

BUSINESS NEWS

Celebrating 2021 Economic Development Week - May 9-15, 2021!

Economic Development Week was created by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) in 2016 to increase awareness of local programs that create jobs, advance career development opportunities and improve the quality of life in communities.

This year, to celebrate Economic Development Week, the Calvert County Department of Economic Development is pleased to spotlight some of its valuable resource partners.



The Calvert County Minority Business Alliance (CCMBA)

Economic Development celebrates CCMBA because it is instrumental in creating minority business opportunities in the private sector, and with local, state and federal government agencies. CCMBA acts as an advocate for minority businesses and coordinates the efforts of commerce and industry to maintain and strengthen a sound healthy climate in Calvert County and Southern Maryland and conducts regular educational seminars and workshops for its members.

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Calvert County Chamber of Commerce

Economic Development celebrates the Calvert Chamber of Commerce because of the important role it plays in our business community. The Chamber allows local business owners the opportunity to network, market and promote their businesses through the Chamber's website as well as events hosted throughout the year.

The Chamber offers invaluable information for businesses including regular updates and information from resource partners, as well as information regarding business consulting, workforce development, economic development and capital investment. Chamber members enjoy a host of benefits, including events such as the Pre-Legislative Breakfast, the Post-Legislative Breakfast, the Chamber Golf Classic, the State of the County Breakfast, the Women to Women Summit and an Annual Awards Dinner.

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Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

Economic Development celebrates this organization because SBDC business consultants are an invaluable asset to businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs in Calvert County. The relationships, advice and knowledge that businesses gain when working with the SBDC is what many businesses need to thrive and grow.

The SBDC also provides training and business consultation for new and existing businesses. Designed for all stages of business development, themed workshops range from business planning and marketing, to how to comply with legal or tax issues and how to manage finances.

For assistance starting a new business in Calvert County or for guidance in managing or growing your existing Calvert County business, please contact:

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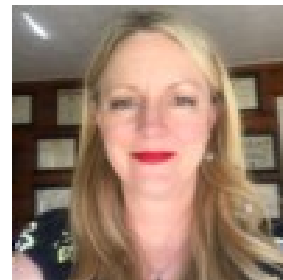
Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO)

Economic Development celebrates TEDCO because it provides Maryland entrepreneur funding, resources and connections that early stage technology and life sciences companies need to thrive. Its mission is to enhance economic development by fostering an inclusive and entrepreneurial innovation ecosystem; and to identify, invest in, and help grow technology companies in Maryland.

TEDCO's role is to be Maryland's leading source of funding for early-stage, technology-based businesses; to provide other business assistance to entrepreneurs throughout Maryland; and to foster technology transfer and commercialization from the state's universities and federal labs.

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Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland

Economic Development celebrates the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland because for over 55 years this organization has elevated the opportunities vital to our region's prosperity. From economic development to agriculture, workforce training to transportation, it provides Southern Maryland's citizens and businesses with resources for long-term growth. Priorities and programs are driven by real-time needs.

The Tri-County Council offers a vast array of services to the Southern Maryland region, including the operation of a workforce division that provides advocacy, training and support to businesses farmers and consumers. The council also makes transportation solutions for citizens, commuters and businesses a priority by overseeing programs and planning committees that advance these efforts.

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Announcing the Maryland Telework and Online Sales Grant

The Maryland Telework and Online Sales Grant Fund provides financial relief to locally owned and operated businesses that incurred expenses in order to establish or expand online sales and/or telework during the COVID-19 public health emergency. The relief program is funded through Maryland's RELIEF Act 2021. Repayment is not required for any funds received through the grant program. Grants will be awarded for reimbursement of up to \$2,000.

Eligibility Criteria

Review the expanded eligibility criteria and read the FAQs carefully prior to beginning the application process.

Maryland Telework and Online Sales Grant Fund FAQ (PDF)

Establishments must:

- Be a legally recognized business in good standing with the State of Maryland as determined by the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT);
- Be current on all county tax liabilities (paid in full);
- Have no outstanding/open zoning or permitting code enforcement issues with the county;
- Have been established and operating prior to March 9, 2020;
- Be located and currently open and operating in Calvert County; and
- Be a for-profit entity.

The portal will be available through 11:59 a.m. on Monday, May 17, 2021. (Closing date is subject to change based on the number of applications received.)

For questions or for more information email: grant@calvertcountymd.gov.