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Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties



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Dates to Remember

TCCWMD Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 16

Nick's Airport Inn

Appalachian Regional Commission Opens Appalachia Nonprofit Resource Center as Virtual Training Hub

Center Inviting Applications for Free Intensive Coaching on Nonprofit Operations During COVID Crisis

Teams from Regional nonprofits are invited to apply for dedicated technical assistance coaching focusing on long-term operational sustainability during the COVID crisis. Topics include: short-term financial management; long-term financial management; mission and operations; and fundraising. Each module will be offered in two rounds, one beginning in November, 2020 and another in early, 2021. Course lengths will span 5-11 weeks. Slots for 120 organizations are available.

Any registered nonprofit located in the ARC Region with two or more employees and a pre-pandemic operating budget of \$100,000 or more during 2020 is eligible to

Washington County

Quick Links

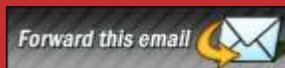
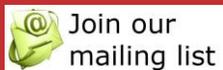
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Notice of Funding Availability

apply. Applications are due **Friday, October 9, 2020 at 5pm ET**. Application materials and other guidance are available at AppalachiaNRC.arc.gov. For additional information, please email nonprofitTA@arc.gov.



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Tri-County Council for Western Maryland (TCCWMD) is offering businesses located in Allegany, Garrett and Washington counties **low** interest financing through Summit Financing Solutions Revolving Loan Fund Program.

Apply now through October 30, 2020 or while funds remain available!

- Interest rates as low as 0% for the first 12 months
- Loan amounts range from \$10,000 to \$500,000
- Eligible purposes include: business acquisition, building improvements, equipment purchases, business start-up costs, and working capital
 - Terms up to 15 years
- Loans under \$25,000, quick turnaround time & flexible terms

Businesses must meet the following criteria to apply:

- The business must be a business entity in good standing with the State of Maryland
- Principal place of business must be in Allegany, Garrett, or Washington County

Start the Conversation Today!

Contact Chris Funk, Business Development Loan Officer, at 301-689-1300 or cfunk@tccwmd.org.

USDA Offers Temporary Payment Deferrals for the Community Facilities Direct Loan Program

The USDA program will temporarily allow borrowers with direct loans to request payment deferrals to assist those that are experiencing temporary cash flow issues due to the pandemic.

For additional information, visit the notice by following [this link](#).

Effective through September 30, 2020.



USDA Expands Access to Broadband Infrastructure for Rural Businesses and Residents Under Select Rural Development Programs

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development Bette Brand announced that USDA released a final rule to allow the use of funds under select programs to help expand access to broadband services for America's rural businesses and residents.

Read the full stakeholder announcement [here](#).

Post COVID-19 Recovery Workshop for Mountain Maryland Tech Network

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

9:00 am - 11:30 am

Due to the novel coronavirus pandemic, the world has been through a truly devastating period of pain and change. Beyond the death and sickness, there have been significant, fundamental changes to our way of life and to the way businesses operate and succeed or fail. Business owners, leaders and managers must take stock, plan and respond.

This practical online workshop series will help tech-enterprise, small business and other owners and managers take a deep breath and assess where they are now, where the business environment is, where it is headed and what steps they can and should take to ensure sustainable success for their enterprise.

This practical online workshop series is offered FREE of charge to all MMTN members and is sponsored by the MD Department of Commerce.

Follow [this link](#) for more information and to Register.