilitate the revitalization of blighted land and vacant structures, reduce crime and nuisance activities stemming from residential and commercial properties, and help communities and nonprofits accomplish their goals and achieve their missions.

**Community Law Center** is Maryland’s only legal services organization dedicated solely to strengthening neighborhoods and the nonprofit sector.

With a staff of attorneys and over 500 volunteer attorneys, we are equipped to provide representation to neighborhoods and nonprofits for all of their legal needs.

**How can Community Law Center help your organization?**

- **ACHIEVE your association’s mission** by providing necessary legal services.
- **ACQUIRE, rehabilitate, lease**, and sell property by providing real estate legal services.
- **ASSERT your community’s legal rights** through community benefits agreements, zoning appeals, and legislation.
- **COLLABORATE with neighborhood leaders**, nonprofits, government agencies, elected officials, educators, and law enforcement agencies.
- **DEVELOP affordable housing** by providing representation on financing and construction contracts.
- **GREEN and clean your neighborhood** by obtaining permission to create community gardens, clean up vacant lots, and paint public murals.
- **GROW** by providing review of tax exemption applications, contracts, and leases.
- **IMPROVE the health and safety** of your community through representation and advice on nuisance issues.
- **LEARN about the law** at our informative workshops.
- **ORGANIZE** by drafting bylaws and preparing articles of incorporation.
- **PROTECT against liabilities** with counseling on intellectual property rights, employment law, and contracts.
- **REORGANIZE** by revising bylaws and articles of incorporation, merging, or creating subsidiaries.
- **REVIVE your organization** if it is dormant or lapsed.

**Get started.**

Look for our Application for Legal Services at communitylaw.org/apply-for-services.

**Complete and return the Application for Legal Services form** along with the nonrefundable application fee and all requested information. Upon review of the Application for Legal Services, we may contact you for more information. If the case is accepted, **Community Law Center** will seek the appropriate staff or volunteer attorney to represent the organization. This may take three to four weeks after all requested information is received. We cannot guarantee placement of all cases; however, we have a long history of successfully matching organizations with attorneys.

**What will it cost?**

Beyond a nonrefundable application fee (ranging from $100 to $500) based on the organization’s budget, there are generally no fees charged for an assigned attorney’s time. Clients are responsible for direct expenses related to their cases.