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Carroll County Small Business Update

Westminster, MD, Thursday, June 13, 2019 - Today, during Open Session, the Carroll County Department of Economic Development presented the Carroll County Board of Commissioners (BOC) with a funding plan to integrate small business start-up and growth with economic development at a county level, including funding levels for the county's small business partners.

The BOC, Economic Development, Carroll Community College, Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and other community partners worked to forge a stronger entrepreneurial ecosystem during this current fiscal year. Together, partners made gains in small business services promotion, counseling, events and youth engagement. In FY 20, the county's small business delivery system will further integrate small business start-up and growth with economic development at the county level. To maximize SBDC resources and services, the Carroll County SBDC counselor will relocate to the Economic Development office effective July 1.

Today, the BOC voted to approve FY 20 \$215,000 previously-budgeted entrepreneurship funding in the following way:

Miller Center at Carroll Community College	\$110,000
Carroll County Economic Development	22,000
Small Business Development Center	58,000
Chamber of Commerce	10,000
Carroll Technology Council	7,500
Mid-Atlantic Gigabit Innovation Collaboratory (MAGIC)	<u>7,500</u>
Total	\$215,000

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