



Council Connections

Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties
December 8, 2022



Maryland Department of Planning

Governor's Smart Growth Subcabinet to Hold a Virtual Public Forum on Wednesday, December 14 at 1:00pm

Significant accomplishments have occurred over the eight years of the Hogan Administration to advance sustainable growth that supports a strong economy and environmental stewardship across all of Maryland. Please join the Smart Growth Subcabinet agencies to hear about the work of the subcabinet to collaborate with local leaders, connect local communities to state resources, and achieve results across the state.

Following these important updates, the Smart Growth Subcabinet will hold the biannual public forum. This will be an opportunity for elected leaders and planning officials to discuss with the subcabinet local government issues relating to activities that affect smart growth, development, neighborhood conservation, and resource management.

To Read the Full Announcement and to Register, follow [this link](#).



Maryland Launches Telework Assistance Program for Small Businesses

The Maryland Department of Commerce has launched a new program to assist small businesses with retaining and creating jobs across the state. Funded with \$1 million from Governor Larry Hogan's Fiscal Year 2023 Budget, the **Business Telework Assistance Grant Program** will provide grants of up to \$25,000 to help businesses expand telework capabilities for their employees. These grants will help applicants purchase the equipment necessary to develop and implement telework policies, including hardware, software, and technical services.

Eligible businesses must meet the following criteria to be considered:

- Be in the process of developing a telework policy that conforms to the best practices established by the **Office of Telework Assistance** within the Department of Commerce;
- Be an existing business in good standing with the state of Maryland; and
- Have a physical location in Maryland.

Applications are now available and will be accepted through **January 6, 2023**.
For more information and to apply online, **[click here](#)**.

Tri-County Council Relocates Office

Tri-County Council for Western Maryland announces the relocation of our offices from Frostburg to Cumberland, Maryland. As the Council commemorates its 50th Anniversary in 2022, we are excited to continue the celebration at 11 S. Lee Street, Cumberland, MD 21502.

Please be sure to update our address in your contact information. Our phone number, fax number, and email addresses remain the same.



How to Research Your Business Competition

December 8, 2022

1:00 PM - 2:15 PM

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

Email - The Ticking Timebomb In Your Inbox

December 13 2022

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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

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