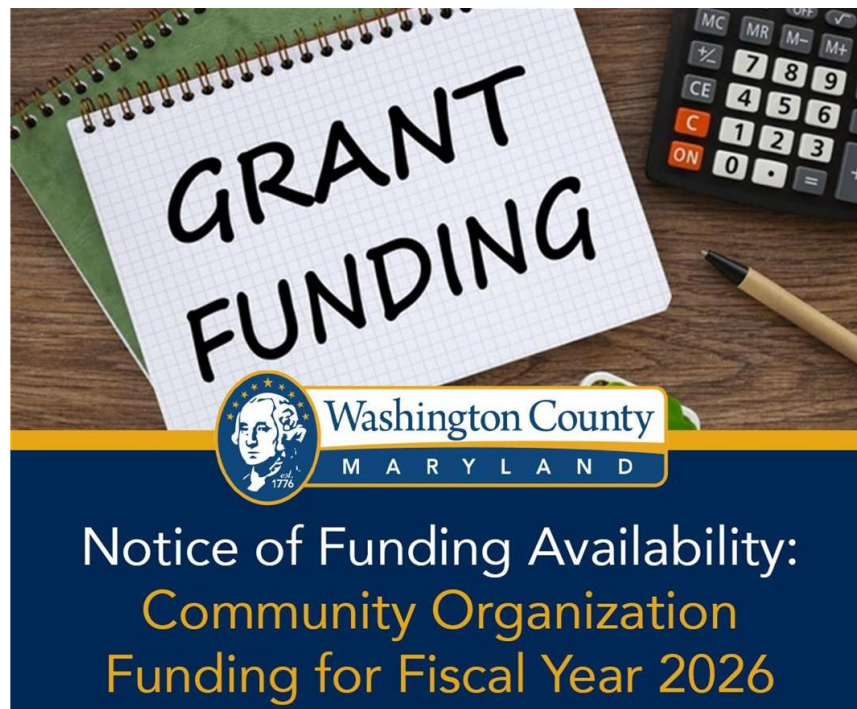




Council Connections

Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties
November 7, 2024



The **Washington County Office of Grant Management** (OGM), on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, is excited to announce the opening of the Fiscal Year 2026 Community Organization Funding (COF) application process. This initiative aims to support eligible nonprofit organizations within Washington County that enhance community welfare and contribute to the overall quality of life for residents.

To qualify for COF, organizations must appear on the Recognized Non-Profit list, in accordance with the Code of Public Local Laws § 1-108. If your organization received this announcement, it is already on the Recognized Non-Profit list and may be eligible for funding consideration. For additional eligibility information, please consult the COF Application Guidelines and Requirements for FY 2026, available on the OGM website.

Starting November 1, 2024, the COF Guidelines, Requirements, and application forms are accessible online at [Washington County's Grant Management webpage](#).

Important Deadlines

Completed applications must be submitted by December 4, 2024, at 3:00 pm. Late submissions will not be accepted under any circumstances.

Support Available

OGM staff are available to answer questions and offer assistance throughout the application process. For support, please contact:

- **Kelcee Mace, Chief Financial Officer:** kmace@washco-md.net
- **Julie Mackereth, Senior Office Associate:** jmackereth@washco-md.net
- **Phone:** 240-313-2040

This funding opportunity represents the County's continued dedication to empowering nonprofit organizations that enrich our community. We encourage all eligible groups to apply.

Applications are due by Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.



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- 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:

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- 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.

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[Funding Program Resources Link
www.tccwmd.org](http://www.tccwmd.org)



In observance of Veteran's Day, Tri-County Council for Western Maryland will be closed on Monday, November 11, 2024.



A Roadmap To Your Professional Web Presence

November 11, 2024
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

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

Independent Contractors - What To Know No Matter On What Side You Are Positioned

November 14, 2024
10:00 AM - 11:15 AM

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

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