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TCCWMD Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 19
5:00pm

Ace's Run Restaurant
Oakland, Maryland

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New Grant Opportunity for Appalachian Communities!

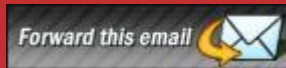
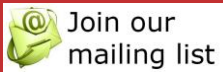


**APPALACHIAN
REGIONAL
COMMISSION**

U.S. Department of Labor recently announced \$29 million is now available via the **Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (WORC)**. The initiative to implement innovative approaches to provide enhanced training and support activities to dislocated workers, new entrants in the workforce, incumbent workers, and individuals affected by substance use disorder returning to work. Successful awards, ranging from \$150,000 - \$2.5 million, will support workforce development activities that prepare eligible participants for good jobs in high-demand occupations aligned with a state, regional, or community economic development strategy. Communities across Appalachia, especially those underserved by other resources, are encouraged to apply.

Applications are due July 15, 2019.
Follow [this link](#) for complete details.

Maryland Department of
Commerce



Notice of Funding Availability

Grants Available to Improve Workplace Health and Safety

Offers support to provide training and education programs for employers and workers on the recognition, avoidance, and prevention of safety and health hazards in their workplaces, and to inform workers of their rights and employers of their responsibilities under the Occupational Safety and Health Act. Several grant opportunities are available, including Targeted

Topic Training, Training and Educational Materials Development, and Capacity Building Developmental and Capacity Building Pilot.

**Application Deadline
is July 2, 2019.**

SBA Announces MaTCH The Makerspace Training, Collaboration and Hiring Pilot Competition

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SUBMISSION
DEADLINE

MaTCH
The Makerspace Training, Collaboration
and Hiring Pilot Competition

Enter for a chance to win up to \$200K
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In today's booming economy, our nation's employers are searching for qualified workers to fill the increasing amount of positions currently available. That's why the **U.S. Small Business Administration** has announced the **Makerspace Training, Collaboration and Hiring (MaTCH) Pilot Competition** which seeks to address the job skills and placement gaps faced by U.S. businesses. MaTCH will provide funding to create or expand programs with job-specific and soft skills training within existing makerspaces.

The SBA will award up to \$1 million in total prizes to fund selected winning proposals. The submission period began on May 21, 2019 and ends on July 8, 2019. Winners will be announced on August 6, 2019.

Follow [this link](#) to Learn More.