

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE FOR AGRICULTURE PROGRAMS

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Name of Program	Purpose	Eligibility	Assistance	Contact
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	To provide conservation planning and programs that can assist Maryland farmers in solving the natural resource concerns on their land.	Agricultural producers who are engaged in production of livestock or agricultural products. Must have produced and sold at least \$1,000 in products in a year; have an interesting a farming operation that is associated with the land being offered for enrollment in EQIP; have control of the land for the term of the proposed contract; be in compliance with USDA's highly erodible land and wetland conservation compliance provisions of the Farm Bill; for any entity, provide a list of members of the entity and embedded entities along with each member's Social Security Number and percentage interest.	Financial: Incentive payments; financial assistance to develop a management plan or implement conservation practices.	Jon Hall, 410-757-0861; (Fax) 410-757-0687.

USDA Rural Development

Name of Program	Purpose	Eligibility	Assistance	Contact
USDA Value-Added Producer Grants	To provide financial assistance for: planning activities, such as conducting feasibility studies and developing business plans for processing and marketing value-added agricultural products, and Working capital expenses for processing and marketing value-added agricultural products, including inventory, salaries, and office supplies.	Independent producers; farmer of rancher cooperatives; agricultural producer groups; majority-controlled, producer-based business ventures.	Financial: Grants.	USDA – Rural Development Business & Community Programs, 302-857-3625; http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/vadg.htm .
USDA Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Program	To help agriculture producers and rural businesses purchase and install renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements in rural areas.	Agriculture producer (individual or entity) directly engages in the production of agriculture products and obtains at least 50% of their gross income from their agriculture business; rural small business, in accordance with SBA's small business size standards.	Financial: Grants; guaranteed loans; and combination of grant/guaranteed loans.	USDA – Rural Development Business & Community Programs, 302-857-3625; http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs .
USDA Business and Industrial Guarantee Program (B&I)	To guarantee for-profit Business/Commercial loans that will create or save jobs in rural communities and counties.	Most businesses, including non-profits, not eligible under other Rural Development programs. Must save or create jobs.	Financial: Guaranteed loans.	USDA – Rural Development Business & Community Programs, 302-857-3625; http://www.rurdev.usda.gov .
USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program (RBEG)	To make grants to public bodies and private non-profits to facilitate development and expansion of small and emerging private business enterprises in rural areas of cities up to 25,000, and economically distressed communities. RBEG grant funds may be used to provide technical assistance, establish a revolving loan fund, support infrastructure and facility development benefiting small, rural businesses, create and save jobs through workforce training programs, fund feasibility studies for a new business development.	Public bodies and private non-profit corporations, which include incorporated towns and villages, boroughs, townships, counties, states, authorities, districts, and Indian tribes on Federal and State reservations and other federally recognized tribal groups in rural areas.	Financial: Grant funds, directed use.	Roberta Adams, 410-535-1521, ext. 108; http://www.rurdev.usda.gov .

USDA Rural Development's Community Facilities Programs	Finances projects involving health care (hospitals, clinics, nursing homes), public safety (police and fire stations, jails), telecommunications (medical and educational telecommunications links), and public services (adult and child care centers, courthouses, airports, fairgrounds).	Public entities (municipalities, counties, other public subdivisions, and special-purpose districts); federal recognized Indian Tribes; and non-profit organizations. Lender must be unwilling to make loan without obtaining a loan guarantee; loans are limited to unincorporated rural areas and incorporated towns of 50,000 or less.	Financial: Loan guarantees and grants.	USDA – Rural Development Business & Community Programs, 302-857-3625; http://www.rurdev.usda.gov .
USDA Intermediary Relending Program (IRP)	To alleviate poverty and increase economic activity and employment in rural communities. Emphasis is given to disadvantaged and remote communities, which finance small and emerging businesses, in partnership with other public and private resources.	State or local government or private nonprofit corporation with legal authority to perform the lending function proven record of successfully assisting rural business and industry.	Financial: Low Interest Loans.	USDA – Rural Development Business & Community Programs, 302-857-3625; http://www.rurdev.usda.gov .
USDA Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program	To stimulate technological innovations in the private sector; strengthen the role of small businesses in meeting Federal research and development needs; increase private sector commercialization of innovations derived from USDA-supported research and development efforts; and foster and encourage participation by women-owned and socially and economically disadvantaged small business firms in technological innovations.	Qualified small businesses that support high quality, advanced concepts research related to important scientific problems and opportunities in agriculture that could lead to significant public benefit if successful.	Financial: Grants.	http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/sbir.cfm .

US Small Business Administration

Name of Program	Purpose	Eligibility	Assistance	Contact
Small Business Administration 7(a) Loan Guarantee	Loan guarantee for working capital, purchase of assets, and refinancing of debt that would result in 20% decrease in monthly debt service on the refinanced amount.	any small business in a non-restricted industry. (ineligible uses of funds would include relending, real estate speculation, and adult entertainment)	Financial: Loan Guarantee	SBA-certified or SBA-preferred bank (most major banks are one of those two) or Chris Olson, 301-600-1967; (Fax) 301-600-2340; colson@fredco.md.net (http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/7a/index.html)
Small Business Administration 504 Loan Guarantee	provides small businesses access to the same type of long-term, fixed-rate financing enjoyed by larger firms. Interest rates are equivalent to favorable bond market rates.	Most Maryland businesses would be eligible for this loan program. The 504 Loan Program defines a business as small if its net worth is under \$7 million and net profits, after taxes, are under \$2.5 million. Almost any type of legitimate business is eligible for 504 financing, including manufacturing, wholesale, service, professional service or retail	Financial: Loan Guarantee	SBA-certified or SBA-preferred bank (most major banks are one of those two) or Chris Olson, 301-600-1967; (Fax) 301-600-2340; colson@fredco.md.net

REGIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR AGRICULTURE PROGRAMS

Northeast Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (SARE)

Name of Program	Purpose	Eligibility	Assistance	Contact
SARE Farmer/Grower Grants	To develop, refine, and demonstrate new sustainable techniques and to explore innovative ideas developed by farmers across the region. Information gained from these farm-based projects may be used to redirect research priorities.	Farmers in the Northeast SARE region with operations that have an established crop or animal product that is sold on a regular basis; primary activity must be to produce and sell food under the kinds of economic constraints that affect commercial growers. Many community-supported farms qualify, but farms where the primary mission is educational might not.	Financial: Grants.	Northeast SARE, 802-656-0471; (Fax) 802-656-0500; nesare@uvm.edu; http://www.uvm.edu/~nesare/FGinfo.html .
SARE Partnership Grants	To build knowledge farmers can use, to encourage the understanding and widespread use of sustainable techniques, and to strengthen partnerships among farmers, extension, non-governmental organizations, and NRCS personnel that support useful inquiries into how agriculture can be made more profitable through good stewardship.	Agricultural professionals who work directly with farmers-specifically Cooperative Extension, NRCS personnel, non-governmental organizations, and others operating in the farm community-who are interested in developing on-farm demonstration, research, or marketing projects related to sustainable agriculture. Sustainable agriculture is understood to be agriculture that is profitable, environmentally sound, and beneficial to the community.	Financial: Grants.	Northeast SARE, 802-656-0471; (Fax) 802-656-0500; nesare@uvm.edu; http://www.uvm.edu/~nesare/PARTinfo.html .

SARE Community Grants	<p>To reconnect rural revitalization and farming. Projects can address diverse issues such as land use, nutrition, employment, markets, education, farm labor, public policy, and environmental quality. We seek proposals that will bring together farmers, local government, citizens, community nonprofits, extension, civic and environmental organizations, and others who contribute to community vitality. Projects should support appropriate growth, improved quality of life, a cleaner environment, and farm diversity and profitability.</p>	<p>Community nonprofits; Cooperative Extension; local governments; educational institutions; planning boards; farming cooperatives; and incorporated citizens' groups.</p>	<p>Financial: Grants.</p>	<p>Northeast SARE, 802-656-0471; (Fax) 802-656-0500; nesare@uvm.edu; http://www.uvm.edu/~nesare/grants_scomm.htm.</p>
SARE Professional Development Grant Program	<p>Training the trainers, disseminating sustainable practices and technologies, advancing new training strategies, and developing an educational infrastructure that is directly linked to the practice and improvement of agricultural sustainability.</p>	<p>Cooperative Extension educators; other agricultural professionals.</p>	<p>Financial: Grants.</p>	<p>Northeast SARE, 802-656-0471; (Fax) 802-656-0500; nesare@uvm.edu; http://www.uvm.edu/~nesare/grants_PDP.htm.</p>
SARE Research and Education Grant Program	<p>Emphasis is on projects that lead directly to improved farming practices and an enhanced quality of life for farmers and rural communities. We fund projects that involve farmers and other stakeholders in planning, implementing, and evaluating the project; we also fund projects where research, Cooperative Extension, and education are closely linked.</p>	<p>Project activities and project impact must occur within the Northeast SARE region.</p>	<p>Financial: grants</p>	<p>Northeast SARE, 802-656-0471; (Fax) 802- 656-0500; nesare@uvm.edu; http://www.uvm.edu/~nesare/grants_PDP.htm.</p>

STATE ASSISTANCE FOR AGRICULTURE PROGRAMS

Agro-Ecology, Inc. Programs

Name of Program	Purpose	Eligibility	Assistance	Contact
Agro-Ecology Research Projects	To fund research projects that address the vision/core concept of the Center. That vision is to promote economically viable and environmentally sound agriculture and forestry as Maryland's preferred land use.	Pre-proposals must address one of the following three areas: 1) Sustaining agriculture and forestry in Maryland by supporting the Maryland strategic plans for both. 2) Identifying and developing integrated programs using land use tools as well as policies that address land use issues more effectively in order to retain Maryland's working lands . 3) Ensuring environmental improvements in agriculture and forestry by developing sustainability indicators and new practices	Financial: Grants.	Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology, Inc.: 410-827-6202; (Fax) 410-827-9039; agroecology@umd.edu; http://www.agroecol.umd.edu/Research/annualRFP.cfm .

The Annie E. Casey Foundation

Name of Program	Purpose	Eligibility	Assistance	Contact
Strengthening Rural Families Initiative	The Family Economic Success (FES) initiative of the Annie E. Casey Foundation helps low-income working families build strong financial futures by integrating three key components: (1) Workforce development – helping families obtain the skills and education necessary to get good jobs and build careers; (2) Family economic support – information, resources, policies and strategies to help families stabilize their income and build wealth assets; and (3) Community investment – investments and grant making in housing, facilities and business, and commercial development.	Non-profits; community-based or community-serving organizations or agencies located in Allegany, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Ken, Queen Anne's St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Washington, Wicomico, and Worcester counties.	Financial: Grants, public benefits, tax assistance in the form of credits and free tax assistance; Non-Financial: Financial planning and education, workforce training and support	Annie E. Casey Foundation, 410-547-3610; (Fax) 410-647-3610; webmail@aecf.org.

Maryland Agricultural & Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation

Name of Program	Purpose	Eligibility	Assistance	Contact
Installment Purchase Agreements Program	To enable the purchasing of easements on agricultural properties using tax-advantaged financial arrangements structured to benefit both landowners and the state. The two types of IPAs are self-funded and leveraged.	Landowners	Financial: Tax-advantaged financial arrangements	Stephen McHenry, 410-267-6807; smchenry@marbidco.org.
Local Government AG/RBI Project Cost Share Program	To lend support to local rural business development efforts.	Must (1) Fit within MARBIDCO's statutorily established economic development program. Any project or activity must assist in some fashion with Maryland's farming, forestry, or seafood industries; (2) MARBIDCO's participation in cost share project cannot exceed that of local government except for counties designated as "One Maryland" jurisdiction; (3) If a project directly benefits an individual farmer or rural business owner, then the farmer or business owner must be willing to make a financial contribution to the project.	Financial: Direct payments, matching funds required.	Stephen McHenry, 410-267-6807; smchenry@marbidco.org.
Maryland Resource-Based Industry Financing Fund	To offer low-interest loans to established Ag/RBI-industry firms for the purchase of land and capital equipment for production and processing activities or environmental enhancement projects. Priority is given to value-added and niche market-oriented projects as well as beginning or transitioning producers and processors. MARCBIDCO provides up to 50% of financing needed for a project and a commercial lender and/or public instrumentality must also have an equal financial commitment in a transaction.	Established Ag/RBI-industry firms.	Financial: Direct, 50% of financing needed.	Stephen McHenry, 410-267-6807; smchenry@marbidco.org.

Maryland Value Added Producer Grant	To encourage participation in USDA's Value Added Producer Grant Program. It requires a partial financial matching commitment and each application must include a "verification of matching funds."	Must be eligible under the USDA Value Added Producer Grant Program (VAPG).	Financial: Direct funds, partial matching funds required.	Stephen McHenry, 410-267-6807; smchenry@marbidco.org.
Rural Business Energy Efficiency Grants and Loan Interest Rate Buy-Downs	To help established firms and producers to purchase equipment or technology-related equipment to lower farm and business-related energy consumption. Grants of up to 10% of project's cost are available for eligible activities.	Established firms and producers.	Financial: Grants up to 10% of project's cost (maximum of \$5,000).	Stephen McHenry: 410-267-6807; smchenry@marbidco.org.
Rural Business Working Capital Loan Fund	To offer low-interest loans to Ag/RBI-industry firms and producers for working capital and equipment purchases. A maximum loan amount is \$50,000.	Ag/RBI-industry firms. Certain eligibility restrictions may also apply if federal funds are being used.	Financial: Direct payments, specific use.	Stephen McHenry, 410-267-6807; smchenry@marbidco.org.
Maryland Farm and Producer Viability Program	To improve the financial viability of producers/processors or assist fledging rural entrepreneurs through specialized business planning assistance. The aim of the program is to help early stage enterprises with operational and market risk assessment and with enhanced business plan development.	Individuals; for-profit enterprises.	Non-Financial: Information and assistance.	Stephen McHenry, 410-267-6807; smchenry@marbidco.org.

Maryland Department of Agriculture

Name of Program	Purpose	Eligibility	Assistance	Contact
Agriculture Land Preservation	To preserve productive agricultural land and woodland to insure future productive land is available to produce food and fiber. The program purchases development rights easements on agricultural land.	Individuals.	Financial: Direct payments, specific use; Non-Financial: Technical assistance and information.	James Conrad, 841-5860; (Fax) 410-841-5730; conradja@mda.state.md.us.
Grading Services	To provide consumer protection and fair trade practices through certification of quality and production practices of agriculture commodities such as poultry, eggs, grain, fruits, vegetables, organic standards, and animal welfare standards.	Colleges and universities; county governments; for-profit organizations; individuals; municipalities and towns, non-profits; state government agencies.	Non-financial: Regulatory information; services; technical assistance and information.	Deanna Baldwin, 410-841-5769 or 410-643-6630; (Fax) 410-841-2765; baldwidl@mda.state.md.us.
International Marketing and Trade Development	To assist Maryland agribusinesses in selling their products around the world; provide technical assistance, access to funding, link with appropriate businesses and trade leads.	County governments; for-profit organizations; individuals; municipalities and towns; non-profits; regional governments; state and government agencies.	Non-financial: Services; technical assistance and information.	Nancy Wallace, 410-841-5781 or 410-841-5770; (Fax) 410-841-5987; wallacenp@mda.state.md.us.
Maryland Agricultural Fair Board	To provide consumer education opportunities through the administration of financial assistance to Maryland agricultural fairs, shows, and youth organizations to promote agriculture.	For-profit organizations; non-profits.	Financial: Direct payments, specified use; project grants.	L. Hamilton, 410-841-5770; (Fax) 410-841-5987.
Maryland Horse Industry Board	To safeguard health and well-being of Maryland's horse industry; provide for its future development; raise public awareness; increase visibility of equine/equestrian traditions/activities; and provide support to horse owners and foster standard of care for horses.	Colleges and universities; county governments; individuals; municipalities and towns; non-profits; regional governments; state government agencies.	Financial: Direct payments, specified use; project grants; Non-financial: Regulatory information; services; technical assistance and information.	J. Robert Burk, 410-841-5861 or 410-841-5810; (Fax) 410-841-5999; burkjr@mda.state.md.us.

Maryland Department of Business & Economic Development

Name of Program	Purpose	Eligibility	Assistance	Contact
Arts in Communities	To help community-based organizations produce and present arts activities in their communities; broaden constituency and better reach underserved audiences	Non-profits; non-profit organizations with projects not being funded by the Grants for Organizations Program.	Financial: Project grants; Non-financial: Technical assistance and information.	Shirley Howard, 410-767-6542 or 410-767-6555; (Fax) 410-333-1062; showard@msac.org.
Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority Fund (MEDAAF)	Non-lapsing revolving loan fund for businesses and local governments to provide below market long-term, fixed rate financing to specific growth industry sector businesses that locate or expand in a priority funding area.	Colleges and universities; county governments; for-profit organizations; individuals; municipalities and towns; non-profits; regional governments; state government agencies.	Financial: Direct loans; direct payments, specified use; project grants; the fund makes conditional loans, investments, and conditional grants.	Timothy Doyle, 410-767-2369 or 410-767-6346; (Fax) 410-333-6931; tdoyle@choosemaryland.org.
Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority (MSBDFA)	To provide financing for small businesses and those owned by socially and economically disadvantaged persons through a series of revolving loan funds, including Contract Financing Program, Long-Term Guaranty Program, Surety Bond Program, and Equity Participation Investment Program.	Maryland small and minority businesses and those unable to obtain traditional financing.	Financial: Direct loans; insurance; insured/guaranteed loans; guarantee of losses by a commercial surety company for losses incurred as a result of a default on a bid, payment and/or performance bond; Non-financial: Technical assistance and information.	Stanley Tucker, 410-333-2548; (Fax) 410-333-2552; stanley.tucker@mmggroup.com.
One Maryland Economic Development Tax Credit	To incentivize major economic development projects in qualified distressed counties. A business in a targeted industry may qualify for income tax credits of up to \$5 million in qualified project costs.	For-profit organizations; individuals; non-profits	Financial: Tax credits; Non-financial: Technical assistance and information	Mark Vulcan, 410-767-6438 or 888-ChooseMD; (Fax) 410-333-830; mvulcan@choosemaryland.org.

Research and Development Tax Credit	To incentivize businesses to continue to increase their expenditures on research and development in Maryland. The program includes two tax credits, the Basic R&D tax credit, and the Growth R&D tax credit.	For-profit organizations	Financial: Tax credit; Non-financial: Technical assistance and information	Mark Vulcan, 410-767-6438 or 888-ChooseMD; (Fax) 410-333-830; mvulcan@choosemaryland.org.

Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development

Name of Program	Purpose	Eligibility	Assistance	Contact
Certified Local Government Program	To cultivate local-state-federal government preservation partnerships.	County governments; municipalities and towns.	Financial: Formula grants, project grants; Non-financial: technical assistance and information	Nicole Diehlmann, 410-514-7625; (Fax) 410-987-4071; diehlmann@dhcd.state.md.us.
Federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit	To encourage private sector investment in the construction and rehabilitation of rental housing for low to moderate income families. The Federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program represents the largest federal housing program in existence	For-profit organizations; individuals; non-profits; regional governments; limited partnerships, limited liability partnerships, corporations, and general partnerships.	Financial: Direct payments, specified use; federal tax credits.	Jonathan Herz, 410-514-7450 or 800-543-4505; (Fax) 410-987-4097; herz@dhcd.state.md.us.
Historic Preservation Easement Program	Through a deed of easement, the Maryland Historical Trust retains the right to review and approve all changes to that part of the property that is covered by the easement, in an effort to protect historic resources from unsympathetic development.	Colleges and universities; county governments; for-profit organizations; individuals; non-profits; regional governments.	Non-financial: Technical assistance and information.	Richard Brand, 410-514-7634 or 410-514-7600; (Fax) 410-987-4071; brand@dhcd.state.md.us.
Homeownership for Individuals with Disabilities Program	To enable low and moderate income disabled personal to purchase homes by providing low-interest mortgages through sponsoring agencies or by Single Family Housing.	Individuals.	Financial: Direct loans; Non-financial: Technical assistance and information.	William Manahan, 410-514-7530 or 800-638-7781; (Fax) 410-987-4136; singlefamilyhousing@dhcd.state.md.us.
Model Performance Building Code	To establish uniform requirements statewide for industrialized buildings, state buildings, and on-site building construction. DHCD trains and certifies building code officials in local jurisdictions throughout the state.	Colleges and universities; county governments; for-profit organizations, individuals; municipalities and towns; non-profits; regional governments; state government agencies.	Non-financial: Regulatory information; trainings; technical assistance and information.	Ujval Dave, 410-514-7218 or 410-514-7220; (Fax) 410-987-8902; dave@dchd.state.md.us.

Neighborhood Business Development Program	To provide revitalizing resource to help stimulate investment in Maryland's older communities by means of flexible gap financing to small businesses locating or expanding in the designate areas throughout the state.	For-profit organizations; non-profits.	Financial: Direct loans, other loans, deferred loans; Non-financial: Regulatory information.	Susan Milukas, 410-209-5805 or 410-209-5800; Fax: 410-685-8270; milukas@dhcd.state.md.us
Special Housing Opportunities Program	To provide loan funds to non-profit organizations to purchase special housing facilities for special needs populations.	Non-profits.	Non-financial: Technical assistance and information.	Eileen Hagan, 410-514-7565 or 800-638-7781; Fax: 410-987-4136; singlefamilyhousing@dhcd.state.md
Weatherization Assistance Program	Home energy conservation services for very low-income households.	Individuals.	Non-financial: Services.	James McAteer, 410-514-7489 or 800-638-7781; (Fax) 410-514-7291; mcateer@dhcd.state.md.us.

Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing, & Regulation

Name of Program	Purpose	Eligibility	Assistance	Contact
Foreign Labor Certification	To assist U.S. Department of Labor in determining the availability of U.S. workers and the potential adverse effect on wages and working conditions that admitting foreign workers might have, before an employer can obtain a foreign labor certification.	Individuals; employers.	Non-financial: Technical assistance and information.	David Ghee, 410-767-2080 or 410-767-2058; (Fax) 410-767-2060; ghee@dllr.state.md.us.
Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Program	To provide technical assistance to employees on development and administration of apprenticeship training programs; to maintain the statewide database on program activities; to act as the certification and registration agency for program sponsors.	Colleges and universities; county governments; for-profit organizations; individuals; municipalities and towns; non-profits; regional governments; state government agencies.	Non-financial: Services; nationally recognized state certification, technical assistance and information.	Sharon Middleton, 410-767-2968; (Fax) 410-230-2220; matp@dllr.state.md.us.
Maryland Job Service	To provide Maryland's public labor exchange and services to employers and job seekers: Jobs for People – People for Jobs.	Individuals; employers.	Non-financial: Services; technical assistance and information.	Vernon Brown, 410-767-2173; (Fax) 410-333-5355; det@dllr.state.md.us.

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Name of Program	Purpose	Eligibility	Assistance	Contact
Conservation Easement Program – Conservation Property Tax Credit	To encourage donation of conservation easements and give participating landowners a 15-year property tax credit on unimproved land under easement to the Maryland Environmental Trust.	For-profit organizations; individuals; non-profits.	Financial: Provides conservation easement “property tax credit” to landowners. The financial assistance is in paying less taxes.	James Highsaw, 410-514-7909; (Fax) 410-514-7019; jhighsaw@dnr.state.md.us.

Maryland Department of Planning

Name of Program	Purpose	Eligibility	Assistance	Contact
MDProperty Map Finder (Finder)	To provide both basic desktop property search and tax map display and advanced capabilities using a simple-to-use software packages. The software is provided free of charge. However, there is a subscription fee for jurisdiction maps and data.	Colleges and universities; county governments; for-profit organizations; individuals; municipalities and towns; non-profits; regional governments; state government agencies.	Non-financial: Services; training; technical assistance and information.	John Coleman: 410-767-4614 or 410-767-4450; (Fax) 410-333-5381; jcoleman@mdp.state.md.us.
Planning Research Services – State Depository of Plans	To maintain Maryland’s Central Depository of Plans and to provide general, county, municipal, area, and functional plans as a reference source on land use for all state, interstate, regional, local, municipal, and interstate agencies and citizen groups.	Colleges and universities; county governments; for-profit organizations; individuals; municipalities and towns; non-profits; regional governments; and government agencies.	Non-financial: Services; technical assistance and information.	Elizabeth Smith: 410-767-4457; (Fax) 410-767-4480; esmith@mdp.state.md.us.
Property Mapping	To delineate property boundaries and are integrated with other digital base maps. The project goal is to support the real property assessment process, economic development, land use planning, and resource protection.	Colleges and universities; county governments; for-profit organizations; individuals; municipalities and towns; non-profits; regional governments; state and government agencies	Non-financial: Services; technical assistance and information.	Bob Dadd: 410-767-4455 or 410-767-4450; (Fax) 410-333-5381; bdadd@mdp.state.md.us.

Maryland Department of Transportation

Name of Program	Purpose	Eligibility	Assistance	Contact
Airport Development Grant Program	To provide matching funds for federally assisted airport development grants to airports eligible and participating in the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program.	County governments; individuals; municipalities and towns.	Financial: Project grants; Non-financial: Technical assistance and information.	Ashish Solanki, 410-859-7064 or 410-859-7065; (Fax) 410-859-7287; asolanki@mdot.state.md.us.
Highway – Rail Crossing – Installation of Warning Devices and Elimination of Hazards	To improve safety for traveling public and highway rail crossings.	County governments; municipalities and towns; state government agencies	Financial: Direct payments, specified use	Robert Herstein, 410-787-5867; (Fax) 410-582-9469; rherstein@sha.state.md.us.
Maryland Assistance to Private Airports (MAPA)	To provide funding to privately-owned, public-use airports for capital development.	For-profit organizations; individuals; non-profits.	Financial: Direct loans, project grants; Non-financial: Technical assistance and information.	Ashish Solanki, 410-859-7064 or 410-859-7065; (Fax) 410-859-7287; asolanki@mdot.state.md.us.

Maryland Energy Administration

Name of Program	Purpose	Eligibility	Assistance	Contact
Community Energy Loan Program (CELP)	To provide low-cost loans to finance energy efficiency projects for local governments, nonprofit organizations, schools and hospitals; to finance technical analysis, specific plans and designs, purchase and installation of equipment.	Colleges and universities; county governments; municipalities and towns; non-profits; regional governments.	Financial: Direct loans; Non-financial: Technical assistance and information.	David Cronin: 800-72ENERGY or 410-260-7543; (Fax) 410-974-2250; dcronin@energy.state.md.us.
Energy Performance Contracting (EPC)	To allow State agencies to add energy efficient upgrades to facilities without upfront costs. The EPC Master Lease Purchase Financial Agreement establishes a credit line to State agencies for financing any EPC contract.	Colleges and universities; county governments; for-profit organizations; municipalities and towns; non-profits; state government agencies.	Financial: Direct loans, other loans; Non-financial: Technical assistance and information.	Karen Galindo: 410-260-7751 or 410-260-7544; (Fax) 410-974-2250; kgalindo@energy.state.md.us.

Maryland Environmental Service

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Environmental Services and Waste Management	To perform Environmental Monitoring and Dredging tasks for the Maryland Port Administration. The work performed is at Poplar Island and Hart-Miller Island. Dredged material is stored at the Islands.	County governments; state government agencies.	Non-financial: Services.	Michael Wojton, 410-974-7281; mwojt@menv.com.

Maryland Food Center Authority

Name of Program	Purpose	Eligibility	Assistance	Contact
Maryland Wholesale Market Report	Joint effort of the Maryland Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture Office, and the Maryland Food Center Authority. The purpose of the report is to provide information on prices and demand for farm-raised seafood.	Colleges and universities; county governments; for-profit organizations; individuals; municipalities and towns; non-profits; regional governments; state government agencies; potential aquaculture farmers/growers.	Non-financial: Technical assistance and information.	Karen Scott, 410-379-5764; (Fax) 410-379-5773; kscott@qis.net.

LOCAL ASSISTANCE FOR AGRICULTURE PROGRAMS

Frederick County Government

Name of Program	Purpose	Eligibility	Assistance	Contact
Revolving Loan Fund	Gap funding assistance used mainly for working capital or purchase of equipment and other business assets	Any Frederick County company in good standing and located in a priority funding area	Financial: Direct loans, other loans.	Chris Olson, 301-600-1967; (Fax) 301-600-2340; colson@fredco-md.net (http://www.discoverfrederickmd.com/business/loanfund.cfm)

