



# Grant Resource Guide

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Type of Grant	Name of Grant	Agency	Summary	Requirements/Information	Website
Community Development	Community Enterprise Innovation Grants	Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development	Innovation Grants provide up to \$20,000 to micro-enterprise development organizations, local governments, planning district commissions and other non-profit organizations that deliver services to entrepreneurs in new and original ways	The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development is looking for Innovation Grant applications that: Result in quantifiable community development outcomes Strengthen Virginia's micro-enterprise community through the creation and development of effective networks and partnerships Broaden and deepen the dialogue about micro-enterprise in Virginia; and, Result in additional micro-financing activity in Virginia.	<a href="#">Enterprise Innovation Program</a>
Community Development	Community Development Innovation Fund Grants, CDBG	Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development	The Community Development Innovation Grant provides resources totaling \$2,750,000 for implementation of new, innovative, and/or timely community development projects. The fund has three components: the Local Innovation Program, the Self-Help Virginia Program, and Supplemental Housing Rehabilitation Loan Programs.	1. Local Innovation- Total funding reserved will total \$1,000,000. Small scale, innovative pilot projects, such as IDA programs, projects which support local or regional welfare-to-work initiatives, microenterprise, and entrepreneurship development. \$200,000 per project is also available for telecommunications efforts. 2. Self-Help Virginia Program- \$1,000,000 will be reserved for Self-Help projects. This program provides funding in support of infrastructure projects, specifically water and sewer projects wherein community residents and stakeholders substantially participate in construction activities. 3. Supplemental Housing Rehabilitation Program- up to \$250,000. Available on open basis.	<a href="#">Local Innovation Program</a>

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Community Development	RD- Community Facilities	USDA Rural Development	This program is for rural areas and rural towns with populations 20,000 and less. Grants and loans are made to towns, counties, and NGOs for all types of community facilities. Examples of projects that may be eligible for funding are farmers markets buildings and renovations, community kitchens, school or adult or child care kitchen equipment and renovations, food preparation centers, purchase of land or installation of water for community gardens.	Grant funds may be used to assist in the development of essential community facilities. Grant funds can be used to construct, enlarge, or improve community facilities for health care, public safety, and community and public services. Grant assistance may be available for up to 75% of project costs. Grant funding limitations are based on population and income, economic feasibility, and availability of funds.	<a href="#">USDA Community Facilities</a>
Community Development	Smart Growth Implementation Assistance	EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)	Open to local and regional governments who want to incorporate smart growth policies. The SGIA has three main goals in mind. 1. Support communities interested in implementing smart growth policies. 2. To create regional examples of smart growth that can catalyze similar projects in the area. 3. To identify common barriers and opportunities for smart growth development and create new tools that other communities can use.	EPA announces a new request for applications about once a year, depending on budget- solicitation open for 60 days.  Grants are competitive  Provides around \$75,000 in technical assistance.	<a href="#">EPA Smart Growth Implementation Assistance</a>
Community Development	Appalachian Regional Commission - Telecommunications Development Program	Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development	The ARC Telecommunications Development Program is designed to stimulate economic growth and improve the standard of living in the region by supporting the use of advanced communications infrastructure	Appalachian Regional Commission communities; Highland, Bath, Rockbridge, Buena Vista, and Lexington, are eligible for this grant.  ARC grants provide up to \$500,000 for construction projects and up to \$100,000 for non-construction projects.  Generally, ARC grants are limited to 50% of project costs.	<a href="#">ARC Program</a>

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Community Development	Telecommunications Program	USDA (United States Department of Agriculture)	USDA recognizes that some rural areas have no broadband service. Through the Telecommunications Program, USDA attempts to increase broadband access.	USDA can offer the following financial assistance through two programs, The Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program, and The Rural Broadband Access Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hardship loans</li> <li>• Cost-of-Money Loans</li> <li>• Rural Telephone Bank Loans</li> <li>• Guaranteed Loans</li> </ul>	<a href="#">USDA Telecommunications Program</a>
Community Development	Rural Business and Cooperative Programs	USDA (United States Department of Agriculture)	Rural Development Business Programs help fund projects that create or preserve quality jobs and or promote a clean rural environment. USDA financial resources are often leveraged with those of other public and private credit source lenders to meet business and credit needs in under-served areas.	Programs include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans</li> <li>• B&amp;I Direct Loans Intermediary Relending Program Loans</li> <li>• Rural Business Enterprise Grants</li> <li>• Rural Economic Development Loans and Grants</li> <li>• Rural Business Opportunity Grants</li> </ul> Recipients of these programs may include individuals, corporations, partnerships, cooperatives, public bodies, nonprofits	<a href="#">USDA Rural Development Business and Cooperative Programs</a>
Community Development	Community Facility Loans and Grants	USDA (United States Department of Agriculture)	Through the Community Facilities Loan Program, USDA Rural Development is striving to ensure that facilities such as health care clinics, police stations, schools and child care centers, are readily available to all rural Americans. Guarantee loans are available to rural areas and towns of up to 20,000 in population. Loans may be used to construct, enlarge, or improve community facilities for health care, public safety, and public services.	The maximum term for all loans is 40 years. Interest rates for direct loans are based on current market yields for municipal obligations, although loans for facilities impacting prime or unique farmland may require a slightly higher rate. Certain other direct loans may qualify for a lower interest rate, depending upon the median household income of the residents of the community to be served. Bonds or notes pledging taxes, assessments, or revenues will be accepted as security if they meet statutory requirements.	<a href="#">USDA Rural Development Community Facility Loans and Grants</a>

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Community Development	Virginia Recreational Trails Program	Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)	The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is a federal reimbursement grant program established to provide and maintain recreational trails and trails-related facilities. Recreational trail grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000 are available to nonprofit organizations and government entities. DCR has approximately \$1,400,000 to award in trail grants through the Recreational Trails Program.	The grant program provides funding for trail efforts that would not otherwise be possible. The program mandates that 30 percent of the total funds be used for motorized recreational trails, and 30 percent be used for non-motorized recreational trails. The remaining 40 percent is for multiple- use trails, including hiking, biking and equestrian use.	<a href="#">DCR Recreational Trails Program</a>
Community Development	Virginia Pooled Financing Program	Virginia Resources Authority (VRA)	VRA provides financing to local governments for essential projects. All VRA projects areas are eligible for financing in the Virginia Pooled Financing Program (VPFP). The unique structure of the VPFP provides value added benefits, including: "AAA/AA" interest rates, custom-tailored loans, economies of scale and shared issuance costs, no bond insurance premiums, straightforward process, loan terms up to 30 years and access to the best services and results.		<a href="#">VRA Pooled Financing Information and Grant Application</a>
Community Development	Building Collaborative Communities	Department of Housing and Community Development	The Building Collaborative Communities program is a new effort designed to assist regions in creating and sustaining new economic opportunities across Virginia.	It is expected that no more than three proposals will be selected for funding. Applicants may request up to \$100,000. Matching funds equivalent to 50 percent must be committed. Eligible applicants may be units of local government, regional partnerships, planning district commissions, and economic development organizations. All submissions must include a unit of local government that has been classified as economically distressed or fiscally stressed.	<a href="#">Building Collaborative Communities</a>

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Community Development	Public Works and Economic Development Facilities Funding	Economic Development Administration	This program supports the development of economically distressed areas by fostering job creation and private investment through construction or rehabilitation of essential public infrastructure. Grants made through this program will leverage regional assets to support economic development.	<p>Individuals and for-profits are not eligible for this grant.</p> <p>The region receiving the grant must either have an unemployment rate more than one percent above the national average or a per capita income less than 80% the national average.</p> <p>Grants are typically no more than 50% of total projects costs, but can be allocated up to 80% in special cases.</p> <p>Grants range from \$500,000 to \$2,000,000.</p>	<a href="#">Public Works and Economic Development Facilities</a>
Community Development	Economic Adjustment Assistance	Economic Development Administration	Economic Adjustment Assistance provides a wide range of construction and non construction assistance in regions experiencing severe economic dislocations, either immediate or over time.	<p>Individuals and for-profits are not eligible for this grant.</p> <p>The region receiving the grant must either have an unemployment rate more than one percent above the national average or a per capita income less than 80% the national average.</p> <p>Grants are typically no more than 50% of total projects costs, but can be allocated up to 80% in special cases.</p> <p>Grants range from \$100,000 to \$1,250,000.</p>	<a href="#">Economic Adjustment Assistance</a>

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Economic Development	Economic Development (Competitive Grant, CDBG)	Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development	Economic Development is one of the five categories under the CDBG Competitive Grant Category. This grant creates jobs or business opportunities for low-moderate-income persons to create a better economic environment. Projects targeting one category are eligible for up to \$700,000 in CDBG assistance. Projects targeting two or more categories are eligible for up to \$1,000,000.	CDBG assistance is available for economic development activities under the following categories: Job Creation and Retention, Business District Revitalization, Site Redevelopment, and Development Readiness. Grant Proposals are evaluated qualitatively and quantitatively scored according to a 1000 point scale outlined in the manual, which breaks down individually for each project type.	<a href="#">CDBG guide</a>
Economic Development	Community Economic Development Fund Grant (CED), CDBG	Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development	\$2,500,000 is available under the CED fund. Up to \$700,000 will be available per project.	How to Apply: For all CED's an irrevocable Letter of Credit, bond, or other guaranteed form of security will be required in the amount of the CED grant. The security must remain in place until all program requirements are satisfactorily met. Assistance is limited to projects by private, for-profit basic industries. CDBG- eligible localities, excluding Towns, are placed in one of three categories: Distressed, Transitional, and Competitive.	<a href="#">CDBG guide</a>
Economic Development	Distressed Locality-Community Economic Development Fund	Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development	Distressed localities are those with scores of 5 or more points from the evaluation of economic factors. Thresholds for distressed localities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The subject business must create at least 10 full time positions.</li> <li>• The subject business must make a private investment of at least \$100,000.</li> <li>• The subject business must provide a post-probationary wage of at least 1.5 times the minimum wage for 90% of all new employees and provide an employment benefits package that include basic medical coverage all employees.</li> </ul>	Funding will be rewarded on an open, first come first serve basis. Letter of credit or bond is also required.	<a href="#">CDBG guide</a>

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<b>Economic Development</b>	<b>Transitional Locality-Community Economic Development Fund</b>	<b>Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development</b>	<p>Transitional localities are those with scores of 2 to 4 points from the evaluation of economic factors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The subject business must create at least 20 full-time positions</li> <li>• The subject business must make a private investment of at least \$300,000.</li> <li>• The subject business must provide a post-probationary wage of at least 1.5 times the minimum wage for 90% of all new employees and provide an employment benefits package that include basic medical coverage for all employees.</li> <li>• VCDBG assistance is available at up to \$10,000 per job to be created.</li> </ul>	<p>For All Businesses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CDBG assistance for off-site improvements is eligible for no more than 80 percent of project costs.</li> <li>• Local government financial participation must total at least 25 percent of the CDBG eligible costs.</li> <li>• CDBG assistance is available at up to \$10,000 per job to be created if the assisted business meets the criteria cited under the distressed section regarding diversification of the local economy, VDCBG loans for on-site improvements are available through a relaxed underwriting process. Funding will be awarded on a first come first serve basis Jan.1 through Sept. 30.</li> </ul>	<a href="#">CDBG guide</a>
<b>Economic Development</b>	<b>Competitive Locality Grant-Community Economic Development Fund</b>	<b>Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development</b>	<p>Competitive localities are those with scores of 1 or fewer points from the evaluation of economic factors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The subject business must create at least 50 full-time positions</li> <li>• The subject business must make a private investment of at least \$3,000,000.</li> <li>• The subject business must provide a post-probationary wage of at least 1.5 times the minimum wage for 90% of all new employees and provide an employment benefits package that include basic medical coverage all employees.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For all Businesses- VCDBG assistance for off-site improvements is eligible for no more than 50 percent of the total project costs,</li> <li>• Local government financial participation must total at least 50 percent of the VCDBG eligible costs.</li> <li>• Non-local public funding investment must be no more than \$10,000 per job to be created. Loans to local governments from other public sources with specific repayment requirements are regarded as local funds.</li> <li>• No VCDBG assistance is available for on-site improvements.</li> </ul> <p>How to Apply: Funding will be rewarded on an open, first come first serve basis between January 1 and September 30.</p>	<a href="#">CDBG guide</a>



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Economic Development	Appalachian Regional Commission - Tourism Development Program	Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development	ARC supports a wide variety of tourism projects, including: building and rehabilitating facilities and infrastructure to make the Region more accessible and attractive to visitors; training artisans and artists to improve their business and marketing skills; developing strategic plans and feasibility studies to help communities maximize the potential of their cultural assets; and investing in new technologies that create new experiences for visitors.	Appalachian Regional Commission communities; Highland, Bath, Rockbridge, Buena Vista, and Lexington, are eligible for this grant.  ARC grants provide up to \$500,000 for construction projects and up to \$100,000 for non-construction projects.  Generally, ARC grants are limited to 50% of project costs.	<a href="#">ARC Program</a>
Economic Development	Industrial Revitalization Fund	Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development	The Industrial Revitalization Fund is intended for the redevelopment of vacant industrial sites.  Redevelopment purposes must be market driven. IRF projects are meant to be a catalyst for economic revitalization in surrounding region.	IRF Funds Require a 1:1 match from local governments.  The maximum grant award is \$600,000.  Grants applications become available mid-year and are due in the early fall.  Only local governments, or economic development authorities may apply for the loan. However, local governments can provide the IRF funds to a private entity as a loan on term subject to DHCD approval.	<a href="#">IRF Program</a>
Economic Development	Building Entrepreneurial Economies	Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development	Innovation Grants provide resources to micro-business development organizations, local governments, planning district commissions, and other nonprofit organizations that deliver services to entrepreneurs in new and original ways.	2013 Innovation Grants of up to \$35,000.  BEE is looking for Innovation Grant applications that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus on Community Development Outcomes</li> <li>• Develop effective Micro-Business Networks and Partnerships</li> <li>• Allow for effective knowledge sharing</li> <li>• Increase Micro-Financing Activity in Virginia</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Building Entrepreneurial Economies</a>

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Economic Development	Governor's Agricultural and Forestry Industries Development Fund	Agricultural and Forestry Development Services (AFDS)	<p>Funding to encourage localities to think strategically about how they better support and intergrate agriculture and forest-based industries into their community's overall economic developent efforts.</p> <p>These AFID grants give local governments the flexibility to undertake the kind of planning, study, or local initiative they think best grow and agriculture and forest-based business in their community and region.</p>	<p>The competitive grant program allows political subdivisions to apply for up to \$20,000 in matching funds, or up to \$35,000 for multi-jurisdictional applications, to undertake efforts that support local agriculture and forest-based businesses. These efforts include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing a strategic plan for agriculture and forestry economic development</li> <li>• Creating new local policies and zoning ordinances that better support these industries.</li> <li>• Funding feasibility studies and predevelopment work for new facilities that bring significant and lasting benefits to the local agriculture and forestry sectors.</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Governor's Agricultural and Forestry Industries Development Fund</a>
Economic Development	Virginia Enterprise Zone (VEZ)	Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development	<p>The Virginia Enterprise Zone program is a parntership between state and local governments that encourage job creation and private investment. VEZ accomplishes this by designating Enterprise Zones throughout the state and providing two grant-based incentives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Job Creation Grant (JCG)</li> <li>• the Real Property Investment Grant (RPIG)</li> </ul>	<p><u>Job Creation Grant:</u> Qualification is based on permanent full-time job creation over a four job threshold, wage rates of at least 175 percent of the Federal minimum wage (150 percent in High Unemployment Areas), and the availability of health insurance. Personal service, retail, food, and beverage positions are not eligible to receive job creation grants.</p> <p><u>Real Property Investment Grant:</u> Qualification is based on qualified investments made to commercial, industrial, and mixed-use buildings or facilities located within the boundaries of an enterprise zone. An individual or entity must invest at least \$100,000 for rehabilitation or expansion projects and at least \$ 500,000 for new construction projects.</p>	<a href="#">Virginia Enterprise Zone</a>

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Emergency Management	Pre- Disaster Mitigation Program	VA Emergency/ FEMA	The Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program provides funds to communities and universities for hazard mitigation planning and the implementation of mitigation projects prior to a disaster event.	A small low-moderate income community must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a community of 3,000 or fewer individuals identified by the State as a rural community that is not a remote area within the corporate boundaries of a larger city;</li> <li>• Be economically disadvantaged, with residents having an average per capita annual income not exceeding 80 percent of the national per capita income, based on best available data.</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program</a>
Emergency Management	Flood Mitigation Assistance	VA Emergency/ FEMA	FEMA provides funds to assist communities implement measures that reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to structures insurable under the National Flood Insurance Program.	Flood Mitigation intends to reduce the number of such repetitive loss properties. In addition, the hazard mitigation plan must describe the State's strategy to ensure that local jurisdictions with severe repetitive loss properties take actions to reduce the number of these properties, including the development of local hazard mitigation plans. Properties included in a project sub application for FEMA funding must be NFIP-insured at the time of the application submittal.	<a href="#">FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program</a>
Emergency Management	Repetitive Flood Claims	VA Emergency/ FEMA	Up to \$10 million is available annually for FEMA to provide RFC funds to assist communities reduce flood damages to insured properties that have had one or more claims to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).	Eligible properties include residential or non-residential (commercial) properties that have received one or more NFIP insurance payments are eligible for RFC funds. Properties included in a sub application must be NFIP-insured at the time of the application submittal. Flood insurance must be maintained at least through completion of the mitigation activity. For RFC, FEMA may contribute up to 100 percent of the project cost.	<a href="#">FEMA Repetitive Flood Claims Program</a>

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Emergency Management	Severe Repetitive Loss Program	VA Emergency/ FEMA	The Severe Repetitive Loss grant program provides funding to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to severe repetitive loss structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).	An SRL property is defined as a residential property that is covered under an NFIP flood insurance policy and: a) That has at least four NFIP claim payments (including building and contents) over \$5,000 each, and the cumulative amount of such claims payments exceeds \$20,000; or(b) For which at least two separate claims payments (building payments only) have been made with the cumulative amount of the building portion of such claims exceeding the market value of the building.	<a href="#">FEMA Severe Repetitive Loss Program</a>
Emergency Management	Urgent Need Open Submission, CDBG	Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development	CDBG funding is available to eligible localities on an open submission basis to enable prompt response to existing serious and immediate threats to local health and safety. Up to \$700,000 of CDBG funding is available per project. \$1,000,000 is available for UNOS projects.	Eligible Projects: Proposals must meet the following thresholds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must alleviate existing conditions which pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community.</li> <li>• The conditions developed or became urgent within 18 months of the date the proposal is submitted.</li> <li>• The applicant locality is unable to finance the project on its own, no other funding is available, and the CDBG funding will directly target the threatening conditions.</li> </ul> Open submission basis, from January 1- October 31.	<a href="#">CDBG_guide</a>
Emergency Management	Hazard Mitigation Assistance	Virginia Department of Emergency Management / FEMA	FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant programs provide funding for eligible mitigation activities that reduce disaster losses and protect life and property from future disaster damages including the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM), Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA).	Entities eligible to apply for HMA grants include the emergency management agency or similar office of the 50 States. Indian Tribal governments can apply through the State as a subapplicant or directly to FEMA as an applicant. See table in Guidance .pdf for cost-sharing allocation depending on project.	<a href="#">Hazard Mitigation Assistance Unified Guidance</a>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Emergency Management</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Virginia Dam Safety, Floodplain Prevention, and Protection Assistance Fund</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>VADCR Division of Dam Safety &amp; Floodplain Management</b></p>	<p>The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation has made a total of \$305,000 available for grant funding to provide proper and safe design, construction, operation, and maintenance of dams to protect public safety.</p>	<p>Following are the eligible project types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dam Safety (for government and private entities)</li> <li>• Flood prevention and protection (for government entities)</li> <li>• 50% match requirement</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#"><u>Damn Safety &amp; Floodplain Management</u></a></p>

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Environment	Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund: Wastewater Loan Program	Department of Environmental Quality	The VRLF provides a low interest financing option to Virginia cities, towns and wastewater authorities for the upgrade, expansion, extension, replacement, repair, rehabilitation, and/or additions to public wastewater collection and treatment facilities.	Virginia's program allows for any reasonable and necessary expansion, upgrade, extension, replacement, repair; rehabilitation and/or additions to public wastewater treatment facilities.	<a href="#">Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund</a>
Environment	Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund: Agricultural BMP Loan Program	Department of Environmental Quality	The DEQ Agricultural Best Management Practices Loan Program provides Virginia agricultural producers with a low interest financing alternative for costs associated with the implementation of specified practices (BMPs) which relate to water quality improvement in the Commonwealth.	Any Virginia agricultural producer wishing to implement eligible Best Management Practices in order to reduce the amount of polluted agricultural runoff entering Virginia waters adjacent to their existing agricultural operation will be considered by DEQ for Ag BMP low interest loan assistance.	<a href="#">Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund</a>
Environment	Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund: Brownfield Remediation Loan Program	Department of Environmental Quality	The purpose of this Brownfield remediation financing is to provide a source of low-interest loan financing to encourage the cleanup and reuse of contaminated properties.	Loan recipients must be a unit of local government, a public service authority, a partnership, or a corporation chartered to conduct and carry out business in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Properties must suffer some type of water quality contamination.	<a href="#">Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund</a>
Environment	Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund: Land Conservation Loan Program	Department of Environmental Quality	The Land Conservation Loan Program helps a local government or a holder to acquire a permanent conservation or open space easement to protect or improve water quality and prevent the pollution of state waters.	Eligible applicants for this grant are limited to local governments, state agencies, and non-profits.	<a href="#">Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund</a>
Environment	Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund: Stormwater Loan Program	Department of Environmental Quality	Stormwater loans are made to local governments for the purpose of reducing or preventing pollution of state waters caused by stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces.	Eligible applicants for this grant are limited to local governments.	<a href="#">Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund</a>

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Environment	Green Project Reserve	Department of Environmental Quality	Green Forest Reserve projects, which receive funding through the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, generally fall under the four categories of water efficiency, energy efficiency, green infrastructure and environmental innovation.	Eligible applicants for this grant are limited to local governments. Up to a maximum of 50% of each loan will be provided as principal forgiveness and at least 50% of each loan will be in the form of a low interest loan that must be repaid.	<a href="#">Green Project Reserve Information</a>
Environment	Dam Safety and Flood Prevention Fund	Virginia Resources Authority (VRA) and DCR	To provide for proper and safe design, construction, operation and maintenance of dams to protect public safety.	Purpose of fund is to promote the proper and safe design, construction, operation and maintenance of dams in the Commonwealth. Grants from the Fund require a minimum 50% match. Loan and grant assistance will be awarded by category on a competitive scoring basis for eligible projects that meet the general conditions of this section and the specific criteria set out in the project category descriptions.	<a href="#">Dam Safety and Floodplains</a>
Environment	Water and Environmental Programs	USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) Housing Programs	Direct loans are made to develop drinking water and wastewater systems, including solid waste disposal and storm drainage, in rural areas and in cities and towns with a population of 10,000 or less. Funds are available to public entities. In addition, funds may be made available to nonprofit corporations and cooperatives. Priority is given to public entities, in areas with less than 5,500 people.	This program includes the <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical Assistance and Training Grants</li> <li>• Solid Waste Management Grant</li> <li>• Rural Water Circuit Rider Technical Assistance Grant</li> <li>• Water and Waste Disposal Grants, Direct and Guaranteed Loans</li> </ul> How to Apply: Applicants must be unable to obtain funds from commercial sources at reasonable rates and terms. The maximum term for all loans is 40 years. Grants are available to applicants where the median household income of the service area is below the State's nonmetropolitan median household income and grant funds are necessary to reduce user rates to a reasonable level.	<a href="#">USDA Water and Environmental Programs</a>

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Environment	Litter Prevention and Recycling Grant	Virginia DEQ	<p>The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) provides funds for litter prevention and recycling grants to localities under a non-competitive grant program based on population and road miles. These grants have been awarded annually, since 1980, to localities for local litter prevention and recycling program implementation, continuation, and/or expansion. New applications are made available on May 1 of each year.</p>	<p>The grant shall be used for litter prevention and recycling program implementation, continuation, and/or expansion. To be eligible to receive this annual grant funding, the application must be postmarked by June 30. The Performance and Accounting Report must be postmarked by August 31. The Performance and Accounting Report documents how each jurisdiction spent the grant funding, provides information on specific project results, and presents an overview of its litter prevention and recycling efforts. The Performance and Accounting Report completes the annual grant application process.</p>	<p><a href="#">Litter Prevention and Recycling Grant</a></p>
Environment	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for Sustainable Infrastructure	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	<p>The DWSRF program is particularly geared toward meeting the needs of small and economically disadvantaged communities. States may use a portion of their DWSRF grants for support of state-wide drinking water programs (e.g., capacity development, operator certification, small systems technical assistance, and source water protection). States may make Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loans for construction and rehabilitation of public water systems.</p>	<p>For information on applying for a State Revolving Fund loan, please contact the applicable program manager in your state. That office can provide application materials, state specific guidance materials, schedules for submission of applications, and related information. Please note that all decisions regarding selection of projects to receive assistance are made by the states.</p>	<p><a href="#">Drinking Water Revolving Fund</a></p>



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Environment	Land and Water Conservation Fund	Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)	The Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 established a federal reimbursement program for the acquisition and/or development of public outdoor recreation areas.	The LWCF is a 50-50 percent matching reimbursement program. The grant recipient must be able to fund 100 percent of the project while seeking periodic reimbursements. Counties, Cities, Towns, Tribal Governments, State Agencies, and Park and Recreation authorities are eligible to apply. New Grant Round available, applications due January 4th, 2013. Approximately \$1,00,000 available. See website for grant manual and applications.	<a href="#">DCR LWCF Information</a>
Environment	Virginia Land Conservation Foundation	Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)	The purpose of the foundation is to provide state funding used to conserve certain categories of special land. Those categories are open spaces and parks, natural areas, historic areas, and farmland and forest preservation., which is managed by the foundation. A portion of the fund may be used for developing properties for public use.	Categories: There are four application categories, and each has a particular set of criteria: Open Spaces and Parks, Natural Area Protection, Historic Area Preservation, Farmlands and Forest Preservation Eligibility: Applications can be submitted by agencies, localities, public bodies, and registered (tax-exempt) nonprofit organizations in accordance with application procedures.	<a href="#">DCRLCF Information</a>
Environment	Water Supply Assistance Grant - Planning	Virginia Department of Health	The 1999 General Assembly created the Water Supply Assistance Grant Fund. The purpose of the WSAG is to make grant funds available to localities and owners of waterworks to assist in the provision of drinking water. \$60,000 is available for planning needs. Preference is given to address problems of small, community waterworks with multi-jurisdictional support.	Eligible activities may include: Capacity building activities addressing regionalization or consolidation, performance of source water quality and quantity studies, drilling tests wells to determine source of feasibilities, or other similar technical assistance projects.	<a href="#">Water Supply Assistance Grant</a>

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Environment	Water Supply Assistance Grant - Surface Water Development or Improvement Grants	Virginia Department of Health	The 1999 General Assembly created the Water Supply Assistance Grant Fund. The purpose is to make grant funds available to localities and owners of waterworks to assist in the provision of drinking water. \$200,000 is available for planning needs. Preference is given to address problems of small, community waterworks with multi-jurisdictional support.	Eligible activities may include: land purchase, options to purchase land, general site development costs, and dam upgrade and construction.	<a href="#">Water Supply Assistance Grant</a>
Environment	Water Supply Assistance Grant - Small Project Construction Grants	Virginia Department of Health	The 1999 General Assembly created the Water Supply Assistance Grant Fund. The purpose of the WSAG is to make grant funds available to localities and owners of waterworks to assist in the provision of drinking water. \$100,000 is available for planning needs. Preference is given to address problems of small, community waterworks with multi-jurisdictional support.	Eligible activities may include: upgrade or construction of well or spring sources, waterlines, storage tanks, and treatment.	<a href="#">Water Supply Assistance Grant</a>
Environment	Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Grants	United States Forest Service	The purpose of this grant is to improve community forestry planning, enhance skills and maintenance, promote volunteerism, promote education and the development of sustainable urban forestry programs.	USFS anticipates that approximately \$150,000 is available to fund new projects during the current grant cycle with typical proposals in the \$5,000-\$10,000 range. This program requires a 50% match from the applicant.	<a href="#">Department of Forestry Grants</a>

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<b>Environment</b>	Small Watershed Grants	<b>National Fish and Wildlife Foundation</b>	The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is soliciting proposals to restore the habitats and water quality of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributary rivers and streams. Small Watershed Grants will be awarded to organizations and local governments working on a local level to implement projects that improve small watersheds in the Chesapeake Bay basin, while building citizen-based resource stewardship.	Implementation grants of \$20,000 to \$200,000 will be awarded to nonprofit organizations and local governments. These grants require minimum matching contributions valued at 25% of total project costs.	<a href="#">Small Watershed Grants Program</a>
<b>Environment</b>	Water Quality Improvement Fund	<b>Department of Environmental Quality</b>	Funds are provided to help stimulate nonpoint source pollution reduction through the Virginia Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost-share Program and water quality improvement projects.	Water Quality Improvement Funds will be allocated for up to 50% of project's costs. If the project demonstrates high cost-effectiveness more than 50% can be provided. Eligible activities include: Agriculture Best Management Practices Conservation Reserve Enhancement Water Quality Initiatives Cooperative Nonpoint Source Pollution Projects with Local Governments	<a href="#">Water Quality Improvement Fund</a>
<b>Environment</b>	Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction Grants	<b>National Fish and Wildlife Foundation</b>	The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is soliciting proposals to restore the habitats and water quality of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributary rivers and streams. Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction Grants will be awarded to support the demonstration of innovative approaches to expand the collective knowledge about the most cost effective and sustainable approaches to dramatically reduce or eliminate nutrient and sediment pollution.	Implementation grants of \$200,000 to \$750,000 will be awarded to nonprofit organizations, local governments, universities, and state agencies. These grants encourage non-Federal matching contributions valued at 50% of total project costs (i.e., 1:1 ratio).	<a href="#">Nutrient and Sediment Reduction Program</a>

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Environment	Brownfields and Land Revitalization	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	<p>EPA's Brownfields Program is designed to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields.</p> <p>A brownfield is a property impaired by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.</p>	<p>EPA's Brownfields Program provides direct funding for brownfields assessment, cleanup, revolving loans, and environmental job training.</p>	<p><a href="#">Brownfields and Land Revitalization</a></p>
Environment	Technical Assistance Grant	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	<p>The Technical Assistance Program is designed to provide contractual support for the kind of activities our implementation grants don't cover: design work, planning, and prioritization, among other similar objectives. All projects should have an ultimate goal of addressing at least one of the Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund Objectives.</p>	<p>How to apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop a scope of work describing the type of assistance you are looking for.</li> <li>2. Review NVWF's list of approved T.A. providers (see website for list) .</li> <li>3. Select a provider and give them a detailed letter of support describing the need.</li> <li>4. TA provider will then submit proposal through NFWF's EasyGrants online application.</li> <li>5. Funding will be awarded on a competitive basis.</li> </ol>	<p><a href="#">Technical Assistance Grant</a></p>
Environment	Virginia Program	Virginia Environmental Endowment	<p>Grant-making priorities in the Virginia Program are focused on water quality, Chesapeake Bay, land conservation and use, environmental education, and public awareness, and other emerging issues.</p>	<p>Applications are accepted biannually, with deadlines of June 15th and December 1st. See the proposal submission page for detailed information and requirements. NOTE: For 2013, proposals that arrive before December 10th at 5 pm eastern time will be given full consideration.</p>	<p><a href="#">Virginia Program Grant Opportunities</a></p>

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Housing	Housing Competitive Grant, CDBG	Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development	This program brings homes to HQS or supports development for new housing units. There are two categories of assistance under the housing project type, Housing Rehabilitation and Housing Production. Housing Rehabilitation projects are eligible for up to \$1,000,000 in CDBG assistance. They must target housing rehabilitation needs within a single, well-defined project area. Housing Production Assistance projects are eligible for up to \$700,000 in CDBG assistance.	Not open submission. Proposals are due March 30. Grant Proposals are evaluated qualitatively and quantitatively scored according to a 1000 point scale outlined in the manual, which breaks down individually for each project type. They are scored based on composite fiscal stress, regional priorities, project needs and outcomes, costs and commitment, readiness and capacity, and impact.	<a href="#">CDBG Guide.pdf</a>
Housing	Mutual Self-Help Loans	USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) Housing Programs	Self help housing loans help groups of 6 to 10 low income families build their own homes by providing materials and the skilled labor they cannot furnish themselves. The families must agree to work together.	Applicants must have very low or low incomes. Very low income is defined as below 50 percent of the area median income (AMI); low income is between 50 and 80 percent of AMI. Families must be without adequate housing; however, they must be able to afford the mortgage payments including principal, interest, taxes and insurance.	<a href="#">Self-Help Housing Loan</a>
Housing	Homeownership Loans	USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) Housing Programs	Rural Development's housing programs finance new or improved housing for very low-to moderate-income families and individuals who wish to live in rural areas or rural cities and towns. The purpose of this program is to provide financing with no down payments at favorable rates and terms. These loans are for the purchase, construction, rehabilitation, or relocation for a dwelling and related facilities. Guaranteed and direct loans are offered.	Home ownership loans are offered to help families or persons with low and moderate income. They must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be without decent, safe and sanitary housing.</li> <li>2. Be unable to obtain a loan from other sources on terms and conditions they can reasonably be expected to meet.</li> <li>3. Have sufficient income to pay house payments, insurance premiums and taxes and necessary living expenses.</li> <li>4. Possess the legal capacity to incur the loan obligation.</li> <li>5. Possess the legal ability to carry out the undertakings and obligations required in connection with the loan.</li> </ol>	<a href="#">Homeownership Loans</a>

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Housing	Rural Renter Housing Loans	USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) Housing Programs	Rural Rental Housing Loans are made to finance building construction and site development of multi-family living quarter for people with low, and moderate incomes. Loans can be made in this program to construct housing that will be operated in cooperative form, but loan funds may not be used to finance individual units within the project.	Loans of up to \$1,500,000 must be approved by State Directors. All requests for loans above \$1,500,000 must be reviewed by the HCFP National Office. The National Office publishes a Notice of Funds Availability in the Federal Register as soon after the start of the Fiscal Year as possible. Generally, the NOFA should be published around November 1. The program is adaptable for participation by a wide variety of owners. Loans can be made to individuals, trusts, associations, partnerships, limited partnerships, State or local public agencies, consumer cooperatives, and profit or nonprofit corporations.	<a href="#">Rural Rental Housing Loans</a>
Housing	Home Improvement Loans/ Site Grants	USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) Housing Programs	State Directors may approve site loans for up to \$200,000. Larger loans require prior approval of the National Office. Section 523 loans are limited to private or public nonprofit organizations that will provide sites solely for self-help housing. Section 524 loans are made to private or public nonprofit organizations. Section 524 sites may be sold to low- or moderate-income families utilizing HCFP or any other mortgage financing program which serves the same eligible families.	Home Improvement and Repair Loans and Grants enable very low-income rural homeowners to remove health and safety hazards from their homes and to make homes decent, safe, sanitary, and accessible for people with disabilities. Loans are available to very low-income rural homeowners to make substantial home repairs when other loan options are not available. Site Loans buy adequate building sites for development of a desirable community by private or public nonprofit organizations.	<a href="#">Rural Housing Site Loans</a>
Housing	Farm Labor Housing	USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) Housing Programs	Farm Labor Housing Loans and Grants enable farmers, public or private nonprofit organizations, and units of State and local governments to build, buy, or repair farm labor housing in either dormitory or multifamily apartment style. They will also help pay for facilities, such as on site child care centers.	The District Director has the authority to approve loans to individuals of up to \$100,000, and the State Director can approve loans of up to \$400,000. Larger loans must receive prior approval from the National Office. Loans are made to farmers, associations of farmers, family farm corporations, nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and associations of farm workers.	<a href="#">Farm Labor Housing</a>

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Housing	Housing Preservation Grants	USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) Housing Programs	Housing Preservation Grants are used to renovate deteriorating homes and rental properties occupied by families whose incomes fall into the low and very low categories. Grants can be provided to repair these properties and bring them up to code. These grants are almost always used in conjunction with other sources, including local and State governments and grants from private businesses.	Those assisted must own very low- or low-income housing, either as homeowners, landlords, or members of a cooperative. Very low income is defined as below 50 percent of the area median income (AMI); low income is between 50 and 80 percent of AMI. Eligible sponsors include state agencies, units of local government, and nonprofit organizations.	<a href="#">Housing Preservation Grants</a>
Housing	Housing Assistance	USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) Housing Programs	Housing Programs can help subsidize monthly mortgage and rental payments, limiting these costs to no more than 30 percent of the adjusted monthly income of the applicant.	These subsidies are not available as a separate component but apply only to the direct homeownership, rural rental and farm labor programs described above.	<a href="#">Housing Assistance</a>
Housing	First Time Homebuyer's Program	CSPDC	Program designed to make homeownership a reality for individuals and families with modest incomes. First-time homebuyers are offered low interest loans with down payment and closing cost assistance which make monthly payments affordable. Credit counseling and education are also offered. Offered on a first come first serve basis.	Eligibility: Several eligibility requirements apply including, borrower must be a US citizen, borrower annual income must be within a certain range, ect. Other Info: Contact the Shenandoah PDC for more information at <a href="mailto:cspdc@cspdc.org">cspdc@cspdc.org</a>	<a href="#">First Time Homebuyer's Program Brochure</a>

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Housing	Rural Community Development Initiative	Rural Housing Service USDA (United States Department of Agriculture)	USDA has announced the availability of \$6,256,000 of competitive grant funds for the RCDI program through the Rural Housing Service, an agency within the USDA. Applicants must provide matching funds in an amount at least equal to the Federal grant. These grants will be made to qualified intermediary organizations that will provide financial and technical assistance to recipients to develop their capacity and ability to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development.	This program requires dollar for dollar matching funds which must be in the form of cash or confirmed funding commitments and be at least equal to the grant amount. In-kind contributions cannot be used as matching funds.	<a href="#">RCDI Grant Application</a>



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Planning Pre-Project	Community Organizing, Pre Project (CDBG)	Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development	<p>The community should have reached a consensus on a vision for the future. Eligible activities of the community include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Conducting assessments of community strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats</li> <li>2. Establishing goals and objectives</li> <li>3. Developing work plans and implementation strategies</li> </ol>	<p>Localities submitting project proposals must develop a methodology to prioritize the localities' highest community development needs. This grant targets activation and organization of community residents to develop general strategies for future improvements. Construction Proposal not required- Project Planning Grant Expected. Non profit are not eligible, only local government. Up to \$10,000 available per grant on an annual basis, open Jan 1- September 30th.</p>	<p><a href="#">Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development - Planning Grant Assistance</a></p>
Planning Pre-Project	Community Economic Needs, Pre Project (CDBG)	Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development	<p>This grant targets activation and organization of community residents to develop general strategies for future improvements. It determines highest priority needs and capacity to address.</p>	<p>Grants available up to \$15,000 for a single-objective assessment, analysis and prioritization. This category is directed at a single objective needs analysis and is not intended to provide general overall needs analysis. Planning Grants under this category should address one of the applicants' previously identified highest community development needs. Available on open basis, Jan 1- September 30th annually.</p>	<p><a href="#">Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development - Planning Grant Assistance</a></p>
Planning	Proposal Planning Grant (CDBG)	Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development	<p>Up to \$30,000. Activities range from needs assessments, to surveys and user agreements to development of cost estimates and PER's. All Project Planning Grant activities must be conducted with maximum participation of residents, potential beneficiaries, stakeholders, and local leaders.</p>	<p>Planning Grant activities should be oriented toward the development of projects which directly relate to a future Community Improvement Grant project. These projects should detail community development problems and present realistic solutions for treatment of these problems. Available on an annual basis, open Jan 1- September 30th.</p>	<p><a href="#">Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development - Planning Grant Assistance</a></p>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Planning</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Business District Revitalization Project Grants (CDBG)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development</b></p>	<p>Business District Revitalization is a phased planning process. Activities include creating inventory of properties in the BDR area, business surveys, determining availability of business assistance providers, community visioning, learning about the Virginia Main Street approach, and identifying opportunities for economic restructuring.</p>	<p>Ranges from \$3,000 to \$35,000; smaller grants available for applicants not meeting defined thresholds. Available on an annual basis, open Jan 1- September 30th.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#"><u>Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development - Planning Grant Assistance</u></a></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Planning</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Regional Planning Grants (CDBG)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development</b></p>	<p>Up to \$40,000 available for multi-locality project planning; Activity range same as single-locality project planning but must involve all localities participating.</p>	<p>Eligible activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Assessments, needs analyses, and need prioritization</li> <li>• Activation and organization of target area residents and stakeholders</li> <li>• Surveys of residents, users, customers, and potential beneficiaries</li> <li>• Obtaining easements and user agreements</li> <li>• Development of cost estimates and Preliminary Engineering Reports</li> <li>• Completion of market studies</li> </ul> <p>Available on an annual basis, open Jan 1- September 30th.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#"><u>Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development - Planning Grant Assistance</u></a></p>

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Planning	Marketing Leverage Program	Virginia Tourism Corporation	Program designed to stimulate new tourism marketing programs through the creation of tourism partnerships and to extend the "Virginia is for Lovers" campaign. The objective of the program is to leverage limited marketing dollars, resulting in increased visitor spending, revenue and jobs. There are two tiers of grants: One up to \$5,000 and another tier from \$5,000 - \$25,000.	VTC Marketing Leverage Program applications open in the spring. A minimum of three entities must partner financially to apply for funding consideration.	<a href="#">Virginia Tourism Corporation - Leverage Program</a>
Planning	HUD-DOT-EPA Interagency Partnership for Sustainable Communities	HUD, DOT, EPA	The Department of Housing and Urban Development is launching a \$100 million Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program designed to create stronger, more sustainable communities by connecting housing to jobs. Grants will be competitively awarded to multi-sector partnerships, state and local governments, MPO's, educational institutions and non profit organizations.	Grants will be competitively awarded to multi-sector partnerships, state and local governments, MPO's, educational institutions and non profit organizations.	<a href="#">Interagency Partnership for Sustainable Communities</a>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Planning</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Planning and Design Grants</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Virginia Department of Health (VDH)</b></p>	<p>Grants can be up to \$50,000 per eligible project and may include projects for small, financially stressed, community waterworks serving fewer than 10,000 persons. Eligible projects may include preliminary engineering planning, design of plans, performance of source water quality and quantity studies, drilling test wells to determine source feasibility.</p>	<p>Private and public owners of community waterworks are eligible to apply.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">Virginia Department of Health Funding Opportunities</a></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Planning</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Telecommunications Project Planning Grants (CDBG)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development</b></p>	<p>Up to \$25,000 available. Activities that may lead to future CDBG eligible system development and support and/ or implementation activities.</p>	<p>Funds may be utilized to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist in promoting awareness of potential CDBG eligible activities and gauging stakeholder interest</li> <li>• Creating a management team of potential user groups to oversee the creation of a Telecommunications Plan</li> <li>• Conduct surveying efforts to document the eligibility of future telecommunication planning and implementation efforts for CDBG funding</li> <li>• Conduct informational and training programs</li> <li>• Identify and procure professional assistance as necessary</li> </ul> <p>Available on open basis, Jan 1- September 30th annually.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development - Planning Grant Assistance</a></p>

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Trails, Greenways, and Bikeways	Appalachian Regional Commission - Asset-Based Development	Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development	ARC's Asset-Based Development Initiative seeks to help communities identify and leverage local assets to create jobs and build prosperity while preserving the character of their community. Development strategies include leveraging ecological assets for outdoor recreation.	Appalachian Regional Commission communities; Highland, Bath, Rockbridge, Buena Vista, and Lexington, are eligible for this grant.  ARC grants provide up to \$500,000 for construction projects and up to \$100,000 for non-construction projects.  Generally, ARC grants are limited to 50% of project costs.	<a href="#">ARC Program</a>
Trails, Greenways, and Bikeways	Community Development Block Grant	Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development	CDBG provides funding to eligible units of local government for projects that address critical community needs including housing, infrastructure, and economic development.	Trails, Greenways, and Bikeways are eligible for CDBG funds as public facilities, provided they serve low to moderate income areas.	<a href="#">Community Development Block Grant</a>
Trails, Greenways, and Bikeways	Kodak American Greenways	Conservation Fund	One major element of this Program involves "seed" grant awards to organizations that are growing our nation's network of greenways, blueways, trails and natural areas. These projects connect Americans to the outdoors and their heritage.	The Program anticipates awarding up to fifty percent of the grants to those greenways projects that demonstrate the convergence of economic prosperity and the environment. Most grants range from \$500 to \$1,000. The maximum grant is \$2,500.	<a href="#">Kodak American Greenways Program</a>
Trails, Greenways, and Bikeways	Land and Water Conservation Fund	Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)	The Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 established a federal reimbursement program for the acquisition and/or development of public outdoor recreation areas.	The LWCF is a 50-50 percent matching reimbursement program. The grant recipient must be able to fund 100 percent of the project while seeking periodic reimbursements. Counties, Cities, Towns, Tribal Governments, State Agencies, and Park and Recreation authorities are eligible to apply. New Grant Round available, applications due March 19. Approximately \$1,00,000 available. See website for grant manual and applications.	<a href="#">DCR LWCF Information</a>

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Trails, Greenways, and Bikeways	Program for Public Boating Access Facilities	Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries	The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries has funds to assist localities in providing public opportunities for boating access facilities. Grants are available for new development or the renovation or improvements to boating access facilities.	<p>Cities, Counties, and Towns are eligible for this competitive grant</p> <p>Up \$100,00 available per project depending on its size</p> <p>Reimbursement of to 75% of project costs</p> <p>Applications are due October 1st</p>	<a href="#">Public Boating Access Facilities</a>
Trails, Greenways, and Bikeways	Safe Routes to School Programs	Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)	<p>The purpose of the SRTS program is:</p> <p>(1) To enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school;</p> <p>(2) To make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle</p> <p>(3) To facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of projects that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution near schools.</p>	<p>The funding limit for an infrastructure project is \$500,000. A locality can submit more than one infrastructure project application up to \$500,000 per locality. A single application can be no less than \$20,000. Funding awards are based on a competitive application process with funding reserved for strong applications that are well-developed - including mapping and budgets, impact large numbers of students, and are at schools that strongly support walking and/or bicycling to school.</p> <p>Starting in 2012, non-infrastructure projects will also be eligible.</p>	<a href="#">Safe Routes to School Program</a>
Trails, Greenways, and Bikeways	Transportation Enhancement Programs	Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)	This program offers broad opportunities and federal funding for creative projects that integrated transportation into our communities and environment. These federal funds cannot be used for traditional highway projects or roadway improvements. They are for activities that go above and beyond common transportation practice.	<p>To qualify for funds a project must meet two federal criteria:</p> <p>1) Relate to surface transportation</p> <p>2) Qualify under at least one of the 12 designated enhancement activities</p> <p>Applications are accepted on an annual basis. To be considered for funding, applications must be received in VDOT's Local Assistance Division before December 1st of each year. The program is available to all local governments.</p>	<a href="#">Transportation Enhancement Program</a>

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Trails, Greenways, and Bikeways	Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Grants	United States Forest Service	The purpose of this grant is to improve community forestry planning, enhance skills and maintenance, promote volunteerism, promote education and the development of sustainable urban forestry programs.	Trails and Greenways are a key part of the program. Approximately \$150,000 is available to fund new projects during the current grant cycle with typical proposals in the \$5,000-\$10,000 range. This program requires a 50% match from the applicant.	<a href="#">Department of Forestry Grants</a>
Trails, Greenways, and Bikeways	Virginia Land Conservation Foundation	Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)	The purpose of the foundation is to provide state funding used to conserve certain categories of special land. Those categories are open spaces and parks, natural areas, historic areas, and farmland and forest preservation, which is managed by the foundation. A portion of the fund may be used for developing properties for public use.	Categories: There are four application categories, and each has a particular set of criteria: Open Spaces and Parks, Natural Area Protection, Historic Area Preservation, Farmlands and Forest Preservation Eligibility: Applications can be submitted by agencies, localities, public bodies, and registered (tax-exempt) nonprofit organizations in accordance with application procedures.	<a href="#">DCRLCF Information</a>
Trails, Greenways, and Bikeways	Virginia Recreational Trails Program	Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)	The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is a federal reimbursement grant program established to provide and maintain recreational trails and trails-related facilities. Recreational trail grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000 are available to nonprofit organizations and government entities. DCR has approximately \$1,400,000 to award in trail grants through the Recreational Trails Program.	The grant program provides funding for trail efforts that would not otherwise be possible. The program mandates that 30 percent of the total funds be used for motorized recreational trails, and 30 percent be used for non-motorized recreational trails. The remaining 40 percent is for multiple-use trails, including hiking, biking and equestrian use.	<a href="#">DCR Recreational Trails Program</a>
Trails, Greenways, and Bikeways	Recreational Access Program	Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)	The Recreational Access Program was developed to provide adequate access to public recreational facilities or historic sites operated by a state agency, a locality or a local authority. "Access" can either be provided by an access road or a bicycle facility.	Eligible projects include: construction, reconstruction, maintenance, and improvement of roads and bikeways to local and state-run recreational or historic facilities. Up to \$60,000 in funds per project are available year-round with an additional \$15,000 in funds available if matched.	<a href="#">Recreational Access Program</a>

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Trails, Greenways, and Bikeways	Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program	Federal Transit Administration	This program provides funding for alternative transportation systems such as shuttle buses, bicycle lanes and footpaths to improve access to federal lands.	Several million in funds is available each year. No more than 25% can be provided to one project. No match is required.	<a href="#">Transit in Parks Program</a>
Trails, Greenways, and Bikeways	Recreation Trails Program (RTP)	Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)	A matching reimbursement grant program that provides for the creation and maintenance of trails and trail facilities. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds the program, which DCR administers in Virginia.	Program criteria requires that 30% of the available funding be used on motorized trails, 30% on non-motorized trails and 40% on diversified/multi-use trails. Approximately \$1,400,000 available. Application deadline is 4:00 PM, Thursday, December 5, 2013.	<a href="#">2013-2014 Recreation Trails Grant Cycle</a>



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Transportation	Safe Routes to School: Quick Start Mini-Grants	Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)	<p>Who can apply? All elementary and middle schools in Virginia are eligible to apply, regardless of past participation in a VDOT SRTS grant. Quick Start Mini-Grants can be used to fund a range of activities that encourage and enable children to safely walk and bicycle to school, including activities that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage safe walking, bicycling, and driving habits.</li> <li>• Increase the number of students walking and bicycling to school.</li> <li>• Emphasize physical activity and health.</li> </ul>	<p>Funding limit is \$1,000. Eligible applicants include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adult-supervised elementary or middle school groups or clubs.</li> <li>2. Adult-supervised high school groups/clubs that wish to partner with a nearby elementary or middle school.</li> <li>3. Faculty, staff, or parent volunteers at elementary or middle schools.</li> <li>4. Local governments and Tribal governments.</li> <li>5. Community-based or private nonprofit organizations that will work with a school to improve safety and/or increase the number of children who safely walk or bicycle to school.</li> </ol>	<p><a href="#">Safe Routes to School Program</a></p>
Transportation	Safe Routes to School Programs (part of the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) )	Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)	<p>SRTS seeks to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school;</li> <li>(2) Make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age; and</li> <li>(3) Facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity of schools.</li> </ol>	<p>See details below for the TAP Program. Requires a 20% non-federal match. Funding awards are based on a competitive application process with funding reserved for strong applications that are well-developed - including mapping and budgets, impact large numbers of students, and are at schools that strongly support walking and/or bicycling to school. Non-infrastructure projects are eligible through their own application process.</p>	<p><a href="#">Safe Routes to School Program</a></p>
Transportation	Air Service Grants	Transportation Department Office of Aviation Analysis	<p>The program is designed to provide financial assistance to small communities to help them enhance their air service. Funding is available up to \$8 million for 40 awards.</p>	<p>Small communities with insufficient air service are eligible. An objective of the program is to help communities secure enhancements that will be responsive to their air transportation/air fare needs on a long-term basis after the financial support of the grant has ended.</p>	<p><a href="#">Small Community Air Service Development Program</a></p>

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Transportation	Transportation Alternatives Programs	Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)	The recently enacted Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century includes a number of substantial changes to the transportation enhancement (TE) program. The activities are now termed "transportation alternatives," (TAs). Under MAP-21 there are nine eligible TAs. Four previously eligible activities are not included in MAP-21: pedestrian and bicycle safety and educational programs; acquisition of scenic or historic easements and sites; scenic or historic highway programs including tourist and welcome centers; and establishment of transportation museums.	To qualify for funds a project must meet three federal criteria: 1) Relate to surface transportation 2) Qualify under at least one of the 9 designated alternatives activities 3) Have a 20% local match Applications are accepted on an annual basis. To be considered for funding, applications must be received in VDOT's Local Assistance Division before November 1st, 2013. The program is available to all local governments. Non-profits, MPOs and VDOT are ineligible.	<a href="#">Transportation Alternatives Program</a>
Transportation	Transportation for People Who Cannot Drive	Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services	The Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services is seeking proposals to improve or expand coordinated transportation service to those who cannot drive and do not have alternative transportation available.	\$400,000 in funds are available to state and local agencies. Awards shall be no less than \$5,000 and no more than \$20,000. Proposals are due July 20th.	<a href="#">Transportation for People Who Cannot Drive</a>
Transportation	Highway Safety Improvement Program	Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)	VDOT provides funding to improve areas with an abnormally high incidence of crashes, including railroad crossings and bike-ped safety. Potential projects are analyzed on an economic benefit/cost ratio.	Up to \$1 million in funds are available per project with a 10% match for local governments and planning commissions. Applications are typically due in January.	<a href="#">Highway Safety Improvement Program</a>
Transportation	Highway Safety Program	Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles	The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles provides money for projects or programs designed to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities. A wide range of transportation safety related activities are eligible for funding.	Approximately \$4 million is available annually. Applications are due in April.	<a href="#">Highway Safety Program</a>

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Transportation	Rail Industrial Access Program	Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation	The Rail Industrial Access Program is intended to encourage economic development by constructing or repairing tracks and related facilities to provide rail access for industry.	\$300,000 is available per project in unmatched funds. Funds in excess of \$300,000 must be matched.	<a href="#">Rail Industrial Access Program</a>
Transportation	Recreational Access Program	Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)	The Recreational Access Program was developed to provide adequate access to public recreational facilities or historic sites operated by a state agency, a locality or a local authority. "Access" can either be provided by an access road or a bicycle facility.	Eligible projects include: construction, reconstruction, maintenance, and improvement of roads and bikeways to local and state-run recreational or historic facilities. Up to \$60,000 in funds per project are available year-round with an additional \$15,000 in funds available if matched.	<a href="#">Recreational Access Program</a>
Transportation	Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program	Federal Transit Administration	This program provides funding for alternative transportation systems such as shuttle buses, bicycle lanes and footpaths to improve access to federal lands.	Several million in funds is available each year. No more than 25% can be provided to one project. No match is required.	<a href="#">Transit in Parks Program</a>

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Utilities	Construction Ready Water and Sewer, CDBG	Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development	<p>\$1,000,000 reserved for construction of community facility projects providing public water or sewer service to communities. The intent of these projects is to assist localities that find themselves in an “except for” position, i.e., fully ready to provide service to an LMI community except for all or a portion of the construction funds. It is anticipated that these funds will be used in conjunction with other resources.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Available to provide new water/sewer service</li> <li>• Project area must be comprised of at least 60% low-moderate – income households</li> <li>• For projects that are ready and just need additional construction funds.</li> </ul> <p>How to Apply: Open submission basis, from January 1-September 30.</p> <p>At the time of application-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income surveys and user agreements one year old or less must document eligibility and community demand;</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">CDBG Guide</a></p>
Utilities	Appalachian Regional Commission - Community Infrastructure Program	Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development	<p>ARC's community infrastructure work focuses primarily on the provision of water and wastewater services.</p> <p>ARC also supports infrastructure investments that promote economic and employment opportunities. The provision of water, sewer, gas, fiber, and access roads are critical to attracting new development and supporting the expansion and economic health of the Region's existing business sector. ARC uses grant funds to leverage other public dollars and private-sector investment to attract commercial and industrial development.</p>	<p>Appalachian Regional Commission communities; Highland, Bath, Rockbridge, Buena Vista, and Lexington, are eligible for this grant.</p> <p>ARC grants provide up to \$500,000 for construction projects and up to \$100,000 for non-construction projects.</p> <p>Generally, ARC grants are limited to 50% of project costs.</p>	<p><a href="#">ARC Program</a></p>
Utilities	Rural Utilities Program	USDA (United States Department of Agriculture)	<p>The Rural Utilities Programs help to improve the quality of life in rural America through a variety of loan and grant programs for electric energy, telecommunications and water and waste disposal projects.</p>	<p>USDA electric and telecommunications programs provide financial aid through direct and guaranteed loans and through grants for distance learning and telemedicine programs. This grant includes the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program as well as the Rural Broadband Access Program.</p>	<p><a href="#">Rural Utilities Service</a></p>

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Utilities	Electric Program	USDA (United States Department of Agriculture)	USDA Rural Development's Electric Program makes loans and loan guarantees to finance the construction of electric distribution, transmission and generation facilities, including system improvements and replacements required to furnish and improve electric service in rural areas, and for demand-side management, energy conservation programs, and on-grid and off-grid renewable energy systems.	<p>Electric Program makes loans to corporation, states, territories, and subdivision of agencies such as municipalities, people's utility districts, and cooperative, nonprofit, limited-dividend, or mutual associations that supply retail electric service to rural areas or that provide for the power supply needs of rural distribution borrowers. The Electric Program offers a variety of financial assistance including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hardship Loans</li> <li>• Municipal Rate Loans</li> <li>• Treasury Rate Loans</li> <li>• Guaranteed Loans</li> <li>• Renewable Energy Projects</li> <li>• Assistance to Rural Communities</li> </ul>	<a href="#">USDA Rural Development Electric Programs</a>
Utilities	Weatherization Program	Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development	<p>The Weatherization Assistance program provides funds to reduce the heating and cooling costs for low-income families, and to ensure their health and safety.</p> <p>Assistance services are available for low-income households, particularly for the elderly, individuals with disabilities, and families with children.</p> <p>The program provides direct installation of energysaving measures such as:          Sealing air-leaks with insulation, caulking, and weatherstripping;          Repairing leaky duct systems, and much more.</p>	<p>The Weatherization Assistance Program is funded by the U.S. Department of Energy through grants to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), as well as from funds from the Virginia Department of Social Services' Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Weatherization Component. Assistance is available throughout the entire state from local community action agencies and nonprofit housing organizations.</p>	<a href="#">Weatherization Assistance</a>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Utilities</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Telecommunications Project Implementation Grants (CDBG)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development</b></p>	<p>Telecommunication efforts, which may include implementation (e.g. installation of a fiber network) or system development and support (e.g. community business training and education), may be eligible for assistance. All projects must demonstrate activities that are outcome-focused and demonstrate a direct relationship between intended project efforts and measurable, tangible improvements to the health of the community being served.</p>	<p>All projects must first submit a community telecommunications plan approved by DHCD. Only implementation projects which target : "last mile" installation of broadband applications will be considered for funding (e.g. no long-haul backbone systems will be installed).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">VDHCD Telecommunications Project Implementation Grants (CDBG)</a></p>