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Business News from The City of Frederick, Maryland

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BUSINESS IN FREDERICK MARYLAND

Greetings!

This week I joined Governor Wes Moore and other state officials as he named national cyber czar [Harry Coker, Jr. as Maryland's new Secretary of Commerce](#) to lead the push for increased private investment, jobs, and tax base. Just last month Governor Moore and his cabinet attended the Downtown Frederick Hotel and Conference Center groundbreaking ceremony to demolish the old FNP Press Room – making way for the new \$103 million economic development project. At that event Governor Moore has issued a far reaching [Executive Order](#) to bolster competitiveness and subsequently has proposed the transformational legislation package known as the Decade Act of 2025 to lower the corporate tax rate, streamline permitting, and align resources and incentives. The Maryland Economic Development Association (MEDA) is tracking legislation which can be viewed at on the [MEDA website](#). We wish former Secretary of Commerce Kevin Anderson well as he ascends to a senior economic advisor to Governor Moore.

Frederick continues to lead the state in new investment, jobs, and residential growth. Check out new business openings, economic development video, major projects and initiatives, grant funded programs, and much more in this issue of Frederick Business eNews. Stay warm and stay well as Frederick weathers the frigid temperatures and government transitions.

Best,

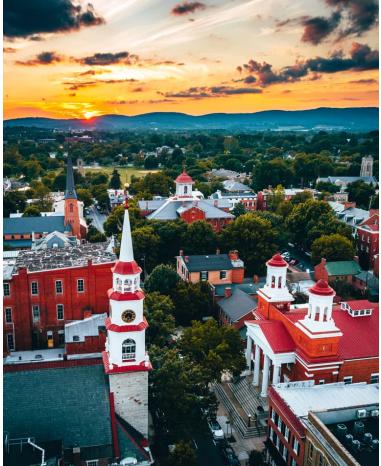


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[City of Frederick Projects Awarded Several State Grants](#)

The City of Frederick Economic Development, was awarded multiple grant awards for fiscal year 2025, by the State of Maryland, Dept. of Housing & Community



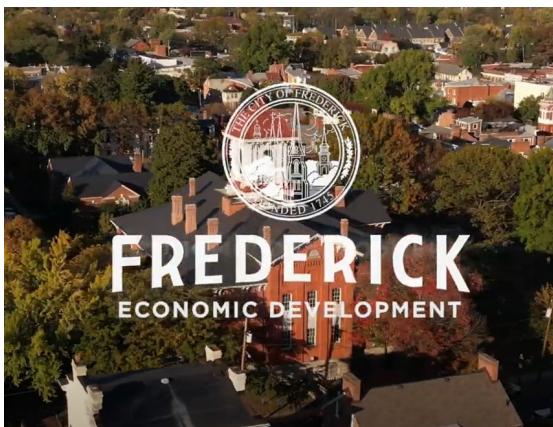
Development. Three of the awards will help the continuation of successful facade improvement programs, fire suppression and mission interior programs across the City of Frederick's Historic Downtown, East Frederick, and "Golden Mile" commercial corridor. [Learn about these](#) and other awards received.



Downtown Hotel Conference Center Groundbreaking

Governor Wes Moore recently joined City officials and staff to celebrate a significant milestone, the Downtown Hotel and Conference Center project. This transformative development will bring new opportunities for tourism, business, and economic growth, creating a vibrant hub in the heart of our City.

[Read on](#) for more facts about the project.



2025 City of Frederick Department of Economic Development Marketing Video

The City of Frederick Department of Economic Development has updated our [marketing commercial](#) which plays before movies at Warehouse Cinemas in Frederick.

Several local businesses were used in the short video, helping get the word out that Frederick is a great place to open a business and our office can help you get there!



Business Closings & Retirements Lead to New Beginnings

In 2024, we said goodbye to a few longtime companies that significantly impacted the business landscape in the city. While we are sad to see them go, we know their next chapter is just around the corner for these locations. Join us as we [take a look](#) at these legacy businesses and explore what's next for these city business sites.



2024 Business Grand Openings, Expansions, Anniversaries

2024 was VERY busy in terms of the number of new businesses that opened here in the City of Frederick, expanded their existing businesses, or celebrated a milestone anniversary. Let's take a look at that [impressive list!](#)

Planning a grand opening for your new business? Celebrating a milestone anniversary? Contact the Department of Economic Development to be featured on our social media and online newsletter! Call 301.600.6360 or email businessinfrederick@cityoffrederickmd.gov.

Awards & Attaboys

3 Roads Communications, producer of the new Public Television documentary, *InSpired* (frederickinspired.com), [was awarded](#) a \$75,000 grant by Delaplaine Foundation, Inc., the Frederick, MD-based philanthropy, to assist with production, distribution and marketing of the new project.

Frederick Health and **Mount St. Mary's University** have teamed up to help reduce the cost of education for employees of the healthcare system and their dependents. [Find out how, here!](#)

FITCI (Frederick Innovative Technology Center, Inc.) proudly welcomes **PRONAV Clinical**, an internationally acclaimed early-phase clinical trial supply partner headquartered in Ireland, to its vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem. Learn about PRONAV in the recent [press release](#).

FoodPRO Corp., a cornerstone of Frederick's business community since 1935, is thrilled to announce its 90th anniversary in 2025. As part of this milestone, the family-owned food distributor is [expanding operations](#) by leasing an additional 20,000 square feet of warehouse space at 605 Church Street.

Alithea Genomics, a leader in the field of large-scale RNA sequencing and transcriptomics, [announced recently](#) the launch of MERCURIUS™ Full-Length DRUG-seq library preparation technology. For the first time, scientists are able to perform large-scale compound screening based on full-length RNA sequencing, which could open up new avenues in the discovery of new drugs that have a specific effect on gene isoforms and splicing.

Frederick Arts Council has shared that SMU DataArts, the National Center for Arts Research, released its annual ranking of the **40 most arts-vibrant communities in the United States**, organized into three separate lists based on community size, which identifies Frederick-Gaithersburg-Rockville as [number 9](#) in the list of 20 Large communities in the United States.

techfrederick, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the technology industry's growth in Frederick County, proudly hosted the **second annual Techie Awards** on December 10, 2024, at Union Mills Public House. Find out who the [award winners](#) were for 2024.

Frederick-based event production company, **Showtime Sound LLC**, recently had the **honor of helping** German dark-rock band Lord of the Lost, featuring British Drum Coendorse drummer Niklas Kahl, with their North American Fall Tour.

Firestone's Culinary Tavern, an Iconic Fixture in the City of Frederick Since 1999, is **listed for sale**. Located at 105-115 N. Market Street, the portfolio includes separate two- and four-story buildings containing approximately 15,000 square feet.

VaLogic Bio LLC, a trusted partner in providing Calibration, Certification, Validation, Testing Equipment, Laboratory Services, Software Development, and Consultancy for the biotechnology and life sciences industry, is **proud to announce** its certification to ISO 9001:2015.

Downtown Frederick Partnership is proud to announce its **recognition as a Green Partner** by the Frederick County Division of Energy & Environment for the organization's ongoing efforts to support Frederick County's sustainability goals.

Frederick's **Asbury Methodist Church** and **Quinn Chapel AME Church** have been **awarded grants** by the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture (MCAAHC) and the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT), \$36k and \$250k, respectively. The African American Heritage Preservation Program identifies projects and organizations that work to preserve buildings, sites, or communities that share the story of Black history in Maryland.

TEDCO, Maryland's economic engine for technology companies, announced a \$200,000 Pre-Seed Builder Fund **investment** in **NanoBioFAB**, is a Frederick, woman-owned medical device manufacturer specializing in AI-powered smart nanosensors for pathogen detection and wound management.

Openings & Anniversaries

Andrea's House - 1380 Fox Run Court - 5th Anniversary

Frederick Rescue Mission -40 S. Carroll Street - 60th Anniversary

Mental Health Association - 226 S. Jefferson Street - 60th Anniversary

Maryland Medical Clinic - 1003 W. 7th Street - Grand Opening

Aya Cultural Arts Studio - 6907 Baltimore National Pike, Unit 15/16 - Grand Opening

Rep April McClain-Delaney Frederick Office - 30 W. Patrick St. Ste 505 - Grand Opening

Habitat ReStore - 917 N. East Street - Grand Re-Opening

Calendar

Frederick County Workforce Services: Recovery is Good for Business

January 30th

Frederick County Office of Economic Development: January EmPOWER Networking

January 30th

Frederick County Chamber: S.H.E. Pitch Webinar: Your Guide to Success

February 4th

techfrederick: Job Fair

February 5th

SBDC MD: Franchise-A Business Ownership Option

February 6th

Frederick County Chamber: Coffee & Contacts February Helping Hands and Caring Hearts

February 7th

National Cancer Institute: Women in Science Speak 2025
February 7th

SBDC MD: Designed to Thrive - Timeless Strategies for Attracting and Retaining Talent
February 11th

Frederick County Chamber: Women in Business Mixer & Donation Drive
February 18th



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