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Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties



Tri County Council  
For Western Maryland

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**Wednesday, June 22, 2016**  
**Tri County Council for Western Maryland**  
Business Meeting  
Tour of EDA and ARC Garrett County Projects  
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**Maryland Farmer's Markets**  
Follow this link.



## FY 2017 Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance Fund (MAERDAF) Open for Applications!

For FY2017, the Rural Maryland Council is particularly interested in proposals that address the following: Agriculture, Energy, Rural Broadband, Healthcare, Youth Engagement and Workforce/Economic Development. Regardless, the Grant Review Board will give full consideration to any application that is submitted.

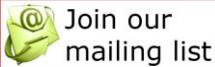
Join a **MAERDAF Webinar Information Session** on **Tuesday, June 21st at 10am** to learn more about eligibility, grant requirements, and more. [Register here!](#)  
**Deadline to apply is July 15, 2016.**

Please visit the website [here](#) to access instructions and the application.

If you have any questions, please contact 410-841-5772 or [rmc.mda@maryland.gov](mailto:rmc.mda@maryland.gov).



**Strategic Economic and Community Development Application Deadline June 30, 2016**



## Notice of Funding Availability

### **Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative (TCPI)**

Provides technical assistance, education, and support for healthcare providers in rural communities who are preparing for and participating in value-based payment models.

### **Program Supports Housing and Community Development Efforts**

Program supports efforts to help HUD customers navigate the complex housing and community development challenges by equipping them with the knowledge, skills, tools, capacity, and systems to implement HUD programs and policies successfully.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development funding opportunity authorized by Section 6025 of the 2014 Farm Bill application date June 30, 2016 is approaching. **Strategic Economic and Community Development (SECD)** prioritizes projects that support the implementation of multi-jurisdictional plans. Many communities already work together to develop multi-jurisdictional plans with the help of strategic partners including non-profit organizations, institutions of higher education, university extensions, regional authorities, coalitions of counties/towns and federal special initiative coalitions. The goal of SECD is to promote collaboration in rural communities and across Rural Development agencies and programs. Communities are incentivized to align resources, develop long-term community and economic growth strategies and engage federal, state and local partners. By promoting this regional focus USDA resources can be more effectively utilized and have a larger impact on rural capacity building and wealth creation. Complete details are available [online](#).

