

# Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance Fund Application Form - 2006

The Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Fund is designed to contribute to the vision of "One Maryland" by providing a new means to financially support statewide and regional planning, economic development and community development agencies that serve rural areas. MAERDAF is also designed to assist financially certain community college efforts that support smaller, natural resource based business through enhanced training and technical assistance opportunities offered by the Advanced Technology Centers or similar programs. Among the desired outcomes from this Act is an increase in the overall capacity of rural-serving nonprofit organizations and community colleges to meet a multitude of rural development challenges, which in turn will hopefully lead to new opportunities for establishing public/private partnerships and for leveraging non-State sources of funding. Priority will be given to applications that have available equal matching funds from non-state sources.

1. Date of Application:

2. Name of Organization:

3. Street Address:

4. City, State, Zip Code:

5. Contact Person:

6. Contact's Title:

7. IRS tax designation: Federal tax ID number:

8. Organization's Mission Statement:

9. Identify your customers. Whom do you serve?

10. Describe the extent of community involvement and cooperation with other organizations.

11. Check organization type:  Regional Planning Organization  Ag/Forestry Education Organization  
 Economic or Community Development Program  Advanced Technology Center (ATC) affiliated with a MD community college

12. Amount of funding requested:

13. All applications should have available matching funds from non-state sources. What is the organization's plan to leverage additional resources?

14. Provide a scope of work for this grant. Be sure to clearly identify the need to be address and how any additional funding would be used to meet that need.

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Explain grant project (continued)

15. Summarize project goals and specific measurable objectives to be achieved during the funding period.

Overall goals of the project:	Specific objectives of the project:
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.

16. Provide a "Managing for Results" statement that incorporates the project goals and measurable outcomes that relate to this grant application.

**Section II: Attachments** Please attach and label the following items to this completed grant application.

- 17. Attachment A. Status to date report  
NOTE: This is only required of organizations that received MAERDAF funds in the previous year.
  - 18. Attachment B. Projected operational budget demonstrating leveraged resources
  - 19. Attachment C. Specific project line item budget
  - 20. Attachment D. Pertinent supportive materials
  - 21. Attachment E. A statement that estimates the following, as applicable: (1) the number of individuals that are served by or otherwise benefit from the grant; (2) number of businesses that are served by or otherwise benefit from the grant; (3) the number of communities that are served by or otherwise benefit from the grant; (4) the number of new partnerships that are formed, or existing partnerships that are solidified, as a result of the grant; and (5) the amount of non-state dollars that are leveraged as a result of this grant (please include a total amount and identify subtotals categorized by a) federal; b) county/municipal; c) educational institution; d) nonprofit/philanthropic; and e) corporate/private business
  - 22. Attachment F. Letter(s) of support for project
  - 23. I hereby certify that this organization has no outstanding fiscal issues with the State of Maryland or the US Government.
- Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this application with attachments and a cover letter to:  
 The Rural Maryland Council, 50 Harry Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401  
 c/o Stephen McHenry by **September 1, 2006.**