

Media Advisory

Comptroller's Workgroup on Pandemic Spending to Meet Today

Non-governmental stakeholders will share their experiences seeking COVID relief aid

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WHAT: The Comptroller's Workgroup on Pandemic Spending will hold its fourth meeting this afternoon at 1 p.m. to continue its review of state and federal COVID-related spending.

Representatives from UNITE HERE, Maryland Nonprofits and the Maryland Small Business Development Center will share their experiences applying for and receiving pandemic relief programs funded by state or federal dollars and how those funds have been administered. These non-governmental stakeholders will give workgroup members valuable insights and lessons learned that can be applied to improving future federal-state funding programs.

Resulting from language inserted into the Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Maryland General Assembly following Comptroller Franchot's request for an independent review of pandemic-related spending, the workgroup is conducting a full inspection of how pandemic funds have been expended; determining if the funds went to intended recipients and populations most in need; examining disparities in distribution; and identifying possible predatory fraud and pandemic profiteering.

WHEN: TODAY, November 9, 2021
1 p.m.

WHERE: Louis L. Goldstein Treasury Building – Assembly Room
80 Calvert St.
Annapolis, MD 21401

**The meeting will also be livestreamed on the [Comptroller of Maryland YouTube channel](#).

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