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## Council Connections

Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties



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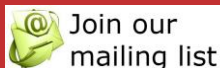
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### Dates to Remember

**Shop Maryland  
Tax-Free Week**  
August 14 - 20

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**Thursday, September 29**  
Tour of EDA and ARC Projects  
Washington County, MD



### Notice of Funding Availability

**POWER (Partnerships for  
Opportunity and Workforce  
and Economic Revitalization)  
Grants**

[In FY16, ARC \(Appalachian](#)

## 17th Annual National Farmers Week August 7-13

A time to celebrate the farmers, ranchers and local food businesses, as well as the communities that support them. USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack has officially declared August 7 through August 13, 2016 as the **17th annual National Farmers Market Week**, highlighting the key role that farmers markets play in bringing communities together around agriculture. And with more than 8,500 farmers markets around the country, there are lots of opportunities to celebrate!

Click here for [Maryland Farmers Market Directory](#)



Regional Commission) is providing POWER implementation grants and technical assistance grants for activities that address the challenges facing coal-impacted communities in the Appalachian Region. ARC's POWER assistance will also include tools and resources such as technical and capacity-building support.

**USDA Seeks Applications for Funding to Develop Advanced Biofuels and Plant-Based Products**

*Development Will Contribute to America's Strong Bioeconomy and Bring Jobs to Rural Areas*  
Eligible borrowers include individuals, corporations, federally-recognized tribes, units of state or local government, farm cooperatives and co-op organizations, associations of agricultural producers, national laboratories, institutions of higher education, rural electric cooperatives, public power entities - or a consortium of any of these borrower types. Entities that receive program financing must provide at least 20 percent of the funding for eligible project costs.

## Continuum of Care Program Notice of Funding Availability

The **Continuum of Care (CoC) Program** is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, states, and local governments to quickly re-house homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and to optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

The deadline for submitting new and renewal project applications in e-snaps for **Cumberland/Allegany County MD Continuum of Care (MD-500) is August 21, 2016**, to ensure all projects are rated and ranked prior to the deadline for submitting applications to HUD for the FY 2015 CoC Program Competition, which is September 14, 2016, at 7:59:59 PM EST.



Follow [this link](#) for full program details including a Resources [link](#) to the application.

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