

Garrett and Washington counties; (2) The Economic Development Administration program, under which Garrett, Calvert, Dorchester, Somerset and Washington counties are currently fully eligible; (3) The Delmarva Economic Development District (Tri-State), operating with both state and federal (EDA) assistance under the Delmarva Advisory Council, with offices in Salisbury; (4) The Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, with offices in Waldorf, covering Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties, sponsored by state and local government. Federal developmental programs, with potential benefits amounting to many millions of dollars annually, are a major source of funds, and research and technical assistance for economic development, especially in underdeveloped areas. Under the Appalachian Program alone, for instance, almost \$70 million in Federal funds has already been invested (1965-1971) in projects designed to upgrade the Western Maryland economy: highways, educational facilities, hospitals, sewer and water systems, libraries, etc. (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 41, secs. 258-266).

The Division also maintains a Western Maryland Regional Development Office.

Western Maryland Regional Development Office

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The Western Maryland Regional Development Office is an integral part of the Division of Economic Development and functions as a field arm of that Division in the local coordination of plans and projects under the Appalachian program and the provision of staff support to Maryland's Representative on the Appalachian Regional Commission. The staff of the office will also assess the economic and resource potential of the three counties, consult with Western Maryland leaders to obtain their ideas for strengthening the area's economy, and seek to enlist broad-based public support and cooperation in regional development tasks. To assist in these tasks, the Governor's Council for Appalachian Maryland was created and consists of civic, local government and business leaders.

Appropriations	1971	1972
General Funds	\$ 974,825	\$1,049,771
Special Funds	15,000
Federal Funds	7,500
Staff: 52.		

TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR WESTERN MARYLAND, INC.

Council Membership

County Commissioners: Burton Smith, Allegany County; Earl E. Opel, Garrett County; Lem E. Kirk, Washington County.
Mayor or Councilmen: Ray L. Wilt, Mayor of Westernport, representing incorporated towns of Allegany County; Charley B. Miller, Councilman of Friendsville, representing incorporated towns of Garrett County; Harry Potts, Councilman of Hagerstown, representing Washington County Council of Governments.
County Economic Development Commissions: Daniel F. McMullen III, Allegany County; Bernard M. Guy, Garrett County; J. Lee Potterfield, Washington County.