



**\$4.6M in Funding for Rural Food Access & Health Initiatives Now Open – Apply by May 15!**

The Rural Maryland Council (RMC) is pleased to announce the launch of a new grant program through Maryland’s Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP), with approximately \$4.6 million in funding available to support initiatives that improve access to healthy, locally sourced food across rural communities.

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**Two funding opportunities are available:**

- Food Aggregation – Build or expand systems that connect local farmers to larger buyers (schools, hospitals, retailers).
- Purchasing Strategy – Help institutions transition to buying more locally sourced, healthy foods.

Together, these funding opportunities strengthen Maryland’s local food system - supporting both the supply chain and institutional demand for locally produced, healthy food.


Eligible applicants include nonprofits, local governments, higher education institutions, and food system partners. Funding can support planning, infrastructure, equipment, and systems that strengthen local food access.

## Learn More - Information Session

Date: Thursday, April 30, 2026

Time: 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Location: Online (Zoom Teleconference)

 Register to attend [here](#)

RHTP Grant Resource can be found on the RMC grant opportunities webpage  
- [rural.maryland.gov](http://rural.maryland.gov)

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