



**Council Connections**

**Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties**

**June 2, 2025**

## **Small Business Flood Recovery Loans**



**up to \$20,000 | 0% interest | 2-5 year term**

- to assist with flood recovery, including clean up/ remediation costs, equipment / inventory replacement, and loss of business revenue
- for Allegany, Garrett, and Washington County businesses affected by flooding on May 13, 2025
- fast approval for qualified businesses
- email [relief@tccwmd.org](mailto:relief@tccwmd.org) or call 301-689-1300 for more information and loan application form



Yesterday, at the 2025 Community Transportation Association of America's (CTAA) National Roadeo in San Diego California, **Garrett County's Joseph (Matt) Paugh** became the first national champion from our state since 2009. The Roadeo is a combined driving course skills challenge, simulated pre-trip inspection, wheelchair securement, and written exam pitting over 60 of the nation's best drivers. Matt achieved the highest overall score of any driver competing in either the 35 foot bus or body on chassis division. Matt was also awarded with CTAA's prestigious Driver of the Year award, matching the Maryland one he received in 2017. Matt Paugh has also won the Maryland State Roadeo hosted by TAM six times, including the previous five in a row.

Also competing with distinction at the national Roadeo were Joel Johnson and Leslie Eyler of Carroll County's Ride with Us and Bruce Alexander of Cecil Transit.

**Congratulations Matt!**

### **Support Available for Performing Arts Organizations**

Performing Arts Funding Grant Program  
Application deadline: August 31, 2025  
Grant amount: Up to \$5,000

Description: ETC, an events lighting technology company, provides charitable support for the performing arts in the United States through the Performing Arts Funding Grant Program. Grants of up to \$5,000 are available to U.S.-based nonprofit organizations

engaged in the performing arts. Preference is given to organizations producing their own work rather than to hosting venues.

For eligibility details and to apply, follow [this link](#).

(ETC's [Light the Way Equipment Grant Program](#) also provides equipment support to organizations that train technical and design professionals in the performing arts. A number of package options are available, including gear such as consoles, LED spotlights, LED washlights, LED CYC fixtures, LED retrofit options, moving lights, and more. Equipment grant applications are due July 15, 2025.)



**Repurposing: Content Using AI: Work Smarter, Not Harder**

June 4, 2025

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Cost: Free

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

**Profit First: How to Manage Your Money So Your Business Pays YOU**

June 11, 2025

10:00 AM - 11:15 AM

Cost: Free

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

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