



## Council Connections

Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties  
July 2, 2026



### Local Governments: Apply Now for Training and Funding Access

Local government officials looking to better identify, secure, manage and implement federally funded economic development projects can apply now to [READY Local Governments](#).


During this virtual nine-week training program, participants will build skills alongside a cohort of other Appalachian officials.

Following successful completion of the training program, participating organizations are eligible to apply for up to \$50K in funding (no match required) to implement internal projects that help them address their communities' economic needs.

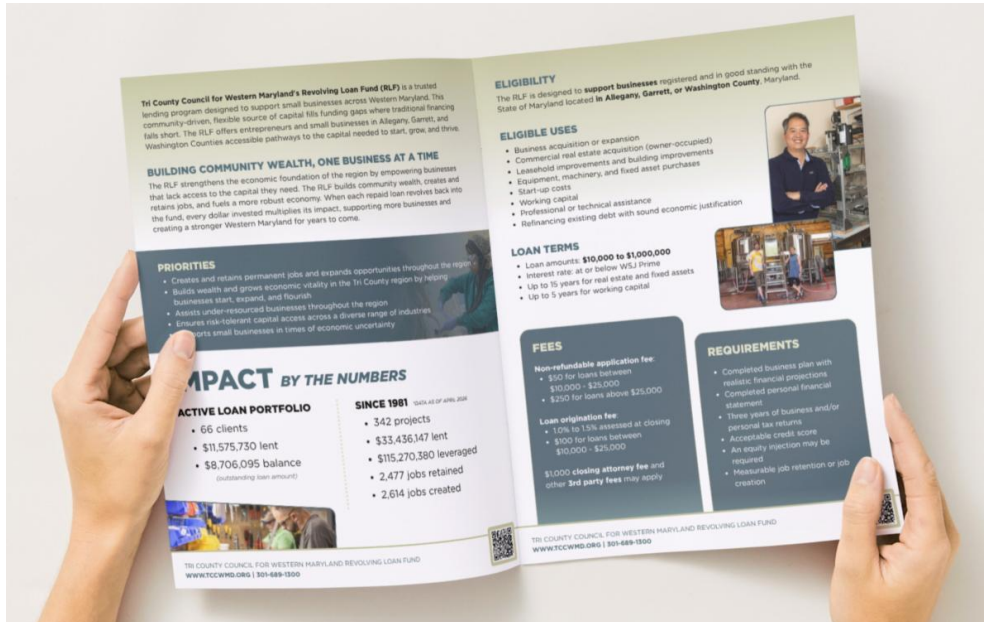
## Interested in applying?

 [Read the Notice of Solicitation of Applications.](#)

 [Register now for a pre-application webinar](#) on July 9 at 10:00 a.m. ET.

 [Submit an application](#) by 5:00 p.m. ET on July 31, 2026.

## Tri County Council for Western Maryland Revolving Loan Fund - What To Know



### ROLE

Tri County Council for Western Maryland's Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) is a trusted lending program designed to support small businesses across Western Maryland. This community-driven, flexible source of capital fills funding gaps where traditional financing falls short. The RLF offers entrepreneurs and small businesses in Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties accessible pathways to the capital needed to start, grow and thrive.

### PURPOSE

Tri County Council for Western Maryland's Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) strengthens the economic foundation of the region by empowering businesses that might lack access to the capital they need. By providing adaptable gap financing on reasonable terms, the RLF builds community wealth, creates and retains jobs and fuels a more robust economy. When each repaid loan revolves back into the fund, every dollar invested multiplies its impact, supporting more businesses and creating a stronger Western Maryland for years to come.

## PRIORITIES

- Create and retain permanent jobs and expand opportunity throughout the region
- Build wealth and grow economic vitality in the Tri County region by helping businesses start, expand and flourish
- Support under-resourced businesses throughout the region
- Ensure risk-tolerant capital access across a diverse range of industries
- Stand behind small businesses in times of economic uncertainty

For more details on the **Revolving Loan Fund Program**, contact Chris Funk, *Business Development Loan Officer* at [cfunk@tccwmd.org](mailto:cfunk@tccwmd.org).



### What to Expect from a Compliant Credit Restoration Service

July 8, 2026

1:00PM - 2:00PM

Cost: Free

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

### Employment Law 101 for Small Business Owners

July 9, 2026

10:00AM - 11:15AM

Cost: Free

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

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

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