

Media Advisory

Comptroller's Work Group on Pandemic Spending to Meet Wednesday

***Representatives from Commerce, Housing and
Community Development departments will provide details
on COVID relief aid***

WHO: Comptroller Peter Franchot
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WHAT: The Comptroller's Workgroup on Pandemic Spending will hold its second meeting today at 1:30 p.m. to continue its review of state and federal COVID-related spending.

Sarah Sheppard, director of Education and Workforce for the Maryland Department of Commerce, and Robyne Chaconas, chief of staff for the Department of Housing and Community Development, will give overviews of pandemic relief programs, funded by either state or federal dollars, administered by their respective departments.

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, June 23, 2021
1:30 p.m.

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

The meeting will also be streamed on the Comptroller of Maryland's [YouTube](#) channel.

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