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Dates to Remember

**Monday
November 19, 2018
5:00 pm
Washington County
Tri-County Council for
Western Maryland
Business Meeting**

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You're invited to the....

Rural Small Business Lending Forum

"Building Rural Prosperity Through Access to Capital"

Discuss efforts to build rural prosperity by increasing access to capital in rural areas. Learn more about resources available to help reduce risks associated with lending to rural small businesses. Network with lenders and resource providers from across the region. This event is intended for banks, commercial lenders, CDFIs, and non-profit lending organizations.

**Thursday, September 6, 2018
11:30am to 3:00pm**

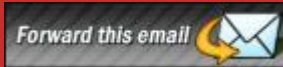
Press Room at The Herald-Mail
100 Summit Avenue Hagerstown, Maryland 21740

VIEW AGENDA - REGISTER HERE



This event is fully accessible. Reasonable accommodations will be made if requested at least two weeks in advance. Contact Mercedes McCoy at (302) 857-3616 to make arrangements.

StatsWMD.org



Notice of Funding Availability

EPA Program Supports Pollution Prevention

The Source Reduction Assistance Grant Program supports pollution prevention approaches that reduce or eliminate pollutants from entering any waste stream or being otherwise released into the environment.

Application deadline is August 23, 2018.

FY19 Heritage Area Mini-Grants

The program is designed to provide funding for non-capital projects including innovative exhibits, tours, marketing, planning and projects which build upon interpretive themes identified in the Management Plan including: Transportation, Man and Nature, Historic Recreation, Cultural Uniqueness. Projects should seek to attract cultural heritage tourists to the region.

Applications are due by 4pm on Monday, September 10, 2018.



Rural Small Business Lending Forum Registration and Event Information

Rural communities prosper when local businesses can access capital to start, grow, and expand. But small businesses in rural areas face unique challenges that may impede their ability to secure investment from commercial lenders.

Discuss efforts to build rural prosperity by increasing access to capital in rural areas at the Rural Small Business Lending Forum. Learn more about resources available to help reduce risks associated with lending to rural small businesses. Network with other lenders and resources providers from across the region.

Intended Audience

This educational forum is intended for banks, commercial lenders, CDFIs, and non-profit lending organizations. This forum will provide an overview of select federal, state, and local resources available to commercial lenders reduce risks associated with commercial lending in rural areas.

Registration

To register online, click [HERE](#) or visit this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/hJmzTtpacZCa0E2>

Registration closes on Wednesday, August 29, 2018. There is no cost to attend. Space is limited. This event is fully accessible. Reasonable accommodations will be made if requested at least two weeks in advance. For questions about registration or to make a reasonable accommodate request, please contact [Mercedes McCoy](#) at (302) 857-3616.

Exhibitor Information

Exhibit tables may be available for interested organizations. There is no cost to exhibit. Space is extremely limited. Exhibit tables will be provided on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact [Melissa Mirek](#) at (302) 857-3584 for more information.

Parking & Directions

The Rural Small Business Lending Forum will be held at the [Press Room at The Herald-Mail](#) located at 100 Summit Avenue Hagerstown, Maryland 21740. There is no cost for parking. [Click here for directions.](#)

TECH AT THE GAP IGNITING INNOVATION '18

Tech at the Gap: Igniting Innovation 2018

3rd Annual Conference

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

8:00 am - 4:30 pm

7:00am Registration & Breakfast

For complete conference information, schedule, registration, and more, visit <https://www.techgap2018.com/>

Early Bird pricing ends September 23, 2018