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New Fund Managers Approved for State's Small, Minority and Women-Owned Business Loan Fund

The Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development ([DBED](#)) announced that four new fund managers have been approved by the Board of Public Works to provide loans through the State's Small, Minority and Women-Owned Business Loan Fund, which receives 1.5 percent of video lottery terminal revenue from Maryland casinos. New fund managers are the Baltimore County Department of Economic and Workforce Development, the Baltimore Development Corp., the Howard County Economic Development Authority and the [Tri County Council for Western Maryland](#). Along with existing fund managers Anne Arundel Economic Development Corp. and Meridian Management Group Inc., they will receive a total of \$9.1 million to make loans and investments in small, minority and women-owned businesses.

"We look forward to working with DBED as a Fund Manager for the Small, Minority and Women-Owned Business Loan Fund," said Leanne Mazer, Executive Director of the Tri County Council for Western Maryland. "This opportunity will not only bring us additional resources for lending, but will also provide us another tool to address a wider array of business needs."

The fund managers are required to deploy at least half of their allocations in targeted areas which are within a 10-mile radius of Maryland's four casinos - Hollywood Casino Perryville in Cecil County, Casino at Ocean Downs outside of Ocean City, [Rocky Gap Casino and Resort](#) in Allegany County and Maryland Live! Casino next to the Arundel Mills mall. The remaining money can be used across the rest of the state. The Board of Public Works and DBED, which is administering the program, will allocate yearly the new video lottery terminal revenues that accumulate in the fund. Both current and new fund managers will be eligible for the subsequent allocations.



Chamberlain Graceful Living
11609 Bierman Drive, Cumberland, MD

Located in Allegany County, Chamberlain Graceful Living ([CGL](#)) is a family

owned, sixteen bed assisted living facility offering quality care to people in need. The facility provides residents with a "comfort of home" feel and gives security and assurance to families in knowing their loved ones are receiving compassion and care. CGL services include 24-hour supervision, laundry, housekeeping, meal preparation, medication administration and assistance with personal care. Other features include internet access and gardening as well as transportation to doctor's appointments, shopping, and entertainment.

Owners Adam and Robin Chamberlain purchased the facility in the fall of 2013. Adam is the financial manager and maintenance operator of the home and Robin is the head of the care team. Robin, with over 15 years experience working in Long Term Care as a nurse and 10 years as a Geriatric Nursing Assistant, always had a vision to own a facility to help and care for others in need and provide a facility where residents can enjoy a safe and comfortable homelike atmosphere while maintaining as much independence as possible.

"[Tri County Council](#) provided us with the essential funds to get our business off the ground. The capital provided gave us additional startup funds to cover business expenses", said Adam Chamberlain.

Chamberlain Graceful Living is accepting applications for new residents.

For more information please call 301-759-1471 or visit their web site by clicking [here](#).



USDA Rural Development is accepting applications for the [Housing Preservation Grant Program](#).

Applications are due Monday, July 28, 2014.

"USDA provides grants to qualified organizations so they can help rural homeowners and rental housing owners make repairs and improvements," Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said. "These grants help families with limited incomes preserve their housing and improve their living conditions. They can be used for a variety of needs, such as repairs to resolve health or safety issues or for energy-efficiency improvements to reduce utility costs. The program also boosts economic activity for housing contractors in rural areas who are hired to make the home upgrades and repairs."

More details can be found in the [Notice of Funds Availability](#).

The Delaware/Maryland contact for the program is Tonya Craven, Loan Specialist and can be reached at tonya.craven@de.usda.gov or 302-857-3615.

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