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## SBA Hosts a Small Business-Lender Match Maker Forum in Dunbar Sept. 10, 2015

**CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA** — The U.S. Small Business Administration's West Virginia District Office, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, and SCORE host a free Small Business-Lender Match Maker Forum event Thursday, September 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. at West Virginia State University in the James C. Wilson University Union.

Participants receive one-on-one meetings with local lenders to discuss capital opportunities. In addition resource partners are available to discuss: ways to find capital to expand or start your small business; resources available for expanding sales abroad; assistance offered to improve your business plan; and ways to avoid clever business scams.

This is a unique opportunity to learn about financing opportunities with the following invited lender representatives: BB&T; Fifth Third; First State Bank; Huntington Banks; JP Morgan Chase; KISRA Microloan; Natural Capital Investment Fund; Ohio Valley Bank; and resources from: Better Business Bureau; Consumer Credit Counseling Service; U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD); International Division, WV Development Office; U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA); SBA International Trade Division; SCORE; Taxpayer Advocate Service; U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Business Service (USDA ); WV District Export Council; WV Economic Development Authority; and the WV Small Business Development Center.

“This is a great opportunity for small businesses to best utilize their time,” states Karen Friel, SBA’s West Virginia district director. “We know small business owners are busy— that is why we are hosting this event to get as many lenders and resources in one place available to answer any questions small business owners may have.”

The James C. Wilson University Union is located at 301 Washington Avenue in Dunbar. There is no cost to attend this event but registration is required. Visit [www.sba.gov/wv](http://www.sba.gov/wv) to RSVP or contact Leo Lopez at [leo.lopez@sba.gov](mailto:leo.lopez@sba.gov) or 304-347-5220.

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*Reasonable arrangements for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least two weeks in advance. Contact: Leo Lopez, West Virginia District Office, Charleston Branch Office 405 Capitol Street, Charleston, WV 25301, (304) 347-5220, [Leo.Lopez@sba.gov](mailto:Leo.Lopez@sba.gov).*