



## Call for Speakers

### Shenandoah Valley Collaborative Economic Summit

Event Date: October 15, 2024

Location: Festival Conference & Student Center

Deadline: July 29, 2024

The Office of Economic & Community Development, a unit within Research, Economic Development and Innovation at JMU, is pleased to announce the upcoming Shenandoah Valley Collaborative Economic Summit on October 15.

This event will convene practitioners, leaders, and community members working across the valley to address different facets of four pressing issues – transportation, childcare, housing, and workforce development.

We are looking for people to share their expertise, stories, and experiences in panel discussions and/or workshops that will contribute to a valuable summit experience for attendees.

#### Themes and Topics

The summit will focus on four issues – housing, transportation, childcare, and workforce development. Participants should focus their stories, remarks, and talking points on one (or more) of these issues.

Participants can work in any sector, including economic and community development, local government, urban planning, healthcare/public health, education, community philanthropy, human and social services, private industry, and more.

Talking points and remarks may include:

- Case studies or success stories from the Valley
- Current regional economic and community development strategies that seek to address these issues
- New ideas for replication in the Valley
- Sector-specific perspectives and/or initiatives
- Resources and information on tactics for addressing issues (may include grant-seeking, project management, coalition-building, public-private partnerships, and more)

#### Process

To express your interest in participating as a speaker, please provide the following information:

- Summary:
  - A brief summary (100-300 words) of the story, talking points, and/or perspective you want to share, including key points and objectives.

- Your Information:
  - Name, title, affiliation, and contact information.
  - A brief biography (100-200 words) highlighting your experience and expertise.
- Supporting Materials:
  - Any additional materials relevant to your remarks, such as previous presentations or relevant publications.

**Please submit the following form by Monday, July 29:**

<https://forms.office.com/r/gRXtN4YhRp>

Submissions will be reviewed by the Summit planning committee.

Speakers will be contacted by August 12 to confirm their participation.

### **Contact Information**

For questions or further information, please contact:

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