

Treasury Releases Direction to Counties in Preparation for Fiscal Recovery Funds Distributions



On April 15, Treasury provided direction to counties and other entities that will be receiving Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds directly from the federal government as to steps that should be taken in advance of the release of funds.

The guidance may be found at this link: <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-fund> – the guidance is listed under the heading “Pre-Award Requirements.”

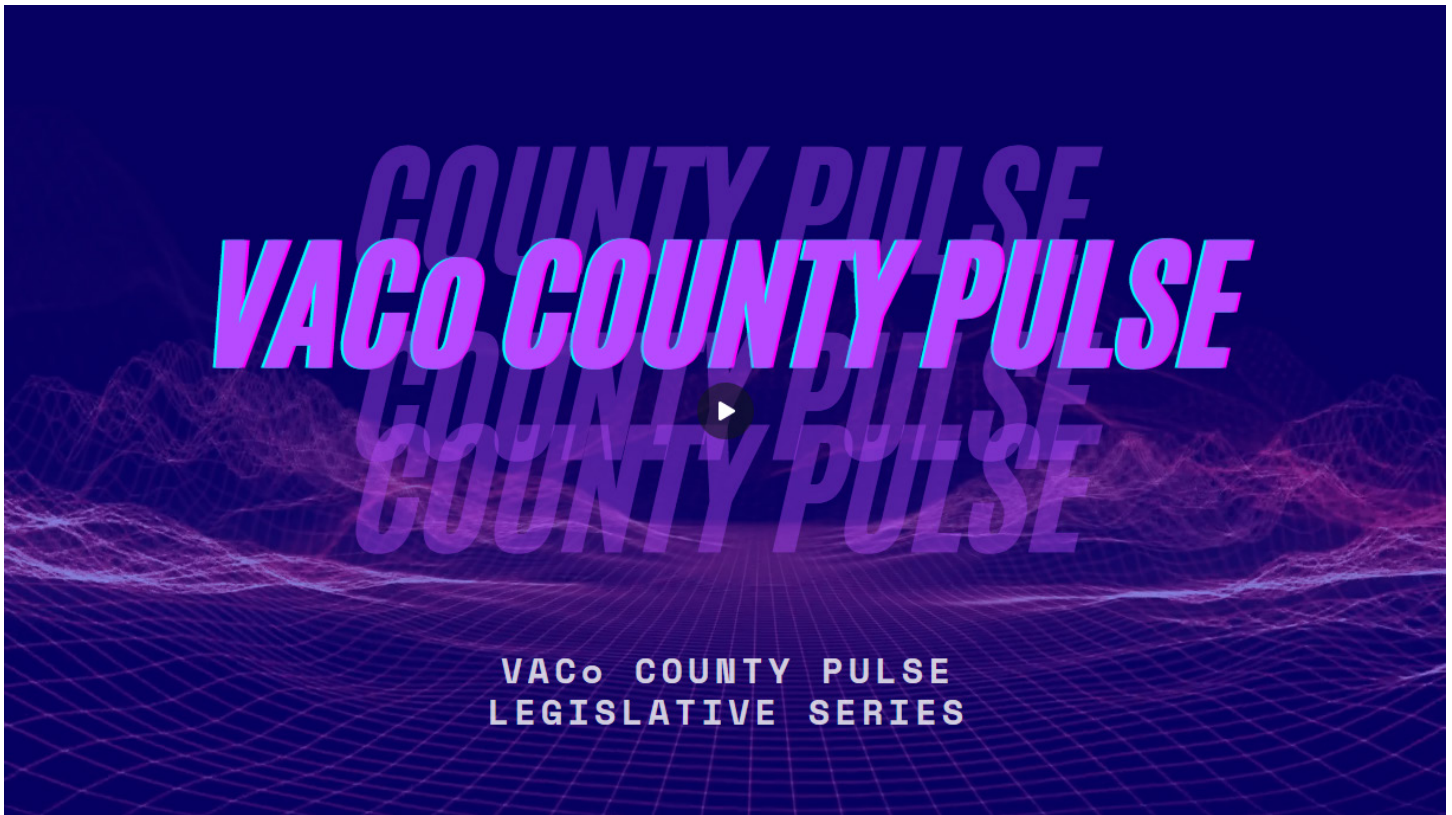
Key steps that are required of counties:

- (1) Ensure that the county has a valid DUNS number, which is a unique nine-character number used by the federal government to track funding distribution. Registering for the number is free and may be accomplished by visiting <https://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/> or calling 1-866-705-5711 to begin the registration process.
- (2) Ensure that the county has an active registration with SAM.gov. Treasury’s website notes, “All Federal financial assistance recipients must register on SAM.gov and renew their SAM registration annually to maintain an active status to be eligible to receive Federal financial assistance. There is no charge to register or maintain your entity SAM registration. If an entity does not have an active SAM registration, please visit SAM.gov to begin the entity registration or renewal process. Please note that SAM registration can take up to three weeks; delay in registering in SAM could impact timely payment of funds.” An overview of SAM.gov registration is available at [this link](#).
- (3) Gather payment information, including Entity Identification Number (EIN), name, and contact information; name and title of the county’s authorized representative; and financial institution information.

Treasury recommends that counties begin the process to register with DUNS and SAM.gov, as it may take several business days to complete registration.

Further guidance from Treasury on allowable uses of Fiscal Recovery Funds and other details about the process are expected in the coming weeks. VACo is sharing materials related to the Fiscal Recovery Fund, as well as other sources of funds in the American Rescue Plan Act, on its [American Rescue Plan Act Toolkit](#).

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Welcome to the VACo County Pulse Legislative Series

Episode 1 - Marijuana legalization and its impact on Virginia counties

VACo has decided to retire the VACo County Pulse Podcast, which had a nice run for nearly two years and 30 episodes. Thank you to our many listeners for supporting the podcast that started in 2018.

In place of the podcast, we will now produce a VACo County Pulse Legislative Series. In this first episode - VACo Executive Director Dean Lynch talks with VACo Director of Government Relations Chris McDonald about the legalization of marijuana and its impact on Virginia's counties.

[Click here to watch the episode.](#)

Hanover County names Derek Stamey as new Director of Parks and Recreation

Derek Stamey, a 17-year veteran of local government in this area, has been named the new Director of Parks & Recreation for Hanover County. Stamey started April 1 and replaces Greg Sager, who retired in December.

It's Derek's second tenure in Hanover, where he worked in the Parks & Recreation Department as Recreation Coordinator for Athletics from 2007-2009. For the last 12 years, Stamey had worked for Goochland County. Most recently, he served as Goochland's Deputy County Administrator for Operations, providing oversight to the Parks & Recreation Department and other functions such as Animal Protection, Convenience Centers, Major Capital Construction and Building Maintenance and Grounds Operations.



Prior to being named Deputy County Administrator, Stamey had served as the Goochland's Parks and Recreation Director. He was instrumental in growing Goochland's park system from one park to nine, significantly increasing the number and types of programs offered to residents and implementing two Parks & Recreation master plans.

"I'd been in Goochland for 12 years and it just felt like it was time to get back to what I really enjoyed," Stamey said. "I wasn't actively looking for another position, but when I saw this opening I had to inquire. Hanover is a great place to work and I really enjoyed my time here. It's a great staff, great timing and it just felt right."

Stamey said he was looking forward to gaining approval and constructing the next major P&R project at Montpelier, where the County plans to build a new community center with a full-size gymnasium and classrooms and a new library with classrooms, study rooms and a conference room. Alternative concepts for that project are currently being considered by the Facilities Space Needs Committee of the Board of Supervisors.

Stamey also wants to help Hanover become "more of a regional player" in sports tourism. "With our location and our amenities, I think we have a great amount of untapped potential," he said.

"We're very excited to have Derek joining our team," said County Administrator John A. Budesky. "The breadth of his knowledge will be an asset to us as we look to expand our Parks & Recreation services and delve more into our sports tourism objectives. Derek's experience and talent will help us meet a number of our long-term goals."

Stamey obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Administration and subsequently earned a Masters of Public Administration with an emphasis in local government administration, both from Virginia Commonwealth University. He is currently working to obtain a PhD in Public Policy from Liberty University.

He and his wife Melissa have three children: Anna, Kyle and Laura.

Stephanie S. Brown named Chesterfield County's Procurement Director



CHESTERFIELD COUNTY, VA — A long-time veteran of Chesterfield County's Procurement Department, who last year assumed the role as acting county procurement director, is now officially overseeing the department she joined in 2010.

Stephanie S. Brown has been named the county's procurement director after a national search to fill the opening recently ended.

The procurement department is staffed by 22 employees and is responsible for the negotiation and acquisition of supplies, services and equipment for Chesterfield County Government. The division also issues purchase orders and oversees the development of term contracts for services.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to further my career with Chesterfield County and lead an extremely talented team of procurement professionals," Brown said.

An alumna of Liberty University, Brown joined Chesterfield's Procurement Department in 2010 as an administrative manager, where over the course of a decade she moved into a variety of roles – including interim procurement director in August 2020. Prior to joining Chesterfield County, Brown worked for Petersburg-based District 19 Community Services.

Brown is a Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB) by the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council. In 2017, she was named Virginia Association of Government Purchasing's (VAGP) Buyer of the Year, and Chesterfield County Purchasing Employee of the Year in 2011.

"Stephanie has steadily risen through the ranks of the procurement department since joining the county in 2010, and in each job role, she's done an outstanding job," said Chesterfield County Deputy Administrator for Finance and Administration Matt Harris. "Stephanie is a tremendous homegrown talent and I am very proud to have her as the leader of this important function for the foreseeable future."

Visit Gloucester County and Machicomoco State Park



On April 26, 2019, the Board of Conservation and Recreation recommended, and DCR's director approved, the name Machicomoco State Park for a future state park at the property also known as Timberneck Farm. As part of the proposed Surry-Skiffes Creek Transmission Line Project memorandum of agreement (MOA) mitigation stipulations, funding was provided for land acquisition, visitor interpretation facilities, archeological investigation and preservation associated with Werowocomoco. The Conservation Fund purchased the Timberneck Tract as part of this stipulation. Nelson Byrd Woltz Landscape Architects are overseeing the design and construction for a campground, a car-top boat launch, an open-air interpretive center and a picnic area. The property transferred to DCR on Oct. 9, 2020. DCR will open and revisit with public input the Middle Peninsula State Park Master Plan in 2021 to include existing DCR land near Rosewell and the Machicomoco State Park property.

“To Virginia Algonquian speakers, eastern Virginia is known as Tsenacomacoh with Werowocomoco as its capital. Over 30 tribes comprised the Algonquian Powhatan Confederacy at its height, an organization linked by the eastern-Algonquian language and united under Chief Wahunsenacawh. Machicomoco will soon be a new Virginia State Park currently in phase I construction and slated to open early 2021 to the public.

Algonquian language and cosmology frames the land and waterscape to represent the experiential qualities of the land. Wayfinding and interpretation throughout the park references geography, physical characteristics of land and ecology using Algonquian language and cultural signifiers. The park, designed in collaboration with input from tribal representatives, seeks to immerse visitors in the history of this land and the rich Powhatan presence that is deeply linked to this land.

Today, descendants of these tribes, namely the Chickahominy, Eastern Chickahominy, Mattaponi, Upper Mattaponi, Monacan, Nansemond, Nottoway, Cheroenhaka (Nottoway), Pamunkey, Patowomeck and Rappahannock, are continuing to assert their presence and engagement with the Tidewater region of Virginia.” Nelson Byrd Woltz, 2020

SOURCE: [Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation](#)



Become a Certified Supervisor

The Virginia Association of Counties offers the Virginia Certified County Supervisors' Program: an opportunity for county supervisors to learn how to more effectively and efficiently lead in their communities.

Since its inception in 2005, more than 80 supervisors representing more than 40 counties have completed this training program, earning credentials as a certified county supervisor. Of greater importance, each supervisor has gained the insight, perspective, and confidence needed to address the challenges and opportunities of the local governance experience.

The Virginia Certified County Supervisors' Program features a five-course curriculum, designed to maximize engagement and enhance scholarship. Each course begins with a six-hour topically driven, classroom session, followed by seven weeks of relevant reading assignments and 90-minute virtual sessions to discuss situation-based exercises. The final component of each eight-week course is a concluding six-hour classroom session, which includes a review of the reading and assignment material.

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[Registration Form](#) | [Register Online](#)

Opening Session | May 28
Location TBA

Closing Session | August 6
Location TBA

Registration Deadline | May 10

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[Registration Form](#) | [Register Online](#)

Opening Session | September 10
Location TBA

Closing Session | October 29
Location TBA

Registration Deadline | August 13



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Enter the 2021 VACo Achievement Awards

Dear VACo Members –

It's time for the 2021 Achievement Awards Program. Any county department is eligible to compete so ENTER NOW!

[Achievement Awards Submission Form](#)

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 July 1, 2021.

Last year, we processed 76 entries and selected 21 winners from 14 Counties. VACo presented awards at 14 Board of Supervisors Meetings, recognized winners at the virtual Annual Conference, and issued a news release to statewide media.

The judges for the 2021 Achievement Awards will be announced soon.

VACo has received more than 800 entries over the past decade. Last year's Best Achievement winner was Prince William County for its "Human Rights Student Leadership Council" program.

VACo encourages all Counties, big and small, to enter the 2021 Achievement Awards Program. Please contact gcharter@vaco.org with questions or for more information.

[Achievement Awards Submission Form](#) | [Achievement Awards Website](#) | [2020 Achievement Awards Press Release](#) | [Browse all of the 2020 Entries](#) | [Past Achievement Award Winners](#) | [Past Judges](#)

General Assembly Approves Majority of Governor's Amendments at Reconvened Session



The Governor's amendments largely met with legislative approval at the April 7 reconvened session, as legislators accepted all of the Governor's 18 amendments to the state budget and agreed to the amendments proposed to 32 of the 36 bills with gubernatorial recommendations. VACo provided an overview of the Governor's amendments in [the April 6 edition of County Connections](#).

Below is an update on the General Assembly's actions on bills of interest to local governments:

[HB 2207 \(Jones\)](#)/[SB 1375 \(Saslaw\)](#) establish a presumption that COVID-19 causing the death or disability of firefighters, emergency medical services personnel, law-enforcement officers, correctional officers, and regional jail officers is an occupational disease compensable under the Workers' Compensation Act. As passed by the General Assembly, the bills provide that this presumption applies to any death or disability caused by infection from the COVID-19 virus occurring on or after September 1, 2020. The Governor's amendments apply the presumption beginning July 1, 2020.

General Assembly Action: Agreed to the Governor's amendments. VACo has requested that any retroactive application of this presumption be accompanied by state funding assistance.

[HB 1890 \(Price\)](#)/[SB 1395 \(McClellan\)](#) impose certain oversight requirements on local voting practices, in addition to other provisions creating causes of action at the state level. The Governor's amendments clarify some ambiguous language about the applicability of the requirements to submit certain election-related practices for a public comment period or to the Attorney General for approval. The Governor's proposal makes clear that all localities are subject to these requirements. VACo had encouraged the Governor to consider a delay in the bills' provisions regarding review of local redistricting plans, given the unprecedented delay in receipt of 2020 Census data, as there will be limited time for localities to develop local redistricting plans and submit them for either a 75-day process of public notice and comment or a 60-day Attorney General review between Census data being made available to localities in late summer and the end of the calendar year. No changes to these provisions were made.

General Assembly Action: Agreed to the Governor's amendments.

[HB 2168 \(Scott\)](#) establishes civil penalties for gambling devices being placed in an unregulated location, as defined in the bill, and authorizes the Attorney General, an attorney for the Commonwealth, or the attorney for any locality to initiate legal action to enjoin the operation of such devices. The Governor's amendment deletes some language that had been interpreted by some observers as allowing "games of skill" to continue operating for an additional year beyond their scheduled expiration at the end of FY 2021. Games of skill, or "gray machines," had been authorized to operate for one year via gubernatorial amendments to legislation passed in the 2020 session, subject to a per-machine tax that was dedicated to COVID-19 relief efforts. **General Assembly Action:** Agreed to the Governor's amendments.

[SB 1221 \(Favola\)](#), as passed by the General Assembly, allows Loudoun County to provide local health services under contract with the State Board of Health. The Governor's substitute would extend this authority to Prince William County and the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park.

General Assembly Action: Agreed to the Governor's recommendation. This action required the tie-breaking vote of the Lieutenant Governor in the Senate.

The gubernatorial amendments drawing the most interest were revisions to the legislation legalizing possession of marijuana; VACo's Chris McDonald provides an update on these changes in the inaugural episode of the [VACo County Pulse Legislative Series](#).

The House and Senate, respectively, rejected the Governor's amendments to [HB 1899 \(Hudson\)](#) and [SB 1252 \(McPike\)](#). These bills repeal certain tax credits intended to encourage coal production and require a stakeholder group to make recommendations on how the Commonwealth can assist coal-producing areas with workforce development, economic diversification, infrastructure improvements, and other aspects of economic transition. The Governor's amendments would have directed revenues resulting from the elimination of the tax credits to the University of Virginia's College at Wise to expand certain course offerings. The Senate rejected amendments to [HB 1992 \(Murphy\)](#), which prohibits an individual who has been convicted of assault and battery of a family or household member from purchasing, possessing, or transporting a firearm for three years after the date of conviction; the Governor's amendments would have expanded the definition of family or household member and extended the prohibition from three to five years. The Senate also rejected amendments to [HB 2174 \(Torian\)](#), which creates a state-facilitated retirement savings program into which certain employers must enroll employees who work at least 30 hours per week; the Governor's amendment would have expanded the category of eligible employees by eliminating the requirement that employees must work 30 hours per week.

The Governor has signed the four bills for which the legislature rejected his amendments, and has also signed the budget, bringing 2020 Special Session I to a conclusion. The Governor did not propose amendments to language included by the legislature in the budget to require that federal COVID-19 relief funding provided to the state after January 1, 2021, be appropriated through a general appropriation act. The inclusion of this language in the final budget indicates that a special session will be required in order to expend the Commonwealth's allocation of funding from the American Rescue Plan Act.

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State General Fund Revenues Demonstrate Continued Strength in March as Economy Improves

Governor Northam announced two pieces of positive economic news for the Commonwealth last week as the state [released March revenue figures](#) showing continued growth in the state's major revenue sources, as well as updated unemployment statistics reflecting progress in regaining jobs lost to the pandemic. State and national figures suggest that the economy continues to improve.

Total General Fund (GF) revenue collections grew by 18.5 percent in March; although some of the increase is due to an additional deposit day for income tax withholding deposits (which will be made up by the accompanying loss of a deposit day in April), major state revenue sources continue to perform well overall. Total GF collections have increased by 9 percent on a fiscal year-to-date basis, outpacing the forecast of 3 percent growth. On a fiscal year-to-date basis, individual income tax withholding collections have grown by 3.7 percent relative to the same period last year (2.7 percent growth was forecasted in this revenue source). Nonwithholding collections have grown by 26.1 percent on a year-to-date basis, well ahead of the forecasted 4.4 percent increase. Sales tax collections continue to demonstrate strength, increasing by 8.1 percent in March and growing by 6.9 percent on a fiscal-year-to-date basis. Similarly, recordation taxes, buoyed by low interest rates, have grown by 40.6 percent on a fiscal year-to-date basis, well ahead of the projected 24.4 percent growth.

Virginia's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate fell to 5.1 percent in March. Although this rate is still 2.5 percentage points above the rate in March 2020, it demonstrates a significant improvement relative to the April 2020 peak of 11.3 percent. The [Virginia Employment Commission notes](#) that March's largest job gains were in the professional and business services sector, followed by manufacturing; the largest job losses were in trade, transportation, and utilities, followed by leisure and hospitality. Government employment levels were largely unchanged (with 200 job losses in state and local government counterbalanced by 200 job gains in the federal government). VEC estimates that Virginia experienced 182,000 job losses between March 2020 and March 2021, reflecting a decrease of 4.5 percent. The largest job losses in this year-to-year comparison were in leisure and hospitality (down 76,600 jobs, or 18.8 percent), followed by government, with local government employment representing losses of 30,700 jobs and state government employment shedding 7400 jobs (federal government employment increased by 1300 jobs).

National figures appear to demonstrate a similar trend of improvement towards returning to pre-pandemic levels of employment. The Bureau of Labor Statistics, in [announcing](#) that the national unemployment rate dropped to 6 percent in March, pointed out, "The rate is down considerably from its recent high in April 2020 but is 2.5 percentage points higher than its pre-pandemic level in February 2020. The number of unemployed persons, at 9.7 million, continued to trend down in March but is 4.0 million higher than in February 2020."

The Federal Reserve's Federal Open Market Committee maintained a position of caution during its March meeting, recommending keeping the current target range for the federal funds rate of zero to one-quarter percent and indicating that it expects to retain this rate until labor market conditions improve and inflation rises to 2 percent and is on track to exceed this rate "for some time." The Committee summarized its view of the economic situation in its [post-meeting statement](#): "Following a moderation in the pace of the recovery, indicators of economic activity and employment have turned up recently, although the sectors most adversely affected by the pandemic remain weak...The path of the economy will depend significantly on the course of the virus, including progress on vaccinations. The ongoing public health crisis continues to weigh on economic activity, employment, and inflation, and poses considerable risks to the economic outlook."

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION HONORS ERIN C. WARD

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OR ASSISTANT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ATTORNEY*



Erin C. Ward (center), pictured with LGA President **Lola Rodriguez Perkins** (left) and Fairfax County Attorney **Elizabeth D. Teare** (right).

Erin C. Ward, Fairfax Deputy County Attorney, was selected for the prestigious Local Government Attorneys of Virginia (LGA) A. Robert Cherin Award in recognition of her “distinguished public service that reflects a personal commitment to the highest ethical and professional principles and enhances the image of local government attorneys in the Commonwealth.”

Ms. Ward has served with the highest distinction in the Fairfax County Attorney’s Office for approximately 25 years. Her subject matter expertise is substantial and varied, ranging from lofty questions about legislative, election, and constitutional issues to more practical concerns about animal sheltering and solid waste collection. Her service to local government law has been extensive. Ms. Ward served on the LGA Board of Directors for four years. After several years on the Virginia State Bar Local Government Section Board of Governors, she was elected Chair of the section for 2013. While serving on the board, she helped establish the Local Government Fellowship program which provides a monetary grant to law students who spend the summer working at a local government attorney’s office.

LGA promotes common interests and an exchange of information among its members on legal issues that are particularly relevant to Virginia’s counties, cities, and towns. The LGA’s member services include conferences, a legal handbook, a monthly newsletter, and other services intended to inform and enhance the practice of local government.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Local Government Attorneys of Virginia, Inc. (LGA) recently elected new officers and members of the board of directors. LGA has over 250 organizational members, represented by more than 800 attorneys from Virginia localities, private law firms, and other entities that specialize in local government matters, and by members of the judiciary.

The following officers and directors will lead LGA for the 2021-22 year, beginning September 1, 2021:

For a one-year term as officer:

- President, **Michelle R. Robl**, County of Prince William
- Vice President, **Mark C. Popovich**, City of Covington
- Treasurer, **Lesa J. Yeatts**, Town of Herndon
- Secretary, **Andrew H. Herrick**, County of Albemarle

For an initial two-year term as director:

- **Tyler C. Southall**, County of Dinwiddie
- **Alan B. Spencer**, City of Danville

For a second two-year term as director:

- **George Lyle**, County of Henry
- **Courtney R. Sydnor**, County of Loudoun

These newly elected LGA leaders will join sitting directors **Michael H. Abbott** (County of Wise), **Kelley J. Lackey** (City of Chesapeake), **Rebecca B. Randolph** (County of Hanover), **Ryan C. Samuel** (County of Arlington), and **Lola R. Perkins** (City of Hampton), who will be the immediate past LGA president.

LGA supports common interests and an exchange of information among members on legal issues that are particularly relevant to Virginia's counties, cities, and towns. LGA's member services include two conferences and a regional seminar each year, which present in-depth analyses of legal issues related to local government. Mandatory Continuing Legal Education credit can be earned by attorneys attending LGA's conferences and seminars.

Other member services include:

- The annual *LGA Handbook of Virginia Local Government Law*, authored by Virginia attorneys with specialized expertise in the areas of law addressed.
- A monthly newsletter, the *Bill of Particulars*, summarizing recent federal and state court cases.
- *Amicus curiae* briefs filed periodically in cases involving issues important to local government.
- An ethics committee that works closely with the Virginia State Bar on ethics issues of significance to local government attorneys.
- Practice groups that focus on social services, local taxation, eminent domain, employment law, procurement, housing law, and younger local government attorneys.
- A group forum/email service that allows members to exchange legal inquiries and information.
- A website library of legal documents and related materials.

For more information on LGA and its programs, visit the LGA website at lgava.org.

Notice of FY22 Funding Opportunity

Zero Fare Grant Program for Public Transit

Applications Due April 30, 2021



The Virginia Transit Association (VTA) is pleased to announce the second year of its Zero (Free) Transit Fare for Working Families program, a competitive grant program designed to help needy families by promoting access to employment and job training through public transit. In total, up to \$1 million will be made available to local governments, nonprofit organizations, and transit agencies.

The program is funded through Virginia's federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant. This program will support projects that benefit persons that have a dependent child and are below 200% of the federal poverty level. Eligible projects include providing fixed route bus service, on demand bus service, public van pools, and other public transit services for TANF eligible persons traveling to and from work or job training.

The application window will open on Thursday, April 8 with applications and cost estimate projections due by April 30 at 4pm. To apply, download program guidelines, the application form, and the cost estimate form at <https://vatransit.com/TANFGrant> . Current grant recipients are invited to reapply.

Program related questions can be emailed to TANFgrant@vatransit.com.

CDC issues new COVID-19 guidelines for cleaning and disinfecting workplaces



On April 5, 2021 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated guidelines for [Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility](#). The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) provides this [summary](#) of the update.

Adherence to the CDC guidelines is considered sufficient to comply with Virginia's [Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus that Causes COVID-19](#), if they provide "equivalent or greater protection."

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DCJS Extends Deadline for New Hate Crimes Grant Program for Localities



The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) has extended their submission deadline for their new FY2022 grant program that seeks to combat hate crimes across the Commonwealth.

The Hate Crimes Grant Program will provide a total of \$1.5 million to localities that have established a partnership program with institutions and/or nonprofit organizations that have been targets of or at risk of becoming targets of hate crimes.

The goal of this program is to minimize bias-motivated incidents by providing funding that supports institutions and/or nonprofit organizations that may be at risk based on race, religious conviction, color, gender, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, or national origin.

The maximum amount that may be requested by a locality is \$50,000. Applications must be submitted in the DCJS Online Grants Management System (OGMS) by **5pm on May 3, 2021**.

For more information on this new grant opportunity, please visit the [grant program information page](#) and review the [program guidelines and requirements](#).

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U.S. Census of Governments

2022 CENSUS OF GOVERNMENTS
Conducting a More Efficient Census of Governments

WHAT IS THE CENSUS OF GOVERNMENTS?

The Census of Governments (CoG) is the most comprehensive and precise measure of government economic activity. It identifies the scope and nature of the nation's public sector and provides authoritative benchmark figures of public finance, pensions, and employment. It classifies the complex and diverse state and local government organizations, powers, activities, and measures state and local fiscal relationships. The CoG is comprised of three components—Organization, Employment and Finance.

With the release of each data product, the CoG provides policy analysts, researchers, and the general public with a more complete and clear picture of the public sector. These data products present information to assist in addressing the issues that concern state and local governments and serve as the foundation for developing national economic and public policy.

Improvements to the 2022 CoG will increase efficiency, reduce response burden for state and local governments, and provide data products that reflect our ever-changing U.S. economy.

Public Sector Statistics Include:

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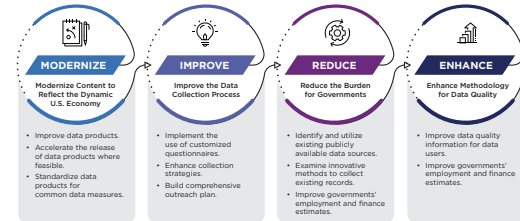
Timeline
The program will produce data targeted releases between July 2023 and September 2024. These CoG data products provide unique detailed national, state, and local level statistical measures.

2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
OMB clearances obtained Respondent outreach started.	Organization component is mailed.	Employment and Finance components are mailed.	Organization and Employment Data released.	Finance Data released.

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Goals for Conducting a More Efficient Census of Governments



Increase Efficiency

- Adopt a strategy that will rely more on existing government administrative records and developing innovative methods to collect, edit, and estimate (as necessary) to supplement existing and account for nonresponding entities.
- Promote response by using the successful practices learned from previous CoG cycles. This includes the use of central collection practices and administrative records for large governments.
- Leverage enterprise systems and solutions for data collection and dissemination, use data.census.gov for dissemination of data.

Reduce Respondent Burden for State and Local Governments through Customized Data Collection

- Expand the use of agreements between the U.S. Census Bureau and government units to provide their response in customized formats, and coordinate this centrally-collected data across statistical areas.
- Expand the use of administrative records for data collection for local and state governments.
- Implement the use of customized questionnaires for specific groupings of local governments.
- Explore the use of dynamic questionnaires.

Automate Operations to Increase Productivity

- Increase the use of macro-analytical tools.
- Improve editing and imputation of micro data, specifically, modernizing programs for imputation methods.

Improve Data Products to Reflect Our Ever-Changing U.S. Economy

- Update content to reflect the changing economy and provide a fuller and more relevant picture of state and local governments.
- Accelerate the release of data products, where feasible.
- Conduct outreach and promotion activities for 2022 Census of Governments data products utilizing multiple forums and media.
- Use the Census Bureau's Web-based dissemination platform, data.census.gov, to increase usability and functionality of data product delivery.



The U.S. Census Bureau is beginning its Census of Governments outreach and promotion effort and we need your help to increase awareness, participation, and response rates. The Census Bureau conducts a Census of Governments of all state and local government organization units every five years, for years ending in two and seven, as required by law under Title 13, U.S. Code, Section 161. The collection of these data will be part of a three-phase effort to document the size, structure, and finances of all state and local governments. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Phase 1, Government Organization, will be underway shortly. For more information about the Census of Governments, please see our website at [Census of Governments](https://www.census.gov/govs). If you have questions or would like to assist with our outreach and promotion, please Leatha Lamison-White at 202.281.6250 or leatha.m.lamison.white@census.gov. We look forward to working with you on this important survey impacting state and local governments.

Webinar – Generate higher-interest income on every dollar



[Click here for Webinar on liquidity data](#)

Budgetary pressures have never been greater for local governments. Stretching every dollar and making certain it works efficiently for your county are challenges you know very well.

Check out this 15-minute [webinar](#) with VACo Premier Partner [cashVest® by three+one®](#).

[Garrett Macdonald](#), Vice President of cashVest® by three+one®, hosts the webinar and discusses liquidity data – how to use it, and how counties across the country have benefited from putting [liquidity analysis](#) to work.

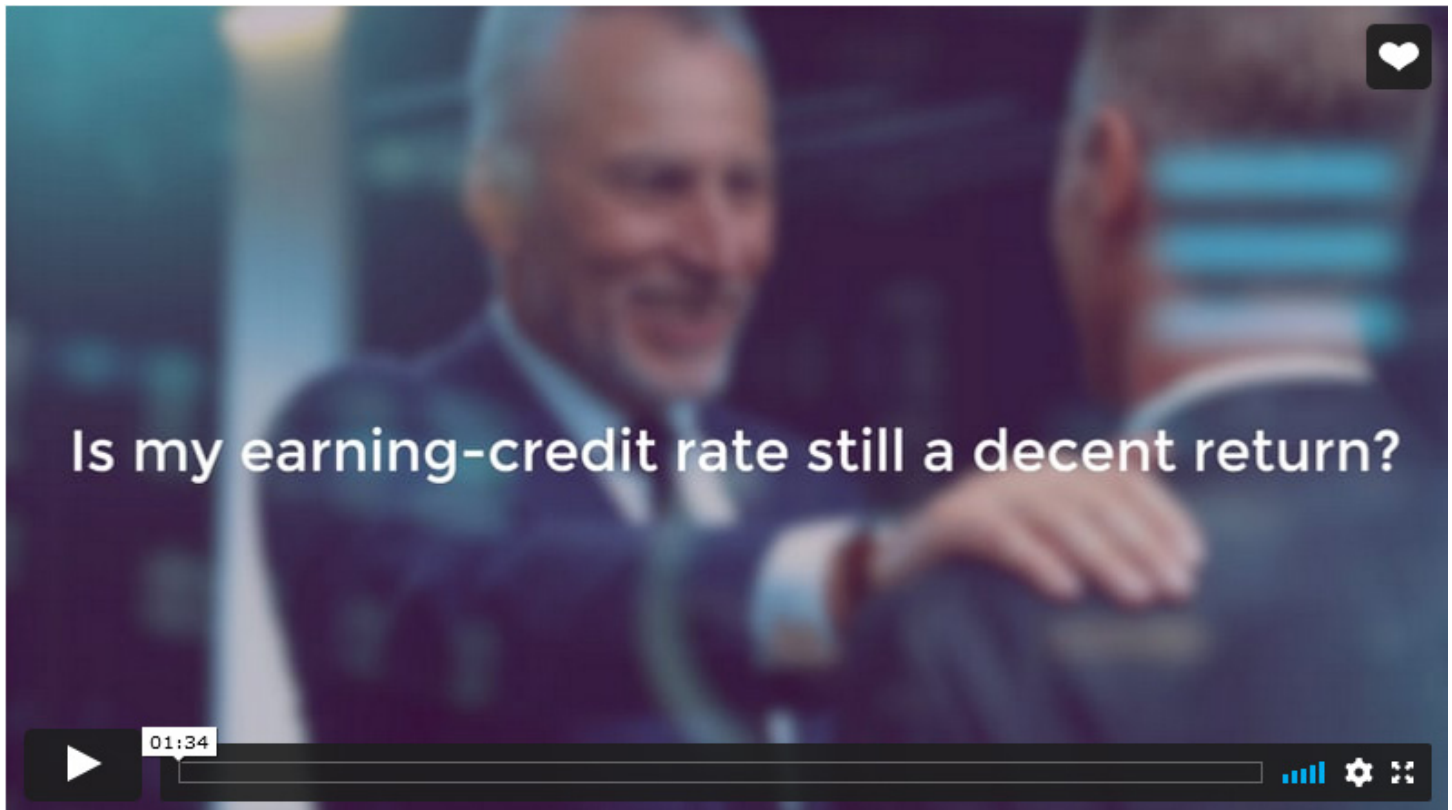
cashvest® by three+one® uses proprietary algorithms to produce data-driven analysis and time-horizon evaluations. This information is applied to safely increase yields on current cash deposits and enhance revenue sources.



Don't miss this [webinar](#) on maximizing the value of every dollar – a breakdown of how cash can be best utilized for current & future operating needs, offsetting banking fees, borrowing, and earnings/savings opportunities.

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4th Step on the Pathway to Recovery®



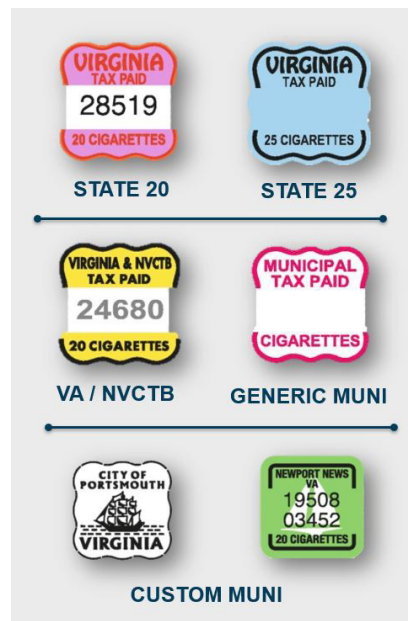
In a new series of video blogs, our partners at three+one® present their proven methods for turning the tide of economic waves in a changed marketplace since COVID. cashvest® by three+one® offers a comprehensive 6-step plan to navigate these new marketplace realities to provide your county with certainty during uncertain times.

cashvest® by three+one® has developed a comprehensive plan to navigate a changed marketplace since COVID. We previously shared the first three steps in this pathway; today we share Step 4 for getting your public or higher-ed entity on the financial Pathway to Recovery® with our 6-step plan.

- Check out the [4th step video](#)
- Check out the [3rd step video](#)
- Check out the [2nd step video](#)
- Check out the [1st step video](#)

VACo Cigarette Tax Toolkit and Second Q&A Webinar for Tax Stamping Questions

[SECOND Q&A WEBINAR ON CIGARETTE TAX STAMPING](#)



Legislation enacted in 2020 authorizes counties to impose a local cigarette tax at a rate not to exceed \$0.40 per pack, effective July 1, 2021. In order to assist members who may be considering implementing the new taxing authority, VACo has developed an [online toolkit](#) to provide a centralized location for relevant information. The [toolkit](#) will be updated with additional resources as they are developed.

[Check out the second Q&A Webinar recorded on April 13.](#)

Current resources posted in the toolkit include:

- Resources regarding development of revenue estimates
- Information regarding regional models for implementation
- Legislative Resources
- Tax Stamp Resources – Includes the [previously recorded SICPA-Meyercord webinar](#) & a recording of the [live Q&A session on March 10](#), examples of SICPA Cigarette Tax Stamps, and a link to contact SICPA-Meyercord for tax stamp information
- County Ordinances

VACo will be compiling copies of county cigarette tax ordinances in order to assist members that may be considering adopting similar ordinances in the future. If your county adopts a cigarette tax ordinance, VACo would appreciate receiving a copy.

VACo Contact: [Karie Walker](#)

VACo Supervisors' Forum

Thursday, April 29 | 830am - 5pm | Friday, April 30 | 830am - 1230pm

[REGISTRATION FORM](#) | [ONLINE REGISTRATION](#) | [AGENDA](#)



On April 29-30, VACo will virtually offer its County Supervisors' Forum! This day-and-a-half event provides Supervisors and other officials with the chance to examine issues you and your counties face daily. Participants are given an overview of local government and the duties of a County Supervisor by local officials who relish in sharing their knowledge and experience.

[Check out the Agenda for the Forum](#)

VACo is excited to offer this course to newly elected and incumbent Supervisors, chief county administrative officers and other government managers. Regardless of your role or length of time in local government service, there is always something new to learn, and local leaders will come away with the information they need to steer their community toward a bright future.

For this year's virtual Supervisors' Forum - VACo will utilize the Whova event platform. Attendees will have access to the platform on April 5 and can peruse the breakout sessions and ask questions or answer polls, scan the virtual sponsor and exhibit halls to find organizations that save counties money, and network with other supervisors or county staff.

Register today to join us for education that will help you better serve your community.

Deadline for refunds is 4pm on April 15, 2021. Substitutions are welcome. Deadline for registration is 4pm on April 21, 2021.

Forum speakers may refer to the [VACo Supervisors' Manual](#), which is strongly encouraged for this meeting. If you need a [Supervisors' Manual](#), please contact Valerie Russell at vrussell@vaco.org with any questions.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 29 AND FRIDAY, APRIL 30 | VIRTUAL WEBEX



VACo COUNTY SUPERVISORS' FORUM

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Fax completed registration form with credit card information to 804.788.0083

Or please make payable to VACo. Mail check and completed registration form to 1207 East Main Street, Richmond, VA 23219

[Click here](#) to register online

Registration Fee: \$350

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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

American Rescue Plan Act

Featured Events



Featured Resources



American Rescue Plan Act

GENERAL RESOURCES

- American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 – [Full Text of Bill from Congress.Gov](#)
- VACo Overview – [American Rescue Plan Act Enacted; Legislation Expected to Provide Significant Resources to Virginia Counties](#)

RESOURCES ON CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

- NACo Overview – [State and Local Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Funds](#)
- Questions posed by NACo to U.S. Treasury Regarding State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – [NACo Letter to White House Treasury on Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund](#)
- Questions posed by Government Finance Officers Association, National Association of State Treasurers, National Association of State Budget Officers, and National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers – [Click here for the questions](#)

RESOURCES ON OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING IN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

- American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund
 - The National Association of Counties (NACo) has provided a [very helpful dashboard](#) that is

VACo Launches American Rescue Plan Act Toolkit

The recently-enacted American Rescue Plan Act contains significant resources for Virginia counties. VACo has launched a page on its website to serve as a resource hub for implementation of the new law, including analyses of the legislation and questions submitted to the Department of the Treasury regarding the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, as well as information on other sources of funding in the Act. VACo will continue to share additional information, such as Treasury guidance, on this page as it becomes available.

The toolkit may be found at [American Rescue Plan Act - Virginia Association of Counties \(vaco.org\)](#).

VACo Contact: [Katie Boyle](#)



Plan for the Retirement You Want - Retirement Readiness Virtual Booth for NACo Members

Last month during the NACo Legislative Conference, Nationwide provided a virtual booth featuring retirement readiness tools, resources, and education to help you feel more confident about investing in your financial future. This virtual booth has been extended to give you an opportunity explore these resources and make sure you have all the support you need to stay on top of your retirement planning.



This virtual experience makes it easy to:

- View a message from your NACo CEO/Executive Director, Matthew Chase, and Nationwide Senior VP, Retirement Solutions, Scott Ramey
- View a special message from an NFL legend that is specifically for NACo members.
- Schedule a virtual meeting with a Nationwide Retirement Specialist
- Learn from two educational workshops:
 - **Retirement Myths and Realities**
 - **Approaching and Living in Retirement**
- Watch the short “Secret Strategy for Retirement Savings” video.
- Register for webinars that can help you make decisions about managing your money and planning for retirement
- Review and manage your account or enroll if you haven’t already.

[Click here to start exploring now.](#)



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2021 NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE

IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL | JULY 9-12 | PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Md.

Last week, the National Association of Counties (NACo) Board of Directors approved plans to relocate the 2021 NACo Annual Conference to Prince George's County, Md., just outside of Washington, D.C., and revise the dates to July 9-12.

The safety of all attendees – our members, guests, staff, vendors and partners – is our top priority. The nation is on track to vaccinate all eligible and willing adults by the end of May, and we are reimagining the conference agenda and format to reduce the overall number of sessions and maximize the use of our entire conference space to avoid overcrowding. **Additionally, the conference will be a hybrid event.** Participants will be able to choose either an in-person or virtual conference experience.

We will share more information in the coming weeks. In the meantime, please save the date and help us with our planning efforts by completing the short poll below.

HELP US IN OUR PLANNING EFFORTS

Help us with our conference planning efforts by completing a short poll. This poll will allow us to better estimate the demand for in-person and virtual conference experiences.

[COMPLETE THE POLL](#)

New OMNIA Contract Partner Announcements



We are excited to announce these new competitively-solicited contracts providing access to even more powerful opportunities to better manage your spend and resources.

Take advantage of these contracts or [contact your Regional Manager](#) for additional information.

[CLICK HERE TO SEE THE NEW OMNIA PARTNERS CONTRACTS](#)

REBOOTING EDUCATION WITH FURNITURE AND SANITATION

It's 2021 and schools are faced with the complex task of getting students, faculty, and staff back into classrooms safely. This task will require a variety of well thought out plans. Plans that address the logistics and scheduling of a greater number of smaller class sizes and plans that support keeping those spaces clean. With extensive experience, The Supply Room can help ease the stress of designing and executing these plans.

FURNITURE



Desk and table shields with mobile and multi-functional furniture is one key factor in making spaces both safe and flexible. Creative plans will include scenarios for how and when to turn a gymnasium, cafeteria, or common area into a classroom and back in minutes. Flip-top tables can be nested and moved aside quickly when not in use. These tables and shields can also create health checkpoints, sanitation stations, and help direct the flow of traffic at building entrances and in common areas. This combined with clear and consistent signage will ensure students and faculty have the time and space to keep safe.

SANITATION

Knowing the difference between cleaning, disinfecting and sanitizing and when to do each is the second key to developing your plan. To start, what is the difference?

- **Cleaning:** removes visible dirt, soil and debris – it does not disinfect.
- **Disinfecting:** eliminates bacteria, fungi and certain viruses – it does not remove dirt.
- **Sanitizing:** reduces the number of germs on surfaces or objects to a safe level, as judged by public health standards or requirements – it does not fully eliminate them.



Sanitizing and disinfecting products also vary in their dwell time (the length of time that a chemical must be in contact with the surface and remain wet, in order to achieve the product's advertised kill rate.) Dwell times can range from a matter of seconds to 10 minutes. Our janitorial and sanitation experts are here to help recommend the best products for your space and put your plan in place.



While the situation with the pandemic is rapidly evolving in every direction, it is important that the solutions you create are adaptable and resilient. Designing a creative plan to keep your faculty and students safe with the ability to flex will help reduce infection and create a stable learning environment. Let's start a conversation – visit our website or call to get help with your plans and implementation today.



Celebrate National County Government Month this April

Join the National Association of Counties (NACo) in celebrating National County Government Month (NCGM). Held each April, NCGM is an annual celebration of county government and an excellent opportunity for counties, parishes and boroughs to highlight effective county programs and raise public awareness about services provided to the community.

There is no clearer demonstration of this year's theme – Counties Matter – than the public health emergency and economic crisis we are facing. Now more than ever, our residents are seeing firsthand the essential functions counties perform.

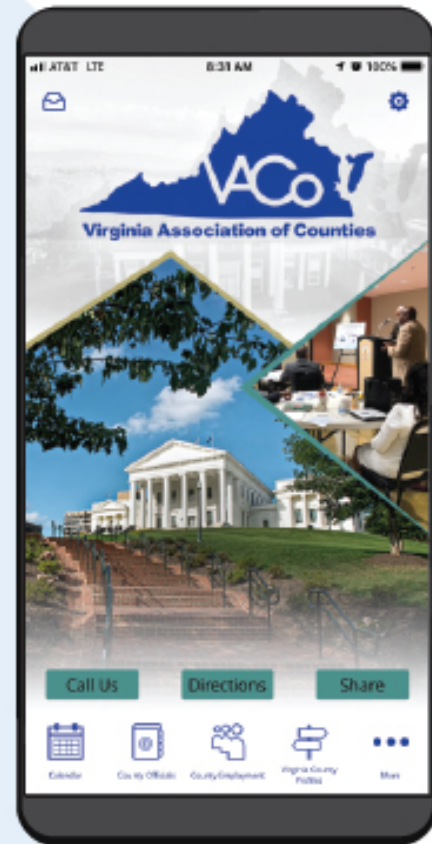
This April, we have an opportunity to reinforce the message that counties provide indispensable services and help our communities stay healthy, safe and vibrant.



NCGM TOOLKIT

DOWNLOAD

our new app



The Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) mobile application is a valuable tool for County officials and staff to better serve their communities. With the VACo mobile app, users can easily stay informed about issues important to Counties with many features, including:

- * VACo Events Registration and Info
- * VACo Member Directory
- * Legislative News and Alerts | Capitol Contact
- * VACo Chat
- * County Pulse Podcast
- * Employment Opportunities

Downloading the app is easy...

- Scan the QR Code or search "Virginia Assn of Counties" from the iTunes or Google Play Store
- Opt-in for VACo Push Notifications to receive important VACo alerts
- For access to the most features, request an account with your email and a password
- Once your account is approved, members will have access to all the features.

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EIGHTH EDITION, 2019



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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@vacounty.org).



PART TIME SHELTER ASSISTANT | Montgomery County
| Posted April 16



ASSISTANT CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL | Hanover County
| Posted April 15



PLANNER | Hanover County
| Posted April 15



PART TIME PAYROLL SPECIALIST | Botetourt County
| Posted April 15



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| Posted April 15



SUMMER CAMP COUNSELOR | New Kent County
| Posted April 14



CALL CENTER OPERATOR -PART TIME TEMPORARY | Prince George County
| Posted April 14



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| Posted April 14



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| Posted April 13



DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, ADMINISTRATION | Virginia Department of Social Services
| Posted April 13



DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT | Town of Front Royal
| Posted April 13



INTERSHIP-PERMIT TECHNICIAN | Montgomery County
| Posted April 13



DEPUTY COURT CLERK | Montgomery County
| Posted April 13



PAYROLL SPECIALIST | Rockbridge County
| Posted April 12



PART-TIME/TEMPORARY RECEPTIONIST | New Kent County
| Posted April 12



DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL SERVICES | Goochland County
| Posted April 12



ACCOUNTANT | Clarke County
| Posted April 9



CAPITAL PROJECTS MANAGER | City of Harrisonburg
| Posted April 9



ZONING CODES COMPLIANCE OFFICER | Lancaster County
| Posted April 8



VOTER REGISTRAR | Accomack County
| Posted April 8



ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY | Frederick County
| Posted April 8



ASSISTANT FINANCE DIRECTOR | Montgomery County
| Posted April 8



**ASSISTANT TOWN
MANAGER** | Town of Front Royal
| Posted April 8



LABORER | Frederick
County | Posted April 6



PARK RANGER |
Gloucester County | Posted April 5



**PROPERTY
MAINTENANCE CODE INSPECTOR (I,
II, OR III)** | City of Alexandria | Posted
April 7



CUSTODIAN | Frederick
County | Posted April 5



**CIRCULATIONS
SPECIALIST** | Montgomery County |
Posted April 5



**PURCHASING
COORDINATOR** | Gloucester County
| Posted April 7



ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
| Loudoun County | Posted April 5



JUDICIAL LAW CLERK |
Montgomery County | Posted April 1



UTILITY INSPECTOR |
Gloucester County | Posted April 7



**INTERNSHIP- BUILDING
PERMIT TECHNICIAN** | Montgomery
County | Posted April 5



**ACCOUNTING
TECHNICIAN** | Greene County | Posted
March 31



**UTILITY MAINTENANCE
WORKER** | Gloucester County | Posted
April 7



**PRINCIPAL PLANNER/
PROJECT MANAGER** | Hanover
County | Posted April 5



**PUBLIC WORKS
DIRECTOR** | Bedford County | Posted
March 31



City of Fredericksburg **TRANSIT MECHANIC**
| City of Fredericksburg | Posted April
6



**UTILITY SYSTEMS
MAINTENANCE WORKER** | Loudoun
Water | Posted April 5



OPERATIONS MANAGER |
Town of Culpeper | Posted March 31



**OFFICE MANAGER/
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT** | New
Kent County | Posted April 6



**SHIFT SUPERVISOR,
WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY** |
Loudoun Water | Posted April 5



FINANCE DIRECTOR |
Town of Pulaski | Posted March 30



**MAINTENANCE
TECHNICIAN (NRADC)** | Frederick
County | Posted April 6



**CONVEYANCE SYSTEMS
MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN** |
Loudoun Water | Posted April 5



**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE
WORKER** | Montgomery County
| Posted March 30

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EDUCATION

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