

**The Technology Development, Transfer, and Commercialization Program,
Maryland Technology Development Corporation**
\$1.5 Million (T50T01.01)

Purpose: Recovery Now Funding

The Technology Development, Transfer, and Commercialization program, in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation, shall provide grants to Maryland's rural and agricultural businesses.

April 7 - Program Highlights and Plans to Allocate Remaining Balance:

The Agriculture and Rural Rebuild Challenge (ARR)

This special challenge will fund technology-based projects that help our rural and agricultural businesses recover, rebuild and pivot from the Covid crisis. The Challenge specifically encourages the increased collaboration between rural businesses, research institutions and industry partners. The overall goal is to leverage technology to develop forward-looking solutions to current issues faced by these communities that will help the agtech and other rural industry sectors better weather future economic crisis.

On March 25, during Maryland Agriculture Week, the press release for the program was issued.

<https://www.tedcomd.com/news-events/press-releases/2021/tedco-announces-request-applications-agriculture-and-rural-rebuild>

The application portal is now open.

<https://www.tedcomd.com/agriculture-and-rural-rebuild-arr-challenge>

Application deadline is April 30. To date, interest in the program appears high.

April 7 - Programmatic and/or Implementation Issues:

- Outreach and speed of deployment will be the biggest potential challenge; however, we have a marketing plan to reach all regional partners.

April 7 - Distribution of Funds:

- Up to \$200k per project. TEDCO will report on each disbursement as soon as possible.