

# Media Advisory

## Maryland Nonprofits to Participate in Bridging Communities Conference Thursday

*Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman to deliver keynote during sold out event designed to empower nonprofit organizations*

**ANNAPOLIS, Md. (June 5, 2024)** — The first Bridging Communities Conference on Thursday, June 6, 2024, will provide more than 300 people, representing more than 100 nonprofit and governmental organizations across the state, with collaborative solutions to address challenges facing community-based nonprofit organizations, including sustainability, and enhancing operations.

The day-long conference, which will be held at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) will provide attendees with vital insights into a range of topics, including accessing government resources, grant writing, financial management, strategic planning, and program evaluation.

**Maryland Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman**, and Laura Bacon, founder of The 3rd, a nonprofit supporting women of color in entrepreneurship, will give keynote remarks. Other presenters will include:

- Paul Monteiro, Secretary of Service and Civic Innovation
- Franklyn Baker, President and CEO, United Way of Central Maryland, and,
- Heather Iliff, President and CEO, Maryland Nonprofits

The conference is designed to foster meaningful connections, provide technical support, and empower nonprofits to better serve Marylanders and support thriving, resilient, and prosperous communities.

The Conference was organized by Maryland Nonprofits, the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives, the Office of the Comptroller, the United Way of Central Maryland, and Health LeadHer.

### Conference Details

**What:** Inaugural Bridging Communities Nonprofit Conference: Nonprofits and Government Working

**When:** June 6, 2024, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Where:** University of Maryland Baltimore County  
The University Center, Third Floor Ballroom  
University Ballroom & Adjoining Rooms ([Campus Map](#))

Registration for the event is now closed.

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