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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **RURAL MARYLAND COUNCIL ANNOUNCES FY 2018 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 2018, a total of 53 applications were submitted with a total of \$4,152,568.00 requested. A total of 27 grants totaling \$1,571,999.00 were distributed to 27 organizations:

#### **Entrepreneurship**

- College of Southern Maryland Foundation/SBDC, \$20,000.00
- Eastern Shore Entrepreneurship Center, \$119,420.00
- Energetics Technology Center, Inc., \$115,945.00
- Maryland Rural Development Corporation, \$18,000.00
- Phillips Wharf Environmental Center, Inc., \$54,720.00
- Tech Frederick, \$30,000.00

#### **Health Care**

- Asian American Center of Frederick, \$63,217.00
- Calvert Hospice, \$4,212.00
- Caroline County Health Department, \$30,000.00
- Crossroads Community, Inc., \$13,790.00
- For All Seasons, Inc., \$68,480.00
- Life Crisis Center, Inc. for the Lower Eastern Shore Suicide Prevention Coalition, \$27,439.00
- Maryland Area Health Education Center (AHEC West), \$20,000.00
- Maryland Rural Health Association \$18,000.00
- Southern Maryland Center for Independent Living, \$75,000.00
- The Lower Shore Clinic, Inc., \$57,500.00
- Totally Linking Care in Maryland (TLC-MD), \$50,000.00
- University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center, \$75,000.00
- Williamsport Volunteer Fire Company, \$22,000.00

#### **Infrastructure**

- City of Crisfield, \$125,000.00
- Town of Ridgely, \$16,250.00
- Garrett County Community Action Committee, \$90,000.00
- Kent County Economic Development, \$200,000.00
- Southern Maryland Minority Chamber of Commerce Foundation, \$31,785.00
- Sudlersville Fire Company, \$48,655.00
- Town of Denton, \$52,586.00
- Town of Preston, \$125,000.00

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"*