



## Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund Background

RMPIF BACKGROUND Established in 2006, the Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund (RMPIF) was a key step forward in addressing disparities in the State's rural areas. This fund is used for targeted investment to promote economic prosperity in Maryland's traditionally disadvantaged and underserved rural communities. The primary goal of this Fund is to provide targeted investments to various regional, nonprofit and educational entities to bring Rural Maryland's standards of living up to statewide averages. The Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund will support 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 will also support the states' five regional councils, regional infrastructure projects, rural entrepreneurship development, rural community development, and rural health care organizations. Access the Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund Report to Maryland General Assembly. The Legislative Session 2016 Joint Chairmen's Report on page 64 requires the Maryland Department of Agriculture to submit a report on January 1, 2017 on the criteria and rationale for the allocation of the Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund (RMPIF) funding. Access the RMPIF Report [here](#).