



Council Connections

Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties
June 4, 2026



Governor Moore Announces Maryland Community Investment Venture Fund Awards and Maryland Opportunity Accounts to Expand Financial Opportunity in Maryland Communities

Governor Wes Moore and Lt. Governor Aruna Miller recently announced the first two awards from the [Maryland Community Investment Venture \(MCIV\) Fund](#), designed to expand access to capital and financial tools for more businesses in low- to moderate-income communities in Maryland. The MCIV Fund supports dynamic new partnerships between Maryland community banks and credit unions and financial technology partners to enable local small businesses to access financial products and services.

Lt. Governor Miller joined state leaders, financial institutions, fintech innovators, and community advocates at Maryland's Access to Capital Forum to announce the grant award partnerships for this round, which include **First United Bank & Trust (Oakland, MD)** and Abrigo, Inc., partnering to streamline loan decisions, and Har-co Credit Union (Bel Air, MD) and LoanStar Technologies, Inc., working to help local businesses offer flexible financing options to customers directly at the point of sale.

For more information on the Maryland Community Investment Venture Fund, visit the Office of Financial Regulation's [website](#).



MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

MARYLAND PARK SERVICE

Day-Use Reservations Required for Several Maryland State Parks Through Labor Day Weekend

The Maryland Park Service is using the same reservation system as last year to prevent sudden capacity closures, long entrance lines, improve traffic flow, and create a more predictable visitor experience during peak visitation periods. **Under the system, advance reservations are required on weekends and holidays from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.**

Guests are encouraged to plan ahead when visiting Maryland State Parks by checking the online [Park Status Dashboard](#), which confirms if a park is open or has any important information for visitors.

Required day use reservations currently include the following:

[Garrett County - Swallow Falls State Park](#)

[Allegany County - Rocky Gap State Park](#)

[Washington County - Greenbrier State Park](#)

Reservations must be made online and the system is currently available to create reservations **seven days in advance of a visit**. Reservations may be edited or canceled until 8 a.m. the day before the visit at parkdayuse.maryland.gov.

Regular day-use fees will be paid at the time of reservation using credit or debit cards or other online payment methods. Visitors with Maryland Annual Park Passes, Golden Age Passes, or who qualify for free entry as veterans or individuals with disabilities still need to make reservations, and will have their status verified upon entry to the park. Park staff may also adjust and require additional payment based on the actual number of visitors who arrive.

Reservations are not required for non-holiday weekdays; customers may pay for day-use entry at the gatehouse upon arrival.

Other parks will be added to the day use reservations system in the immediate future.



Tax Planning & Wealth-Building Strategies for Small Business Owners

June 9, 2026

1:00PM - 2:00PM

Cost: Free

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

AI Advantage For Business Owners

The Benefits of AI for Small Business Owners

June 10, 2026

11:30AM - 12:30PM

Cost: Free

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