

February 1, 2018

Council Connections

Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties



Tri County Council
For Western Maryland

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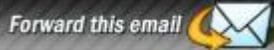
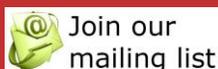
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Dates to Remember

**Tri-County Council for
Western Maryland
Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 4
5:00 pm
Allegany County**



New Application Deadline for USDA Rural Business Development Grant

USDA Rural Development is extending the application deadline for the Rural Business Development Grant Program.

**Letter of Intent Deadline:
Monday, February 5, 2018 - 4:30 p.m.**
**New Application Deadline:
Monday, April 30, 2018 - 4:30 p.m.**

Complete applications must now be received by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 30, 2018 to compete for FY2018 funding. **Letters of Intent (LOIs) are still due Monday, February 5, 2018.** USDA will provide feedback on LOIs submissions by Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

The Rural Business Development Grant Program funds "*Rural Business Enterprise Projects*", which benefit specific small and emerging businesses in rural areas, and "*Rural Business Opportunity Projects*", which promote sustainable economic development in rural communities. Eligible applicants include rural public entities including non-profit corporations, municipalities, state agencies, institutions of higher education, and more.

READ THIS NOTICE to learn more about the FY2018 application process and review the "FY18 Letter of Intent" template. Questions? Need more information? Contact Lisa Fitzgerald or Bruce Weaver.

Notice of Funding Availability

Grants Promote Economic Literacy Efforts

Economic literacy grants are available to programs that address the following issues: raising public participation in economic education and creating a demand for greater economic literacy; encouraging measurement of economic understanding; developing the application of new strategies for teaching economics, helping those working in social service agencies, particularly social workers, provide financial and economic understanding; and helping disenfranchised youth or young adults with children learn to participate in the economic system.

The upcoming application deadline is Thursday, February 15, 2018.

Funds to Serve Summer Meals to Children and Teens

The Maryland State Department of Education is seeking public and private nonprofit organizations to serve free, nutritious meals to children and teens this summer through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), a U. S. Department of Agriculture program.

Application deadline is Thursday, May 31, 2018.

Follow [this link](#) for Revised details of the Rural Business Development Grant Program FY2018 Applications

Follow [this link](#) to a Grant Program FY18 Letter of Intent template.



The Rural Business Innovation Initiative offers professional ongoing mentoring and targeted projects to help startup and small technology-based businesses in the rural areas of Maryland succeed at no cost to the company. Click [here](#) for more information.

TEDCO is an organization that strives to be the lead source for entrepreneurial business assistance and seed funding for the development of start-up companies in Maryland's innovation economy and beyond.



Transportation Association of Maryland announces the online release of the 2017 Annual Report & Membership Directory.

The Annual Report and Membership Directory may be viewed by following [this link](#) or by visiting the [website](#).