



Council Connections

Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties
July 24, 2025

Tri-County Council for Western Maryland Seeking Responses to Regional Business Loan Programs' Survey

The Tri-County Council for Western Maryland (TCCWMD) is reaching out to the business community in Garrett, Allegany, and Washington counties because ***your feedback*** is important! We hope you'll take 5 minutes to complete this short survey by Friday August 15th.

The TCCWMD is embarking on a journey to examine its business loan programs and the purpose behind its role as a financial lender in the region. Your input in this process is **critical**.

The TCCWMD has served this region for over 50 years, supporting regional economic and community development initiatives throughout Garrett, Allegany, and Washington counties. It has evolved, adapted, and grown over that time, and TCCWMD knows it must continue to do so to ensure the needs of our region are addressed in a strategic, impactful, and intentional way.

With that in mind, TCCWMD has hired PPR Strategies to support its efforts to examine its two loan programs - the Revolving Loan Program and the SLoT program. TCCWMD's goal through this process is to clearly define its role and purpose in supporting small businesses and entrepreneurs in Western Maryland to ensure its loan programs are designed to address real needs and financing gaps in the communities it serves.

That's why we need to hear from you! Input from the business community will help us better understand business financing needs in our region and how TCCWMD can adapt its programs and engagement in the region to meet ***your*** needs.



ARC is excited to co-host our annual conference, **Appalachian Places: Growing Local Economies**, with the State of Maryland. Join us at **Frostburg State University** in Frostburg, Maryland on **October 6-7, 2025!**

Registration will open later this summer.

This year, our annual conference will focus on growing place-based economies. Attendees will hear from Appalachian leaders on these programming tracks:

- Creating Paths for Future Success
- Leveraging Local Assets to Drive Economies
- Training Workers for Shifting Economies
- Igniting Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Fostering Community Well-Being



Maryland Manufacturing 4.0 Grant Program Opens August 1, 2025

The Maryland Manufacturing 4.0 grant program provides grants to small and mid-sized Maryland manufacturers to invest in Industry 4.0-related technologies, machinery and robotics, and digital business practices in order to remain competitive and drive growth.

Applications for the 2026 program will **open on August 1, 2025** and will close **August 29, 2025**.

Informational webinars will be held on July 17, 2025 at 1PM and July 29, 2025 at 10AM. Advance registration is required.

[CLICK HERE](#) for additional information on the program.



Cybersecurity Vulnerabilities and Process Frameworks for Manufacturing

July 29, 2025

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Cost: Free

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

Marketing & Branding for Business Success: Build, Grow and Stand Out

July 31, 2025

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Cost: Free

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

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