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TCCWMD Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 3
5:00pm

Allegany County
Ristorante Ottaviani
Cumberland, Maryland

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USDA Rural Business Development Grant Program Now Accepting Applications

USDA Rural Development's [Rural Business Development Grant \(RBDG\) Program](#) is a competitive grant designed to support targeted technical assistance, training, and other activities leading to the development or expansion of small and emerging private businesses in rural areas, which will employ 50 or fewer new employees and has less than \$1 million in gross revenue. Grant activities are separated into enterprise or opportunity. Follow [this link](#) for specific requirements.

Application Deadline is March 29, 2019

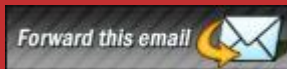
Interested applicants should download the [RBDG Application Guide](#). Submitted applications will be scored, reviewed, and selected on a competitive basis.

For more information, contact the [Delaware-Maryland State Office, Business and Cooperative Services](#) by phone at 302-857-3628.

[Washington County Government](#)

[Maryland Department of Planning](#)

[Maryland Department of Commerce](#)



Notice of Funding Availability

Grants Promote Outdoor Adventures and Environmental Protection

[The North Face Explore Fund supports nonprofit organizations in the U.S. that are looking to increase participation in the outdoors and work in innovative ways to protect our environment. Across all grant programs, programs with strong outdoor engagement in activities such as skiing, kayaking, backpacking, etc. are preferred.](#)

Applications are accepted from February 25 through April 2, 2019.

Small Business Administration Shares 10 Steps to Start Your Business

Every business starts with a dream. Turning this dream into a reality requires confidence, grit, knowledge and funding. During National Entrepreneurship Week, February 16-23, follow SBA's 10 steps to start your business.

10 Steps to Start Your Business



Small Business Administration Free Course: How to Prepare a Loan Package

Are you thinking about securing a loan to start, grow or expand your business? Take SBA's free self-paced training course to learn how to prepare a loan package.

Click The Learning Center image to launch the course.

