



## Council Connections

Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties  
January 23, 2025



### Maryland Heritage Area Grants FY26 Grant

The Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA) FY26 grant round is now open! Over \$5 million in matching grant funding is available for capital and non-capital heritage projects across Maryland's 13 heritage areas. This opportunity is for projects beginning in July 2025.

Go to [https://bit.ly/MHAA\\_GrantProgram](https://bit.ly/MHAA_GrantProgram) to confirm your eligibility, review the grant guidelines, and begin the required first step in the application process: completing the **Intent to Apply form, due January 27, 2025 by 11:59pm.**

Complete applications are due by 11:59 pm on March 3, 2025

A recorded webinar is available for you to learn more about this grant opportunity: <https://youtu.be/in52Wtj0PmE>. Potential applicants are also strongly encouraged to attend an upcoming virtual Q&A session to ask questions and discuss your project ideas with MHAA staff.

#### Virtual Q&A Sessions (via Google Meet, connection details on the MHAA webpages)

Be prepared to ask detailed questions about your project, general questions about the program, or just listen in:

Friday, February 21 from 10am to 11am  
Video meeting link: <https://meet.google.com/xfafyqw-ue>

[https://mht.maryland.gov/Documents/grants/Grants\\_MHAA\\_Guidelines](https://mht.maryland.gov/Documents/grants/Grants_MHAA_Guidelines)



**Franchise - A Business Ownership Option**

February 6, 2025  
1:00 PM - 2:15 PM

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

**Risk Management-Planning For A Successful 2025**

February 12, 2025  
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

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

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