



Tri County Council
For Western Maryland

Council Connections

Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties
December 9, 2021



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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 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!

Offer Expires December 31, 2021

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

Contact Chris Funk Today!

New Program Launched to Deliver Energy Benefits For Rural Businesses & Farms in Maryland

Rural Maryland Council (RMC-MAERDAF) has awarded grant funds for a Capacity Building Project developed by three collaborators, FEWSS Project (Forest Glen Commonwealth, Inc.), MARBIDCO and Maryland Clean Energy Center. Each is a not-for-profit, non-political organization with deep roots in serving Maryland businesses, farms, and communities.

The program, "**Smart Energy Investments with Bottom-Line Benefits**" (SEI-BLB) will provide education, tools, coaching, action-support, energy audits and other services to rural businesses and farms.

During the last several years, many businesses' profitability has been shrinking, whether due to COVID-19, commodity price crunches, supply-chain challenges, and other reasons. Our SEI-BLB project is intended to deliver to rural businesses the information, tools, and navigational services needed for businesses and farms to reduce their cost of electricity by making smart investments in energy efficient assets or renewable energy systems.

Click [here](#) for the full Press Release.

Health Department Asking Employers for Input on Opioids in the Workplace

The Maryland Department of Health has awarded a grant to the University of Maryland, Baltimore to develop an online resource toolkit to assist Maryland employers address problems such as workplace safety and supporting employees struggling with opioid use disorder. Maryland employers are being asked to complete a brief online anonymous survey, the responses to which will be critical in creating the toolkit.

Response Deadline: Friday, December 17, 2021

Read more and access the survey



Upcoming Webinars

Success Strategies for Choosing a Franchise Business

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

1:00 - 2:30 PM

Click [here](#) for full details and to Register.

Wellness in the Workplace

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

2:00 - 3:30 PM

Click [here](#) for full details and to Register.

To view the full Webinar Events Calendar, follow [this link](#).

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