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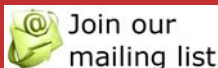
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### Maryland Value Added Producer Grants for Capital Assets Now Available

The Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation ([MARBIDCO](#)) has announced a grant funding opportunity to encourage Maryland's agricultural producers to expand or diversify their business operations by installing capital assets to make a product that is "value added." Eligible applicants must be a crop or livestock producer or processor, agricultural cooperative, seafood processor, or primary or secondary timber products processor, and have been in business for a minimum of two years.

Applicants can receive up to \$15,000 for projects such as production buildings and major fixtures, livestock or seafood processing facilities, fruit or vegetable processing facilities, creamery production equipment, timber or wood products facilities and manure digesters. Cash matching funds are required, and must be at least equal to the amount of grant funds requested.

The submission deadline for applicants seeking to receive MVAPG-Capital Assets Option grants from MARBIDCO is **Tuesday, June 2, 2015**; by 4:00 p.m. (Applications received in the mail with a Saturday, May 30, 2015, postmark will also be accepted). Grant award announcements will be made by early August. Late

applications will not be accepted.

Please visit the [MARBIDCO](#) website for more information and to download the MVAPG-Capital Assets Option application form. Questions about the MVAPG-Capital Assets Option Program may also be addressed by contacting Andra Davis, MARBIDCO Financial Programs Specialist, at (410) 267-6807.



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### **Integrating Transportation in Maryland TRIP Statewide Expansion Project**

Continuing its efforts to centralize transportation information to facilitate commutes across the region, the [TRIP](#) Statewide Expansion Project will expand the TRIP transit database to cover the whole state and develop data feeds to make Locally Operated Transit Systems (LOTS) service schedules available through Google transit trip planning.

The TRIP Statewide Expansion Project is a major step towards improving transportation in Maryland by centralizing all transportation information at the state level, allowing for trips to be planned related to medical transportation, access to jobs, tourism, and recreation purposes.

If you offer any transportation services in Maryland and would like to be listed in the TRIP database please visit [TRIP](#). If interested on getting assistance for developing data feeds for a transit service you operate, please contact: [Chris.Firehock@cmrtransit.org](mailto:Chris.Firehock@cmrtransit.org).

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