



November 10, 2016

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Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties



Tri County Council
For Western Maryland

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Dates to Remember

Monday, December 12
TCCWMD Business Meeting
and Holiday Reception



Notice of Funding Availability

USDA Invites Applications for the Rural Business Development Grant Program

RBDG is a competitive grant designed to support targeted technical assistance, training, and other activities leading to the development or expansion of small and emerging private businesses in rural areas.

Including: Rural Business Enterprise Activities and Rural

Hub City Business Competition & Resource Fair

Interested in starting your own business? Are you an entrepreneur planning to start your own venture or an existing company looking to expand but need to know where to go and what to do next?

Then stop by the first annual **Hub City Business Competition and Resource Fair Thursday, November 17th - 6:00pm at Kepler Theater at Hagerstown Community College**. Event is **free** and open to the public. To more information and to pre-register visit www.hubcitybizcomp.com.

Business Opportunity Activities.
Deadline: December 16 by
4:30pm.

Strategic Economic and Community Development

This funding opportunity prioritizes projects that support the implementation of multi-jurisdictional plans. Many communities already work together to develop multi-jurisdictional plans with the help of strategic partners including non-profit organizations, institutions of higher education, university extensions, regional authorities, coalitions of counties/towns and federal special initiative coalitions. Communities are incentivized to align resources, develop long-term community and economic growth strategies and engage federal, state and local partners.

Support for Oral Healthcare Initiatives for Children

Foundation of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry: Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children is an initiative of the Foundation of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, committed to improving the quality of pediatric oral health in the United States. Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children Grants support dentist-led, community-based initiatives throughout the country that provide dental care and ultimately serve as a Dental Home to underserved children.

Special consideration will be given to initiatives that support the age-one dental visit, provide care to special needs patients, and address the needs of specific underserved demographic groups. Single-year grants of up to \$20,000 are provided. Online proposals must be submitted by December 15, 2016. Visit the Foundation's [website](#) to review the grant guidelines.

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BUSINESS COMPETITION
& RESOURCE FAIR

OVER \$10,000 in Cash/Prizes

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HUB CITY BUSINESS COMPETITION & RESOURCE FAIR
WIN DOOR PRIZES!! RSVP BEFORE 11/15

What - Local Business Pitch Competition/Resource Fair For Entrepreneurs
When - Thurs. November 17th 6:00pmEST
Where - Kepler Theater at Hagerstown Community College
Why - To support local entrepreneurship in Washington County, MD
Who - Event is free and open to the public! RSVP online!

PRE-REGISTER ONLINE
WWW.HUBCITYBIZCOMP.COM

Sponsors:

Exhibiting Providers Include:

Antietam Cable Television, Inc. 50th Anniversary 1966 - 2016
First Data, M&T Bank, A&T, HUB LABELS, TEDCO, Graphics Universal Incorporated, what's NXT, HAGERSTOWN WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER of Commerce, Washington County MD, TIC, AMERICA'S SBDC, SCORE Hagerstown, FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY, DHCD, Community Economic Development Management, Maryland State Council for Women, DHCD, Frostburg State University, TEDCO

Input for Maryland's Five-Year Human Services Transportation Plan



The Maryland Transit Administration and the State Coordinating Committee for Human Services Transportation, with assistance from the KFH Group, are in the

process of updating **Maryland's Five-Year Human Services Transportation Plan**. A component of this update will be an inventory and assessment of existing human services transportation available to citizens around the State.

Please take the time to complete the survey available through [this link](#) that seeks information on the transportation services provided by your organization (if applicable) and your input on unmet transportation needs in your area.

While you will be able to start the survey and come back to it as long as you are working from the same computer, before starting the survey it will be useful to have this information readily available: **the number of people served by your organization, and specifics on the transportation services provided to them, financial and operating data related to the transportation services provided by your organization, a current vehicle inventory, funding sources that supported your transportation services in the past fiscal year, any unmet transportation needs typically expressed by the people you serve (or their families) and your coworkers.**

Depending on the extent of your transportation services this survey will take between 30-60 minutes to complete, though again you may start and stop as long as you working from the same computer. **Please complete this important survey by November 21, 2016.**

If you have any questions on the survey please contact the KFH Group by [email](#) or 301-951-8660.