



June 7, 2018

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Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties



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Dates to Remember

**Wednesday
June 20, 2018
5:00 pm**

**The Greene Turtle Sports
Bar & Grille
McHenry, Maryland
Tri-County Council for
Western Maryland
Business Meeting**

**Wednesday
October 24, 2018
8:00am - 4:00pm
Rocky Gap Casino Resort
Tech at the Gap '18**

Quick Links



JOB FAIR

Thursday June 14, 2018

9am-Noon

Allegany College of Maryland, Gymnasium
12401 Willowbrook Road, Cumberland, MD 21502
Employers can still register by contacting the job center at 301.777.1221
♦ No fee to participate ♦ Open to the Public

Participating Businesses

- ACT Personnel
- AHEC West
- Allegany College of Maryland/Adult Education
- Aspira (formerly Active Network)
- Atlas Care Connect
- Berkeley Springs Instruments
- Blue Ridge Community & Technical College
- Conduent
- Federal Correctional Institution
- First Energy/The Power Systems Institute
- Garrett Container Systems
- Hamilton Relay
- Hampton Inn
- Horizon Goodwill Industries
- Hunter Douglas
- IBM
- MD Department of Juvenile Services
- MD Department of Public Safety & Corrections
- Mountain Top Truck Driving School
- National Jet Company, Inc.
- One Maryland For Jobs, Maryland Legal Aid
- Pilgrims
- Schneider National
- Schroeder Industries
- Senior Community Services Employment Program
- Sheetz
- TransAmerica
- WebstaurantStore
- Western MD Consortium
- US Air Force
- US Marine Corps

More Businesses Being Added Daily!

[Allegany County Government](#)

[Garrett County Government](#)

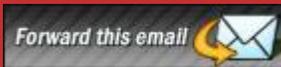
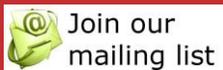
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Notice of Funding Availability

Funding Opportunity Available Supporting Nutrition Innovation for Aging Populations

[The Administration for Community Living \(ACL\) recently announced funding for innovative approaches to nutrition programs in the aging services network. Innovative projects could include efforts to improve physical and mental health symptoms and increase activity. Demonstrated value such as cost savings and impact towards a national need must be supported in the project.](#)

An informational call is scheduled for potential applicants on June 12 at 2:00 p.m. ET. Click [here](#) to register for call.

Webinar Set for 2018 Regional Innovation Strategies Notice of Funding Opportunity for June 14 at 3:00pm

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) recognizes entrepreneurship's influence in building resilient, regional economies and has made up to \$21 million available. This year's program will help build innovation capacity in regions across the nation through two separate competitions: the **i6 Challenge** and the **Seed Fund Support (SFS) Grant Competition**.

i6 Challenge (\$16M): Across the country, regions and communities are helping entrepreneurs overcome barriers to build new companies and create jobs through the efforts of universities, community colleges, National Labs, state and local governments, incubators, and various other organizations. The i6 Challenge helps drive these efforts by supporting the creation and expansion of programs that increase the rate at which innovations, ideas, intellectual property, and research are translated into products, services, viable companies, and, ultimately, jobs.

Seed Fund Support (SFS) Grant Competition (\$5M): The availability of funding for early-stage companies is an essential element of a healthy innovation-based regional ecosystem. Taking an idea or innovation from concept to market often requires capital, but, in many regions across the country, access to that capital is one of innovators' and entrepreneurs' biggest struggles. SFS grants provide funding for technical assistance and operational costs that support the planning, formation, launch, or scale of cluster-based seed funds that will invest their capital in innovation-based startups with a potential for high growth.

For complete details on the funding opportunity [click here](#) to register for the webinar, follow [this link](#).



**Application Deadline is
Tuesday, July 17, 2018**

**Community Facilities
Technical Assistance and
Training Program**

The USDA Rural Housing
Service program provides
funding towards planning
activities for community facility
needs. Project goals should
align with priorities outlined in
the recent Rural Prosperity Task
Force report.

Click [here](#) for the report.

**Application Deadline is
Monday, July 2, 2018**



Input Requested on Improving Broadband Data

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) has requested feedback on sources of available broadband data and processes to ensure reliable information. NTIA is working to improve ways of identifying areas lacking adequate broadband access. Comments are being requested from various stakeholders - public, private, nonprofit, academia.

Submissions are due July 16 and may be emailed to mappingrfc@ntia.doc.gov. Click [here](#) for more details.