



CEDS 2016-2017

New Project Submission Form

Background

The Upper Shore Regional Council (USRC) is moving forward to do the groundwork to create a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (ceds). We would like to put together a strategy so that we may begin to qualify for federal funding from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration's vast myriad of grants related to economic development, which includes funding for capital campaigns, infrastructure, and programming, which support economic development in our region. Projects shall address the special identified needs of the Upper Shore Region: 1) Workforce 2) Transportation; 3) Infrastructure (to include Hi-Speed Internet/Broadband); 4) Small Business and Agri-Business 5) Youth Retention/Aging Out.

This form is designed to provide information on potential CEDS-like plan Priority Projects in a simple, straightforward manner. Each individual project should have a separate form in order to be considered for this year's CEDs-like Plan Priority Project List. USRC encourages project proponents to review the Upper Shore Regional Council's CEDs-like Project Criteria prior to completing this form:

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| Date of Submission: | |
| Name/Title of Project: | |
| Community or Organization Name: | |
| Address: | |
| Contact Person & Title: | |
| Phone: | |
| Fax: | |
| Email Address: | |

Deadline Submission Date: Feb. 28, 2017

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Please note: If you prefer to complete this form electronically, please visit our website at www.uppershoreregionalcouncil.org.

Part 1:

1. Please describe the scope of work for this project? Include a project description and an estimate of jobs created and/or retained. Attach additional sheets if necessary

Is this project within a Priority Funding Area (PFA), designated growth area or Enterprise Zone? Yes No

2. What is the start/end date of the project? If the project occurs in phase, please list timeline by phases.

3. What is the total project cost? If the project is in phases, please split the cost by phase.

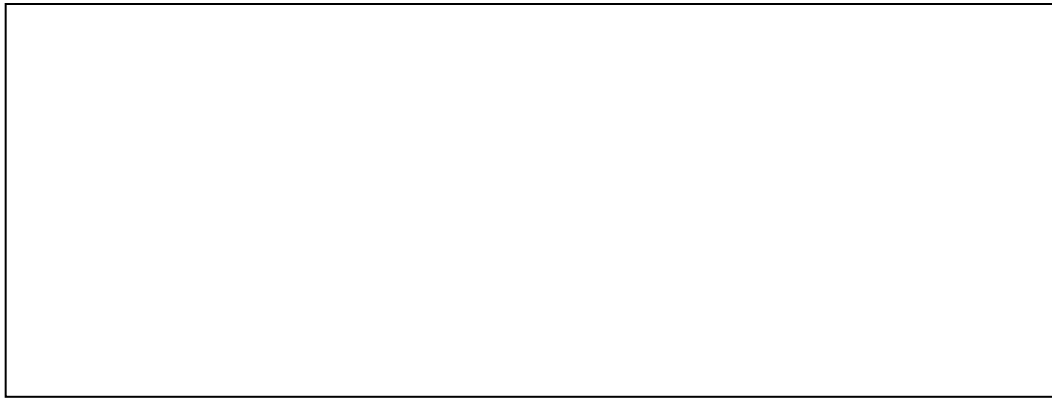
4. What are the proposed funding sources for the project? If unknown at this time, please state.

5. What organization(s) will be responsible for the development and completion of the project?

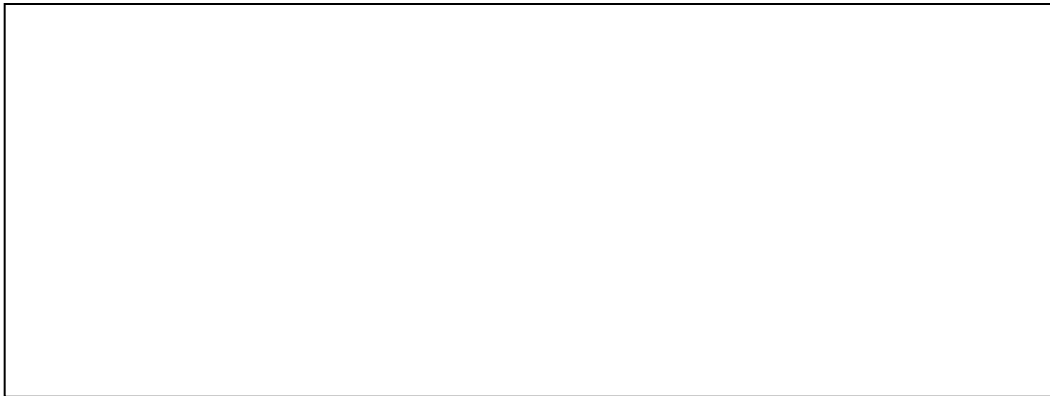
Part 2:

In order for a project to be considered for the Priority Project List it must be consistent with the CEDs Vision and Goals. This section is used to determine if the proposed project meets the CEDs-like Priority Project selection criteria. A project is required to meet 1 of the 4 special needs; however it is not required to meet all 4 special needs. Attach additional sheets as necessary.

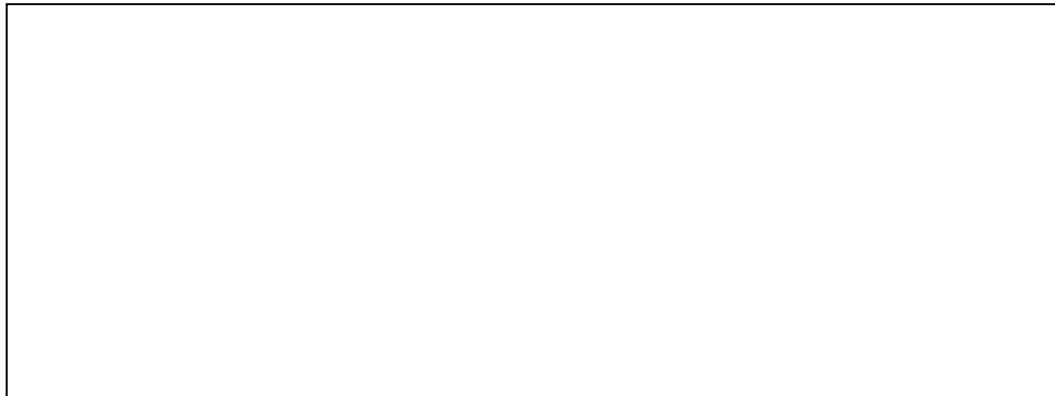
1. **Workforce-** *to create high-skill, higher-wage jobs within innovative clusters as a means to diversify the regional economy and improve the economic conditions in the area.*



2. **High Speed Internet Access-** *to invest in infrastructure such as broadband systems that will strengthen and diversify the regional economy.*



- 3. **Youth Retention/Aging Out-** to develop a cost-effective regional solution to local problem of youth engagement and an aging out population and/or to leverage the resources available through the workforce development and university/community college systems to address the growing needs of the youth community and regional workforce.*



- 4. **Small Business/Agri-Business-** to develop and invest in small business and agri-business expansion and improve the economic conditions of the region and to maintain the unique qualities of life in the Upper Shore Region of Maryland through the preservation of resources and a balanced approach to economic development.*



Part 3: Submission RECAP

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| County/Towns/Municipalities Affected: | |
| Type of Project: | |
| Is the Project Identified in any other Planning Documents? | <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, list: |
| Project Status | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning- Preliminary Design, Funding Development <input type="checkbox"/> Implementation- Site Control, Engineering Started, Financing Secured <input type="checkbox"/> Completed- Project Built and Grant Close Out Initiated |
| Project Readiness | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Matching Funds <input type="checkbox"/> Letters of intent or commitment from affected firms <input type="checkbox"/> Verbal or written support from adjacent communities <input type="checkbox"/> Verbal or written support from the affected county or counties <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering and cost estimates <input type="checkbox"/> Site control |
| Direct Benefits | Projected New Jobs: |
| | Existing Jobs: |
| | Projected Average Annual Wages: |
| | Projected Private Investment: |

Thank you for submitting the CEDs-like 2016-2017 New Project Submission Form.