



FY2026 Grant Cycle



The Rural Maryland Council is excited to announce the opening of the Fiscal Year 2026 grant cycle on Monday, April 21, 2025. This is a two-phase process, with Phase I - Letter of Intent due by May 16, 2025 at 11:59 PM. We thank Governor Wes Moore, Senate President Bill Ferguson, Speaker Adrienne Jones, and members of the Maryland General Assembly for prioritizing \$6 million in funding for rural Maryland - an investment that will significantly impact the growth and sustainability of our rural communities.

Join us this spring at one of our five grant information sessions to learn more about our two grant programs: the Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund (RMPIF) and the Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance Fund (MAERDAF). Our first session will be held virtually, followed by four in-person sessions across the state. Lunch will be provided at in-person sessions.

| Location | Date | Time | Venue / Address | Registration |
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| Online – Zoom | Tuesday, April 22, 2025 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM | <i>Virtual Teleconference</i> | Register to Attend Here |
| Western Maryland | Thursday, April 24, 2025 | 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM | Fort Ritchie Community Center 14421 Lake Royer Drive Fort Ritchie, MD 21719 | Register to Attend Here |
| Lower Eastern Shore | Tuesday, April 29, 2025 | 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM | Germantown School Community Heritage Center 10223 Trappe Road Berlin, MD 21811 | Register to Attend Here |
| Upper Eastern Shore | Thursday, May 1, 2025 | 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM | Cecil College – Main Campus One Seahawk Drive Northeast, MD 21901 | Register to Attend Here |
| Southern Maryland | Tuesday, May 6, 2025 | 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM | United States Bomb Technician Association 4450 Indian Head Highway Indian Head, MD 20640 | Register to Attend Here |

Scan the QR code below for full information on RMC’s grant programs, including key dates and application guidelines.

