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Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties



Tri County Council  
For Western Maryland

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Wednesday April 22nd  
TCC Board Meeting  
Cumberland Country Club  
5:00 pm



The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development ([DHCD](#)) has been awarded \$350,000 to support the expansion of lending and technical assistance services in Appalachian Maryland. The AEDI will forge a partnership between Tri-County Council for Western Maryland ([TCCWMD](#)) and the Natural Capital Investment Fund ([NCIF](#)) to enhance work with small businesses and agricultural enterprises in underserved communities. Outcomes include: increasing public and private investments in Appalachian Maryland's small business community so community lenders are adequately capitalized; more skilled entrepreneurs; providing for deeper market penetration by existing lenders; and increased quality of employment and tax revenue from more numerous and more profitable small businesses.

TCCWMD will deploy \$1 million in capital to at least two businesses within the target market and create or retain 73 jobs. Proposed leverage for this project is \$2 million.



**Ready, Set, Go!  
Are You Ready To Start A Business?**

This seminar is specifically designed for small businesses in the planning phase of building a company. You will learn the "nuts & bolts" of becoming an entrepreneur! Additional information is shared with the participant on the SBDC, its' services, what one can expect when entering the business world, the business plan, finance management, funding sources, marketing...a guide to beginning a successful future in a business world.

April 21, 2015

10:00 am -11:30 am

Garrett Information Enterprise Center, Room 103  
685 Mosser Road, McHenry, MD, 21541

Free of Charge! However, you must register as seating is limited plus your contact information is needed in case of change in plan for the session!

To register, please click [here](#)

For more information, call 888.237.9007, ext. 2



For the past several months the Rural Maryland Council has been traveling across the state to ask citizens what their aspirations are for Rural Maryland.

They have woven their answers into a video that has been uploaded onto YouTube:



### Rural Aspirations

This conversation about aspirations is a good one to have, not only in Rural Maryland, but also throughout our great state.

What are your aspirations?  
Visit [www.ruralmdaspirations.com](http://www.ruralmdaspirations.com) to be a part of the conversation.

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