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For Western Maryland

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Dates to Remember

**Monday
November 19, 2018
5:00 pm
Nick's Airport Inn
14548 Pennsylvania Ave
Hagerstown, Maryland
Tri-County Council for
Western Maryland
Business Meeting**

Quick Links

Allegany County Government

Garrett County Government

Washington County Government

Maryland Department of Planning

Maryland Department of Commerce

Lenders and Business Owners are Invited to Attend a FREE Tri-State Lending Event

**Thursday, October 11, 2018
Hagerstown Community College
Careers Programs Building**
11400 Robinwood Drive
Hagerstown, Maryland

SBA USDA HAGERSTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AMERICA'S SBDC ACCREDITED MEMBER MARYLAND — WESTERN REGION — SCORE Four State

Invite you to attend a FREE Tri-State Rural Lending Event connecting business owners and lenders

Speed Lending

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Hagerstown Community College Career Programs Building
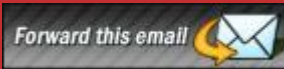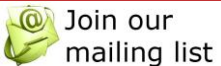11400 Robinwod Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21742**

Session 1 - For Lenders Only
8:45– 9:00- Lender Registration/Check-in
9:00– 9:10- Welcome/Introductions
9:10– 10:00- Lenders Hear from Local, State, and Federal
Agencies about Funding Programs, including the SBA and USDA

Session 2 - Business-Lender Speed Lending
9:45– 10:00- Business Registration/Check-in
10:00– 10:10- How the Event Process Will Work
10:10– 10:25- Lender Introductions
10:25– 12:00- Speed Lending Event(Businesses will have
4 minutes with lenders in a speed dating format to discuss
their funding needs for startup or growth)

Registration is Required, Visit:
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tri-state-rural-speed-lending-event-tickets-50702014089

Notice of Funding Availability

Youth Volunteers Nationwide Recognized
The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is a nationwide program that honors young people in grades five to twelve who are volunteering in their communities. The program's goals are to applaud young people who already are making a positive difference in their towns and neighborhoods, and to inspire others to think about how they might contribute to their communities. Two State Honorees (one middle level school student and one high school student) are chosen in each state and the District of Columbia.
The application deadline is November 6, 2018

Improving Undergraduate STEM Education: Pathways into Geoscience
National Science Foundation invests in evidence-based and evidence-generating approaches to understanding STEM learning; to designing, testing, and studying instruction and curricular change; to wide dissemination and implementation of best practices; and to broadening participation of individuals and institutions in STEM fields.

Applications Open for Keep Maryland Beautiful Grants

The Maryland Environmental Trust, a unit of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, is now accepting applications for the Keep Maryland Beautiful grants program. The five grants being offered help volunteer and nonprofit groups, communties and land trusts support evnironmental education projects, litter removal, citizen stewardship and solve natural resource issues in urban and rural areas.

The Keep Maryland Beautiful grants will be offered in two categories: **Environmental Education, Community Initiatives and Cleanups** for community groups, local governments and nonprofits, and **Land Trust Capacity, Excellence and Stewardship** for local land trusts.

Follow this link for complete details.

The deadline to apply is **November 15, 2018**.
Awards will be announced in spring 2019.

October is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month

SBA will be sharing tips and resources all month long to help keep your small business safe. Protect your business today by creating a cybersecurity preparedness plan. Learn more by following this link. #CyberAware