



Council Connections

Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties

January 8, 2026



Maryland Heritage Areas Program

FY27 Funding Grant Cycle Open

The FY27 Maryland Heritage Areas Program Project Grant round is open as of December 19, 2025. A full webinar is available [here](#) to learn more about this opportunity. All applicants are required to submit an initial Intent to Apply (ITA) form which is due by 11:59pm on February 2, 2026. [Click here](#) to begin your ITA. Full applications are due in the grants portal by 11:59pm on March 31, 2026.

Instructions on how to set up an account in the grants portal and answers to frequently asked questions can be found [here](#).

To continue an existing saved application, access the grants portal [here](#).

For additional help, please attend one of our virtual Q&A sessions:

Virtual Q&A Sessions

Thursday, January 22, 2026 | 11:00am-12:00pm

Video call link: "<https://meet.google.com/fkk-ccow-ttf>

Or dial: (US) +1 443-424-3802 PIN: 179 281 821#

Friday, February 20, 2026 | 12:00-1:00pm

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/sdk-bmeo-zje>

Or dial: (US) +1 478-324-0848 PIN: 839 842 304#

In Person Q&A Session & Grant Writing Workshop with Rural Maryland Council

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 | 10:00am-3:00pm

Waterfowl Building in Easton, Maryland

RSVP at tiny.cc/easternshoregrants



2026 Schedule of Meetings

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

Allegany County - location to be determined

4:30 pm Networking Reception

5:00 pm Business Meeting

2025 Year in Review

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Garrett County - location to be determined

4:30 pm Networking Reception

5:00 pm Business Meeting

FY27 Project Package

Wednesday, December 2, 2026

Washington County - location to be determined

4:30 pm Networking Reception

5:00 pm Business Meeting

2027 Work Plan and Budget

2027 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy



What's Changing in 2026?

Tax Law Updates Every Maryland Business Owner Must Know

January 14, 2026

10:00 AM - 11:15 AM

Cost: Free

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

Swipe Smart: The Credit Game Explained for Business Owners

January 20, 2026

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Cost: Free

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

Visit the [SBDC Training Calendar](#) for more Event Opportunities

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