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### **Harford County Competitive Grant Applications Available for Tourism-Related Program Funding**

**BEL AIR, Md.**, (March 2, 2015) - Public and private nonprofit organizations committed to planning and implementing tourism-related activities in Harford County are invited to apply for competitive grant funding from Harford County government. The Tourism-Related Competitive Grant Application process is open from March 2 through April 17, 2015 to provide general program and operation funding for cultural, historical, agricultural, eco- and sports tourism and heritage events for the fiscal year 2016. Applicants must have 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6) status under the IRS Code. The grants will be funded by county revenue from the recently enacted hotel lodging fee.

"I look forward to investing county revenue from the hotel lodging fee to support tourism-related activities and promote economic growth," said Harford County Executive Barry Glassman.

The Harford County Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) has designated a Tourism Activity Review Committee (TARC) to focus on providing non-municipally allocated revenue from the hotel lodging fee to support tourism-related programs and operations that further enhance Harford County as a premier tourism destination. Applications are available electronically at [www.harfordcountymd.gov](http://www.harfordcountymd.gov) and [www.harfordbusiness.org](http://www.harfordbusiness.org), and hard copies will be available at each branch of the Harford County Public Library.

Two informational workshops on the FY16 Tourism-Related Competitive Grant Application process will be held for interested applicants on the following dates:

- Monday, March 16, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Office of Economic Development, 2021 Pulaski Highway, Havre de Grace, MD 21078
- Thursday, April 2, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Second Floor Conference Room, 220 South Main Street, Bel Air, MD 21014

**Interested applicants are strongly encouraged to attend one of these workshops where applications will also be available.**

Grant awards will be made on a competitive basis subject to the availability of funds. The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, April 17, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. To register for a workshop, request an application, or for additional information, please contact the Office of Economic Development at 410-638-3059. For disability-related accommodations at the workshops, please contact the Office of Economic Development at the above listed number at least five days prior to the date of the workshop. Applications are also available in alternative format upon request at the above listed number.

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