



## Council Connections

Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties  
January 18, 2024



### **Applications are now open for funding through ARC Investments Supporting Partnerships In Recovery Ecosystems (INSPIRE) Initiative**

Recently, the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), a federal-state partnership working to strengthen economic growth and community development in 13 Appalachian states, issued a **Notice of Solicitation of Applications (NOSA) for its Investments Supporting Partnerships in Recovery Ecosystems (INSPIRE) initiative.**

The grant program addresses the region's substance use disorder (SUD) crisis with investments in the creation and expansion of a SUD recovery ecosystem that helps facilitate workforce entry and re-entry.

Awards issued through the INSPIRE Initiative will support a wide variety of projects on the post-treatment to employment continuum including investments in healthcare networks to better meet the needs of SUD recovery professionals.

For more information on this initiative and how to apply, please visit [this link](#).

To learn more about the ARC investments in Appalachian Maryland, follow [this link](#).

### **The Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA) FY 2025 Grant Program**

Maryland Heritage Areas Authority - Deadline: January 26, 2024

The MHAA FY 2025 grant round for capital and non-capital heritage tourism projects that will begin in July 2024 is now open. Begin the required first step in the application process by filling out the [Intent to Apply](#) form, due by 11:59 PM on January 26, 2024.

Financial incentives for the Maryland Heritage Areas Program are awarded by the [Maryland Heritage Areas Authority \(MHAA\)](#). To apply, an applicant must meet both of the following criteria:

Non-profits in good standing with Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation, local jurisdictions, state and federal agencies.

Projects that take place within the boundaries of a Certified Heritage Area, and are consistent with the goals, objectives, strategies, and actions outlined in the heritage area's planning documents.

For more information and complete details, follow [this link](#).



### **Moving Beyond the Elevator Pitch**

January 23, 2024

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

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

### **New Year, New Message-Plan Your Marketing for 2024**

January 25, 2024

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

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

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