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Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties



Tri County Council
For Western Maryland

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Dates to Remember

**Monday
December 11, 2017
Tri-County
Council for
Western Maryland
Business Meeting &
Dinner
5:00 pm**
Location in Washington
County to be announced



Finding Your Funding: Identifying & Applying for Grants

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

8:30am to 11:30am

Hagerstown Community College
Technical Innovation Center Room 323

Grant seeking is essential to the growth and survival of any entrepreneurial pursuit, and yet it is often pursued with great trepidation and no small amount of anxiety. The good news is that composing a high-quality grant application is a skill that can be learned and mastered using tools found in every entrepreneur's tool box. This course is designed for individuals and organizations seeking to grow and sustain their business through grants and will provide them with the knowledge and resources to find grant opportunities. The course will also lead them through an interactive exercise in gathering and preparing the standard components of most grant applications.

[Click here](#) for more information and registration details.





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Notice of Funding Availability

SBA 7a Loans

Providing loans to small businesses (including small healthcare practices) for working capital; equipment purchase; real estate purchase; building construction or renovation; business acquisition; and debt refinancing.

Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

USDA Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program

Funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas.

Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

National School Lunch Afterschool Snack Program

Funding for schools and residential child care institutions to provide afterschool snacks to low-income children who participate in the National School Lunch program.

Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

September is

National Preparedness Month



Prepare for Emergencies

Smart planning can help you keep your business running if disaster strikes. You'll want to take the right steps to prevent and prepare for disaster, and know where to get aid if disaster strikes.

Emergency Preparedness

An estimated 25 percent of businesses don't open again after a major disaster, according to the Institute for Business and Home Safety. Protect your small business by identifying the risks relevant to your location, both natural and man-made. Then, keep your plan of action updated.

Preserve your equipment and business records by referencing the IRS Guide on protecting your information before an emergency strikes. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) also offers an emergency preparedness checklist and toolkit.

SBA Learning Center

Disaster Recovery: A guide to SBA's Disaster Assistance Programs



U.S. Small Business Administration

Emergency Preparedness Information

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