



Council Connections

Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties

July 31, 2025

Request for Proposals (RFP)

Professional Grant Writing Services & Grant Implementation

Western Maryland Brownfields Assessment Grant

Due Date and Time:

August 29, 2025 by 12:00 noon ET

Deadline to Submit Questions:

August 12, 2025 by 12:00 noon ET

Deliver documents to:

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Introduction & Background

The Tri County Council for Western Maryland is seeking a qualified environmental and/or planning consulting firm to provide assistance with:

- (1) Development and submission of an application for an EPA Brownfields Assessment Coalition grant on behalf of Tri County Council for Western Maryland for environmental assessment, planning, and community engagement activities in the target areas of Washington, Allegany, and Garrett Counties in Maryland.
- (2) Implementation of the environmental assessment, planning, and community engagement activities should the EPA Brownfields Assessment be awarded.

The U.S. EPA defines brownfields as "properties that contain or may contain a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant, complicating efforts to expand, redevelop or reuse them." Tri County Council for Western Maryland is seeking funding from the U.S. EPA for assessment, community engagement, and planning activities on brownfields sites in areas identified as target areas and throughout its geographic service area. Tri County Council for Western Maryland will be the lead project manager of the intended grant award.

Follow [this link](#) for complete details.

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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



Cash Flow Confidence: A Smarter Approach to Paying Yourself and Growing Your Business

August 13, 2025

10:00 AM - 11:15 AM

Cost: Free

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

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

August 13, 2025

1:00 PM - 2:15 PM

Cost: Free

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

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