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Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties



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Wednesday, April 3  
5:00pm  
Allegany County

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### Big Opportunities for Small Libraries: IMLS Launches New Special Initiative

#### *Seeking Applications for School Library, Community Memory, and Digital Inclusion Grants*

The Institute of Museum and Library Services has launched a new initiative focused on serving small and rural libraries and their communities. This new funding opportunity is designed specifically to strengthen the ability of small and rural libraries, archives, and related organizations to serve their communities, and awards sizes range from \$10,000 to \$50,000.

There are three project categories: **Transforming School Library Practice; Community Memory; and Digital Inclusion.**

To find out more about the program and eligibility, visit the [program page](#) or join the upcoming [webinar](#) on Wednesday, January 9, from 2-3 p.m.

**The deadline to apply is February 25, 2019.**

Follow [this link](#) to view the full press release.



## Notice of Funding Availability

### 2019 Gro More Grassroots Grant

The Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation and KidGardening grant is designed to bring the life-enhancing benefits of gardens to communities across the United States. All details, eligibility requirements, and the application can be found by following the link.

**Application Deadline is February 15, 2019.**

# START-UP ORIENTATION FORUM



TEDCO has developed a quarterly workshop/forum targeting first-time entrepreneurs to guide them through the first steps of developing a start-up.

**First Workshop:  
Friday, January 18, 2019  
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

Learn the first steps to launch a business  
Be introduced to entrepreneurial resources  
Understand requirements for funding

Follow [this link](#) for full details and Registration.