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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **RURAL MARYLAND COUNCIL ANNOUNCES FY 2019 RURAL MARYLAND PROSPERITY INVESTMENT FUND (RMPIF) GRANT RECIPIENTS**

The Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund supports the Rural Maryland Council's activities and the Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance Fund (MAERDAF), which provides capacity-building funds to rural nonprofit service providers. It also supports the states' five regional councils, regional infrastructure projects, rural entrepreneurship development, rural community development, and rural health care organizations.

During Fiscal Year 2019, a total of 48 applications were submitted with a total of \$4,763,525.00 requested. A total of 31 grants totaling \$2,316,829.55 were distributed to 28 organizations:

#### **Entrepreneurship**

- Eastern Shore Entrepreneurship Center, \$111,805.00
- Frederick Innovative Technology Center, Inc. - Growth Accelerator, \$200,000.00
- Frederick Innovative Technology Center, Inc. - Tech Shop, \$250,000.00
- Maryland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, \$30,000.00
- Southern Maryland Resource Conservation - Farmers Market, \$40,000.00
- University of Maryland Eastern Shore MANRRS, \$76,300.00

#### **Health Care**

- Bay Area Center for Independent Living, Inc., \$60,000.00
- CalvertHealth Foundation, \$60,000.00
- Caroline County Health Department, \$40,000.00
- Channel Marker, Inc., - Regional Wellness Center, \$8,000.00
- Channel Marker, Inc., \$27,000.00
- Chesapeake Charities, \$15,000.00
- Choptank Community Health System, Inc., \$75,000.00
- Corsica River Mental Health Services, Inc., \$20,000.00
- County Commissioners of Caroline County Maryland, \$78,338.00
- For All Seasons, Inc., \$72,725.00
- Go-Getters, Inc., \$40,000.00
- Habitat for Humanity of Wicomico County, Inc., \$50,000.00
- Life Crisis Center, Inc., for the Lower Eastern Shore Suicide Prevention Coalition, \$20,000.00
- Mental Health Association Eastern Shore, \$15,000.00
- Southern Maryland Community Network, Inc., \$34,050.00
- The Arc of Southern Maryland, \$37,500.00
- The Benedictine School for Exceptional Children, \$100,000.00
- Town of Denton, \$20,000.00
- University of Maryland Extension, \$27,951.55
- Worcester County Health Department, \$51,000.00
- YMCA of the Chesapeake, \$17,160.00

#### **Infrastructure**

- City of Crisfield, \$250,000.00
- Kent County Economic Development, \$200,000.00
- Southern Maryland Resource Conservation and Development Board, Inc. - Three Notch Trail, \$40,000.00
- Talbot County Council, \$250,000.00

Founded in 1994, the Rural Maryland Council operates under the direction of a 40-member executive board in a nonpartisan and nondiscriminatory manner. It serves as the state's federally designated rural development council and functions as a voice for rural Maryland, advocating for and helping rural communities and businesses across the state to flourish and to gain equity to its suburban and urban counterparts. The vision for RMC is the ultimate realization that citizens living in rural communities are achieving success in education and employment, have access to affordable, quality health care and other vital public services, and live in an environment where natural and cultural resources are being sustained for future generations. For more information, visit the RMC website: [www.rural.maryland.gov](http://www.rural.maryland.gov)

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*"A Collective Voice for Rural Maryland"*