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Virginia Association of Counties ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



ENTER THE 2017 VACo ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Dear VACo Members:

It's time for the 2017 Achievement Awards Program. Any county department is eligible to compete so **ENTER NOW!**

All entries are required to be submitted in electronic form. No paper copy submissions are necessary. The electronic copy should be a PDF or WORD file. Email entries to Gage Harter at gcharter@vaco.org.

Submissions must be received by June 2.

Last year we processed 91 entries and selected 29 winners from 21 counties. VACo presented awards at 18 Board of Supervisors Meetings and recognized winners at the Annual Conference, in a news release sent to statewide media and in an Achievement Awards booklet.

The judges for the 2017 Achievement Awards will be announced soon.

VACo received more than 500 entries over the past eight competitions. Last year's Best Achievement winner was King and Queen County for its "King and Queen Broadband Internet" program.

VACo encourages all counties, big and small, to enter the 2017 Achievement Awards Program. Please contact gcharter@vaco.org with questions or for more information.

[Click here for entry form](#)

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General Assembly adopts budget and adjourns sine die



After a 46-day General Assembly Session, the House of Delegates and Senate adjourned on Saturday, February 25, after adopting amendments to the state budget for 2016-2018. The \$107 billion budget restores pay raises to public employees, protects education funding and invests in mental health services.

The House voted 96-1 and the Senate 40-0 to adopt the revised two-year plan.

The budget includes a 3 percent salary adjustment for state employees effective July 10 and a 2 percent salary increase for state-supported local employees effective August 1.

Education was a top priority of the budget committees. The state will send \$34 million more to localities on a per-pupil basis through the lottery. School divisions will have the flexibility to spend these funds as they choose. The conference report also provides the state's share of a two percent salary increase for teachers, effective February 15, 2018, and \$7.3 million for small school divisions that have experienced a decline in Average Daily Membership of five percent or more between 2011 and 2016.

In mental health, the revised budget includes \$5 million to provide permanent supportive housing for individuals with serious mental illness, a priority of the Joint Subcommittee to Study Mental Health Services in the 21st Century (often referred to as the Deeds Commission). The conference report extends the Deeds Commission by two years, and directs several specific studies of aspects of the mental health system, such as increasing the use of telemedicine for mental health services. The budget provides \$6.2 million for same-day access to mental health services at Community Services Boards, and expands eligibility for the existing Governor's Access Plan, which provides coverage for individuals with mental illness through Medicaid.

The budget conference report also includes a 2.5 percent increase in the TANF benefit, and provides \$90,000 GF and \$2.5 million in federal TANF funds to reorganize locality groupings, which would better reflect growth in cost of living in certain localities.

The conference report directs the creation of a joint subcommittee to examine local fiscal stress, including local responsibility for service delivery and disparity between taxing authorities of cities and counties. The conference report also directs the creation of a workgroup to develop an early warning system for localities in financial distress and outlines a process for state intervention in certain cases.

The General Assembly returns for the reconvened session on April 5 to consider gubernatorial vetoes and amendments to legislation.

VACo Contact: [Dean Lynch, CAE](#)

Financial Facts

The ability of an entity to continue as a going concern is a fundamental principle in the preparation of financial statements. GASB Statement No. 56 establishes requirements related to management's responsibilities for assessing going concern for state and local governmental entities.

In July, 2016, the Accounting Standards Board (ASB) released an exposure draft, Proposed Statement on Auditing Standards, *The Auditor's Consideration of an Entity's Ability to Continue as a Going Concern*, to supersede SAS No. 126. It is the ASB's strategy to converge its standards with those of the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB).

Therefore, in developing SAS No 132, the ASB used ISA 570 as a base. Overall, respondents to the exposure draft supported the ASB's proposal to update SAS No. 126 in light of the impending effective date of FASB ASU No. 2014-15.

VACo Contact: [Vicky Steinruck, CPA](#)

Chesapeake Bay Commission and Governor to host 'Back to the Bay' Signature Event on June 10



In 2016 the General Assembly passed HJR 31 designating the second week of June as Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week. This designation was championed by the Chesapeake Bay Commission, a commission created in 1980 to promote cooperation among Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania for the improvement of water quality in the Chesapeake Bay.

Bay Awareness Week provides a way to reach a greater and more diverse audience of engaged citizens, private businesses and local governments.

According to Delegate Scott Lingamfelter, who chairs Virginia's delegation to the Chesapeake Bay Commission, "Virginia has made significant progress restoring the health of the Chesapeake Bay. Signs of good work include reduced areas of low dissolved oxygen, increased underwater grasses and cleaner waters. Yet a lot more work will be necessary to reach our 2025 goal of a restored Chesapeake Bay. Raising awareness and engaging the public will be critical to achieve success."

To build more awareness, Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week will include an annual, one-day signature event to be known as "Back to the Bay." It is scheduled for June 10 at Mason Neck State Park in Fairfax County between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., and will include hands-on educational programs for all ages, outdoor activities such as hiking and kayaking, local foods and beverages and live entertainment.

"The Chesapeake Bay is important to our quality of life. It is a rich part of our heritage as Virginians and a critical component of our future economic growth. The responsibility to restore the Bay falls on us – those who live in the Bay watershed. One of these responsibilities is to reduce polluted stormwater runoff," said Delegate David L. Bulova. "Bay Awareness Week provides a way to educate all citizens about the challenges ahead and how each of us can play a meaningful role in restoring cleaner waters."

"The Chamber of Commerce is excited to be a partner in Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week. We are working alongside the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay to encourage local businesses to get involved," said Dennis Treacy, chairman of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce and citizen representative to the Chesapeake Bay Commission Virginia Delegation.

Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week and Back to the Bay were announced during a press conference on February 21. Speakers included Delegate Scott Lingamfelter, Delegate David Bulova, Dennis Treacy, Secretary of Natural Resources Molly Ward, and Nissa Dean, Virginia Director of the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay.

For more information about Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week and Back to the Bay, visit <http://www.vcnva.org/back-to-the-bay-day/> or follow Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week on Facebook.

VACo Contact: [Larry Land, CAE](#)

Visit Giles County and The Cascades

This highly scenic, 4-mile round-trip trail meanders along a shaded mountain creek to a 66-foot waterfall within Jefferson National Forest. Hike is low to moderate difficulty. Picnicking area is at the beginning of the trail. Native trout fishing available in the Little Stony Creek. Accessible restrooms at the trailhead. Picnic area. Water hydrant for filling water bottles available in the recreation area.

SOURCE: [Virginia is for Lovers](#)



Mark Your Calendars



VIRGINIA CERTIFIED COUNTY SUPERVISORS' PROGRAM

Managing While Leading: Understanding Your Powers, Duties and Responsibilities

Opening Session: March 17, 2017 | Closing Session: May 12, 2017

Location: Albemarle County

Cost: \$350 | Registration Deadline: March 7, 2017

[Registration Form](#) | [Register Online](#)
[Supervisor Certification Webpage](#)

Are leadership, management, and governance symbiotic or separate? Boards of Supervisors are elected to serve specific roles and guide county functions as defined by the Code of Virginia. This course reviews the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the local Supervisor in addition to identifying the skill set needed to establish a governance policy body that is consequential. Avoiding poor performance and learning how to blend leadership with strategic thinking is a course outcome.



April 1- 7 is Local Government Education Week: Let's partner with K-12 students to learn what we are about!

Let's celebrate and share the Virginia local government story with students and the greater community in April. Participating communities are eligible to win a great elementary school level book on local government services and further education on the importance of public service at the same time.

The 2012 General Assembly adopted House Joint Resolution #93 proclaiming the **first week of April as Local Government Education week** in honor of the founding of the Council-Manager form of government in Staunton, Virginia, in 1908.



The Civic Engagement Committee of the Virginia Local Government Management Association has developed tools for students - our future leaders - regarding good community building work, the services provided at the local level, and increasing awareness of career opportunities in local government. This will help us strengthen knowledge of local government management/public service as a vital part of our democracy, and possibly as a career path.

As part of this effort **VLGMA asks each locality's governing body to adopt a proclamation** honoring this week. A template is available on the Civic Engagement webpage on the VLGMA website (http://icma.org/en/va/resources/civic_education).

Adopting a proclamation is a good first step, but there are many other activities to engage with the local school district and the young people of our community. We encourage **each locality to develop an engagement plan** that meets your local need. The Civic Engagement Committee has pulled together numerous resources that are posted on the website that include great elementary school level books, a high school teachers' resource guide with lesson plans, and a report of various civic engagement best practices used by VLGMA members. Activities are not restricted to the first week of April but can occur throughout the year and be highlighted in April.

Check out this website link (http://icma.org/en/va/resources/civic_education) for additional great resources. [Click here](#) to download the Local Government Education Proclamation Template.

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Thank you to county administrators and staff for your great response to our 2017 updates request. The above is a listing of this year's Chairs and Vice Chairs as elected at county organizational meetings throughout the Commonwealth. Updates or corrections may be submitted at any time to Carol Cameron at ccameron@vaco.org.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES



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MECKLENBURG COUNTY SCHOOL FACILITY SITE LOCATION PROJECT

Mecklenburg County Administration
P.O. Box 307
350 Washington Street
Boydton, VA 23917
Phone: 434.738-6191

Contact: Wayne Carter
County Administrator
Phone: 434.738.6191 Ext: 4202
wayne.carter@mecklenburgva.com

PROPOSALS DUE:
March 15, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

Grants available for dam and floodplain projects

Dam owners and local governments may apply for \$1.2 million in grants available from the Virginia Dam Safety, Flood Prevention and Protection Assistance Fund.

The fund is managed by the Virginia Resources Authority on behalf of the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

All grants are reimbursements and require a 50 percent match. The maximum amount per grant will be determined based on amounts requested from eligible projects, application scores and available funds. Requests must be submitted by 4 p.m. on March 31, 2017.

“Dam safety and floodplain management are critical to our public safety,” DCR Director Clyde E. Cristman said. “These grants will help recipients take necessary steps to protect lives and property, while making communities more resilient to flooding. We encourage dam owners and localities across Virginia to apply.”

Grants are offered in two categories:

Dam safety grants are available to private dam owners and local governments for dams that have been under a regular or conditional certificate during the past 12 months. If the applicant’s dam is not under a certificate, detailed documentation must be provided to demonstrate the steps being taken to bring the dam under certificate. Grants may be used for dam break inundation zone analysis, mapping and digitization; probable maximum precipitation impact analysis and certification; hazard classification analysis; emergency action plan development; spillway capacity analysis; dam engineering and design activities; and other projects as specified in the [grant manual](#).

Flood prevention and protection grants are available to local governments and can be used for community outreach and educational programs; ordinance development and revision; development of flood cost reduction and resiliency standards; locality flood warning and response systems; or improvements to floodplain programs.

For more information, [download the grant manual here](#) or call 804.371.6095.

employment opportunities



The Virginia Association of Counties accepts employment ads in a PDF file or a link to a job site. Please include information for applying, and a link to other important information. Please do not fax your employment ad. VACo members are not charged for placing an employment ad. The cost is \$50 per ad for non-VACo members. VACo publishes the ad on its website and mobile app as well as the upcoming County Connections issue. If you have any questions or concerns, please email [Valerie Russell](mailto:Valerie.Russell).

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