



Council Connections

Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties
November 27, 2024



Washington County

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Washington County, MD Announces
Agricultural Innovation & Equipment Grant
Opens Today

To learn more visit wcmd.info/ag-innovation-grant

WASHINGTON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION AND EQUIPMENT GRANT OPENING

The Washington County Department of Business and Economic Development is pleased to announce the launch of the Washington County Agricultural Innovation and Equipment Grant, a funding opportunity for farmers looking to expand or diversify their operations. Starting **today, Monday, November 25, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. EST**, farmers, agricultural businesses, and farm owners in Washington County are invited to apply for grants supporting the growth and advancement of their operations.

Applications will be available on the Department of Business and Economic Development's website at [Agricultural Innovation and Equipment Grant - Washington County](#). The grant application window will remain open from **November 25, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. EST until December 6, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. EST**.

Eligible applicants may request funding ranging from \$1,000 to \$25,000. Potential uses for these grants include business planning, expanding marketing efforts, developing value-added products, enhancing conservation and research initiatives, upgrading agricultural structures, and purchasing essential equipment or fixtures.

Applications will be reviewed and evaluated according to predefined criteria and prioritized on a first-come, first-served basis. Eligibility requirements, funding limitations, and guidelines on grant usage apply.

Completed applications, along with required documentation, should be submitted via email to AglInnovation@washco-md.net. For questions about the program or eligibility, please contact AglInnovation@washco-md.net.



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 December 31, 2024!

- Interest rates 5% for the first five years
- Loan amounts from \$10,000 to \$1,000,000
- 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!

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Summit Financing Solutions

Tri-County Council for Western Maryland offers a variety of programs for businesses through Summit Financing Solutions that can assist in securing financing for a project that would not be possible in the commercial market alone.

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





In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday, Tri-County Council for Western Maryland will be closed on Thursday, November 28, 2024 and Friday, November 29, 2024.



New Year - New Budget: Effective Digital Marketing Budgets and Strategies for 2025

December 10, 2024

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

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

Making a Case for Home-Based Businesses - Why Should You?

December 11, 2024

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

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

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

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