



December 14, 2017

## Council Connections

Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties



Tri County Council  
For Western Maryland

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### Dates to Remember

**Thursday, January 25 -  
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Mountain Maryland PACE  
Reception  
Annapolis, Maryland  
[www.mtmarylandpace.com](http://www.mtmarylandpace.com)**

**TCCWMD Council Meeting  
Schedule 2018**

**Wednesday April 11  
Allegany County**

**Wednesday June 20  
Garrett County**

**Monday November 19  
Washington County**



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### Tri-County Council 2017 Chairman's Award




Presented by  
Chairman Jim Hinebaugh  
to

**Roger Fairbourn**  
December 11, 2017

IN RECOGNITION  
of your dedicated Regional Leadership  
in promoting the mission of the Council  
and improving the quality of life  
for the people of Western Maryland

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## Notice of Funding Availability

### Small Business Administration Veteran Businesses Supported

The Veterans Business Outreach Center Program offers support to provide quality training and counseling to veteran small business owners and entrepreneurs.

**The application deadline is January 8, 2018.**

### USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture AgVets Program

Applications requested to provide grants to nonprofit organizations for training programs and services to establish and enhance farming and ranching opportunities for military veterans.

**Letter of Intent deadline is January 11, 2018**

**Application deadline is February 8, 2018.**

### Affordable Housing Loans for Low-Income Rural Communities

Short-term loans at below market interest rates to local nonprofits, for-profits, and government entities developing affordable housing for low-income, rural communities.

**Applications accepted on an ongoing basis nationwide.**

### Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Grant Program

Grants to eligible organizations to cover all or part of the costs associated with purchasing an automated external defibrillator (AED).

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intergovernmental cooperation as exemplified by the TCCWMD County partnerships.

The Tri-County Council for Western Maryland Chairman's Award recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution for the betterment of the Western Maryland region. It is designed to "honor efforts made by individuals to relieve the issues facing the region, promote systems of federal, state and local cooperation and further the mission of the Council". It recognizes an individual whose actions best support the

## USDA Rural Development Presents Maryland FY17 Investment Report



## INVESTMENTS IN MARYLAND FISCAL YEAR 2017

*Committed to the future of rural communities.*

**During fiscal year 2017, USDA Rural Development investments in Maryland totaled \$680,440,912. This includes projects in Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties. Project investments may be viewed by following [this link](#).**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development mission area was created by the 1996 Farm Bill. Rural Development uses over 40 loan, grant, and loan guarantee programs to create opportunities in housing, business, and infrastructure to improve conditions in rural America.

**VISION:** To maximize our program benefits to support a rural America that is a healthy, safe, and prosperous place to live and work.

**MISSION:** To assist rural communities in creating prosperity so they are self-sustaining, repopulating, and economically thriving.

[www.rd.usda.gov/md](http://www.rd.usda.gov/md)