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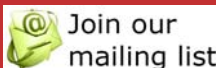
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The Staff at
Tri-County Council for Western Maryland
wish you and your family a very
Merry and Happy Holiday Season!



Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA) Project Grant Workshop Webinar

Are you interested in learning more about grants that are available for capital, and non-capital and projects relating to the preservation of historical, archaeological, natural and cultural resources and heritage tourism?

If so, you will want to attend this workshop webinar that is being offered by the Maryland Heritage Areas Program and the Mountain Maryland Gateway to the West Heritage Area. This workshop is an opportunity to learn more about the FY 2017 grant program and the online application. You will also have the chance to ask any questions you may have about the program.

Tuesday, January 5, 2016
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Garrett County Chamber of Commerce
15 Visitors Center Drive

Registration is FREE!

For questions or more information contact:
Jen Durben, Heritage Area & Groups Manager
at 301-387-5238



Wood Energy Grant Program

The MD Energy Administration (MEA) has recently initiated a commercial wood energy grant program that will pay for feasibility studies for commercial wood energy projects. Schools, hospitals, prisons, businesses, colleges and other facilities are good candidates for this type of readily-available, clean-burning technology, but a feasibility study will provide the detail needed to pave the way to implement a project @ NO CHARGE!

The deadline for applications will likely be changed to extend to March 15, 2016.

For more information about the grant program please click [here](#).



Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency's Fiscal Year 2016 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) will open on Monday, December 7, 2015 at 8:00 am eastern time. The application period for the FY 2016 AFG Program closes on January 15, 2016 at 5:00 pm eastern time.

The Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, (Pub. L. 113-76) provides \$306,000,000 in AFG

Program funding to assist fire departments and nonaffiliated ambulance and emergency medical service organizations meet their firefighting and emergency response needs. The AFG Program enables these organizations to obtain the tools and resources necessary to more effectively protect the health and safety of the public and emergency response personnel.

Grant guidance for this program will be available at www.grants.gov

Contact Information: For fire departments / applicants requiring assistance, please visit <http://www.fema.gov/> or contact the AFG Help Desk at firegrants@fema.gov or 1.866.274.0960.

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