



Council Connections

Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties
December 26, 2024

ELEVATE Internship for Appalachian Students

When: June 2-July 25, 2025
Where: Washington, D.C.

ELEVATE is a paid internship opportunity at the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) headquarters in Washington, D.C. Participants will cultivate meaningful ties with Appalachia, ready themselves for fulfilling careers within the region, and engage with local economic development partners in their community.

Apply by February 28, 2025!

Consider applying if you are a student or recent graduate who is:

- From one of Appalachia's 13 HBCUs,
- a first-generation college student, or
- living in, or from, an economically distressed or at risk Appalachian county.

Immerse yourself in an eight-week experience working with one of four ARC divisions on projects that will introduce you to Appalachian economic development and cultivate professional skills.

Participants are not only paid, but will also receive employer-sponsored housing and commuter benefits.

HBCU Student Success Story
After completing the ELEVATE Internship program, Alabama A&M alum Gabrielle accepted an offer to work as a business analyst at Pathway Lending in Tennessee. ARC is proud to support her along her career journey.

Learn more

ELEVATE: Internships at ARC

ELEVATE is a **paid summer internship opportunity** where Appalachian students and recent graduates will cultivate meaningful ties with the region, ready themselves for fulfilling careers within Appalachia and engage with local economic development partners within their communities.

This year, up to four interns will spend **June 2 to July 25, 2025** working with ARC staff in four divisions: business and workforce investment, critical infrastructure, technical assistance and general counsel.

Participants will not only be compensated but also receive employer-sponsored housing at a D.C. university, commuting benefits, and have educational explorations of D.C. landmarks.

Applications are now being accepted for summer 2025 internship cohort! All current students and recent graduates attending a two- or four-year college or university in the Appalachian Region are eligible to apply.

Applications are due February 28, 2025.

To learn more and to apply visit arc.gov/Elevate



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 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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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



Planning for Business Ownership in 2025

January 9, 2025

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

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

Building Strong Foundations for Your Business Marketing

January 14, 2025

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

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

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