



Council Connections

Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties
May 5, 2022



2023 Grant Opportunities Now Available

The story of rural Maryland is one of hard work and resilience. As a stakeholder, your collaboration shapes the next chapter of the narrative. The Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund (RMPIF) accelerates entrepreneurship, health care delivery, and infrastructure development in a powerful way. By making targeted investments in economic and community development programs, the RMPIF grant program addresses critical challenges and moves rural Maryland forward.

Awarding over \$2.7 million in grant funding in FY 2022, RMPIF delivers a far-reaching impact to rural communities. If you're a higher education institution, nonprofit, or local government that's invigorating **health care**, **entrepreneurship**, or **infrastructure** regionally or statewide, please [click here](#) to review application criteria, or **share this email** with a partner organization. The grant process opened on **April 25**. [The Rural Maryland Council](#) celebrates your commitment to our communities!



**Next CoHort Now Forming
Virtual Lean Peer Group #24
June 2022 - May 2023**

Maryland World Class Consortia has held regional Lean Peer Groups throughout Maryland since 2012. This program is now available to organizations regardless of company location. Lean applies to any type of organization and processing environment. Whether you are a manufacturer, distributor, service organization, or a non-profit, this program should be part of your Continuous Improvement plan. Revamp and re-energize your Lean strategy by networking with and learning from others who are committed to creating a Lean culture.

For Program Details and Registration follow [this link](#).



Apply Now for the Appalachian Leadership Institute

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) is seeking 40 fellows from all 13 Appalachian states, and all walks of community life, for the Class of 2022-2023. ALI is a FREE leadership and economic development program designed to help anyone who lives or works in Appalachia gain skills to strengthen their community. From October 2022 – July 2023, participants will attend six multi-day seminars across the Region, and end with a capstone graduation event held in Washington, DC.
Apply by June 1 at arc.gov/leadership.

Follow [this link](#) to Learn More



Access to Capital for Women

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

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

Ensure Your Small Business is Properly Insured

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

10:00 AM - 11:15 AM

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

Visit the [SBDC Training Calendar](#) for more Event Opportunities

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