



# Council Connections

Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties  
February 22, 2024



## READY Local Governments Training Program

The *READY Local Governments Training Program* helps local government leaders develop the skills needed to implement federally-funded projects in Appalachian communities. Learn about:

- Project Identification, Research, and Planning
- The Grant Lifecycle
- Federal Grant Application Development
- Community Engagement
- Federal Grant Regulations and Compliance
- Federal Grant Financial and Risk Management

After completing nine weeks of virtual training in spring 2024, participants can apply for up to \$50,000 in funding (no match required) to implement capacity-building projects that will help them better serve communities.

**Apply by February 29  
for training and  
funding opportunities!**



Scan the QR code to learn more about *READY Local Governments Federal Grant Management Training Program*



## Summit Financing Solutions

*Helping you get there*

Tri-County Council for Western Maryland is offering qualified businesses that are located in Allegany, Garrett and Washington counties **low** interest financing through Summit Financing Solutions Revolving Loan Fund Program.

**Apply now through April 30, 2024!**

- Interest rates 5% for the first five years
- Loan amounts from \$10,000 to \$500,000
- Eligible purposes include: business acquisition, owner occupied commercial real estate and equipment purchases, and business start-up costs
  - Terms up to 15 years
- Loan under \$25,000, quick turnaround time & flexible terms

**Businesses must meet the following criteria to be eligible:**

- 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

By securing a loan through our program, your business is eligible to apply for a technical assistance grant up to \$7,500, while funds are available. Grants can be used to provide professional services such as website and social media development, industry specific training, and financial consulting.

**Start the Conversation Today!**

Contact Chris Funk, Business Development Loan Officer, at 301-689-1300 or [cfunk@tccwmd.org](mailto:cfunk@tccwmd.org).



### **Financial Reports: The Three Most Important Financial Reports You Need to Run Your Business**

February 22, 2024

10:00 AM - 11:15 AM

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

### **Navigating The Financial Landscape: A Guide To Tailored Funding Solutions for Small Businesses**

February 28, 2024

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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