



Tri County Council  
*For Western Maryland*

## Council Connections

Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties  
October 8, 2020

### Local Foods, Local Places Program

#### New Application Period for 2021 is now open through October 30, 2020!

EPA and USDA invite communities interested in revitalizing neighborhoods through development of local food systems to apply for Local Foods, Local Places technical assistance. Local Foods, Local Places supports projects that:

- Create livable, walkable, economically vibrant main streets and mixed-use neighborhoods.
- Boost economic opportunities for local farmers and main street businesses.
  - Improve access to healthy, local food, especially among disadvantaged populations.

**Eligibility:** Eligible applicants include local governments, Indian tribes, and nonprofit institutions and organizations proposing to work in a neighborhood, town, or city of any size anywhere in the United States.

This year, communities with projects located in federally designated Opportunity Zones will receive special consideration. Highest consideration will be given to those communities who can identify how Local Foods, Local Places assistance will leverage the Opportunity Zone designation to support implementation of the resulting action plan.

**Deadline:** October 30, 2020

**How to apply:** See the complete application instructions at:

<https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/local-foods-local-places-2020-2021-application>

**Webinar:** On Friday October 9, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Eastern time, a webinar will be hosted that provides an overview of the Local Foods, Local Places program and the selection criteria for the 2019-2020 application.

Register for the webinar

at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LFLP7-App-Webinar-Oct9>



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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](mailto:cfunk@tccwmd.org).

Contact Chris Funk Today!



### **Post COVID-19 Recovery Workshop for MMTN**

by Mountain Maryland Tech Network

This practical 3-session online workshop 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.

October 20 - 9:00 - 11:30am

October 27 - 9:00 - 11:00am

November 9 - 9:00 - 10:30am

For complete details and to Register, follow [this link](#).



### **Webinar: Old School Marketing, New School Results**

The marketing and advertising industry is constantly evolving, but some strategies and tactics are timeless if applied correctly. Join the marketing experts at HighRock to explore some "old school" marketing principles that have proven to be effective regardless of how new trends and technologies develop.

**Tuesday, October 13, 2020 - 1:00 - 2:30pm**

[Click here to Register](#)

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