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Council Connections

Bridging Allegany, Garrett, and Washington Counties



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Loews Annapolis Hotel

At the Water Cooler
Which country hosted the



USDA Offering Grants to Assist Communities with Water or Wastewater Systems Management

The [US Department of Agriculture's \(USDA\) Technical Assistance and Training \(TAT\) Grant Program](#) assists communities with water or wastewater systems through free technical assistance and/or training provided to the grant recipients. Qualified private non-profit organizations will receive TAT grant funds to identify and evaluate solutions to water and waste disposal problems in rural areas, assist applicants in preparing applications for water and wastewater grants made at the state level offices, and improve operation and maintenance of existing water and wastewater disposal facilities in rural areas.

Funds may be used to pay expenses associated with providing technical assistance and/or training (TAT) to identify and evaluate solutions to water problems relating to source, storage, treatment, and distribution, and to

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waste disposal problems relating to collection, treatment, and disposal; assist applicants that have filed a pre-application with the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) in the preparation of water and/or waste disposal loan and/or grant applications; and to provide training that will improve the management, operation and maintenance of water and wastewater disposal facilities.

All applications must be received by close of business or postmarked by midnight January 31st.

[Click here](#) to view the announcement.



Maryland Small Business & Technology Development Center

Ready, Set, Go! Are You Ready to Start a Business?

This workshop is specifically designed for small businesses in the planning phase of building a company. You will learn the "nuts & bolts" of becoming an entrepreneur! Additional information is shared with the participant on the SBDC, its' services, what one can expect when entering the business world, the business plan, finance management, funding sources, marketing...a guide to beginning a successful future in a business world.

January 10, 2014
32 West Washington Street, Hagerstown
10:00 am - 11:00 am
Free of Charge

Register online at www.westernmdsbdc.org or call Western Region SBDC at 888.237.9007, ext. 2

**Financing Choices...
Working with a Banker**

Free seminar that focuses on several financing options including Traditional Bank Financing, Small Business Administration (SBA), Tri-County Council Revolving Loan Fund Program, and how to prepare a loan request package prior to meeting with the banker.

Participants will learn from Brian Selders, VP, Business Banking Team Leader with the Hagerstown Branch of M&T, about the different types of commercial financing options, the importance of meeting with SBTDC and/or their CPA prior to meeting with a banker. A Q&A session will be included in the presentation.

January 31, 2014
32 West Washington Street, Hagerstown
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Free of Charge

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