

## General Assembly Adopts “Skinny Budget,” Adjourns *Sine Die*



The 2023 session adjourned *sine die* on Saturday, February 25, as scheduled, but without resolving differences between the House and Senate on revisions to the biennium budget. Instead, budget conferees proposed, and both chambers adopted, a “skinny budget” that addresses four priority items:

- Includes \$115.9 million GF in FY 2023 and \$125.8 million GF in FY 2024 for the combined impact of K-12 technical adjustments related to average daily membership (ADM) changes, sales tax revenue forecast changes, and program participation updates. Also provides an additional \$16.8 million GF in FY 2023 to ensure that the sum of basic aid and sales tax payments a school division receives in FY 2023 is at least the sum of basic aid and sales tax payments that was communicated to school divisions in June 2022; this action [addresses](#) the error in the Department of Education’s calculation tool for FY 2023. If the total of basic aid + sales tax in HB1400 exceeds the June 2022 Memo amount, then no hold harmless funding is needed for that school division. If it is less, General Funds are provided to make up the gap. Most school divisions will experience a net increase due to increased sales tax revenue and student enrollment, which reduced the amount of General Funds needed to backfill in FY 2023 from \$58 million (as originally estimated) to \$16.8 million. The following links to a [spreadsheet](#) detailing how the estimated hold harmless for the VDOE error was calculated as well as the detailed estimated distributions for [FY 23](#) and [FY 24](#).
- Provides \$904.6 million to the Revenue Stabilization Fund to meet the Constitutionally-required FY 2024 deposit.
- Provides the \$250 million deposit to the Virginia Retirement System that was included in the budget adopted last year as a contingent appropriation to address unfunded liabilities. An estimated \$147.5 million would be provided to the teacher retirement plan out of this funding.
- Provides \$100 million in FY 2023 to address cost overruns for previously authorized capital projects.

Media reports indicate that budget negotiators intend to continue working toward agreement on the larger array of spending items and tax policy changes under consideration in conference, and the Governor indicated a willingness to continue to work with the legislature to finalize a budget, although no dates have been provided for a potential special session as of yet.

VACo Contact: [VACo Legislative Team](#)

# Enter the VACo 2023 Achievement Awards



**Dear VACo Members –**

It's time for the 2023 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](mailto:gcharter@vaco.org). **Submissions must be received by July 1, 2023.**

Last year, **[we processed 100 entries](#)** and selected 29 winners from 22 Counties. VACo presented awards at 22 Board of Supervisors Meetings, recognized winners at the 88th Annual Conference, and issued a news release to statewide media.

The judges for the 2023 Achievement Awards will be announced soon.

VACo has received close to 1,000 entries over the past decade. Last year's Best Achievement winner was Chesterfield County for its "Connecting All Community Residents to Public Schools" program.

VACo encourages all Counties, big and small, to enter the 2023 Achievement Awards Program. Please contact [gcharter@vaco.org](mailto:gcharter@vaco.org) with questions or for more information.

**[Achievement Awards Submission Form](#)** | **[Achievement Awards Website](#)**  
**[2022 Achievement Awards Press Release](#)** | **[Past Achievement Award Winners](#)**

The screenshot shows a video player interface. In the top right corner, there is a small video feed of a woman, Alexandria Robinson D..., with her name in a caption below it. The main content area displays a presentation slide titled "The Marcus Alert System". The slide text reads: "The **Marcus-David Peters Act** seeks to divert individuals needing behavioral health care from the criminal justice system through the **development of a comprehensive crisis system** which includes mobile crisis and community care teams and three protocols for specialized response to behavioral health emergencies". Below this, it states: "The **'MARCUS Alert system'** is defined as a set of protocols to:" followed by a list of three items: (i) divert calls from the 9-1-1 dispatch and response system to a crisis call center for risk assessment and engagement, including assessment for mobile crisis or community care team dispatch; (ii) provide backup services when requested; local law-enforcement agencies are to enter into memorandums of agreement with mobile crisis response protocols providers regarding requests for law-enforcement backup during a mobile crisis or community care team response; and (iii) develop minimum standards, best practices, and a specialized response for law-enforcement participation in the Marcus alert system. Below the list, it says "Other Components to the Marcus-David Peters Act" followed by two bullet points: ✓ Voluntary Database and ✓ Development of a Comprehensive Crisis Continuum. At the bottom left of the slide is the logo for the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services. At the bottom right of the slide is the text "Slide 2". The video player controls at the bottom show a play button, a progress bar at 3:39 / 55:41, and various icons for volume, subtitles, settings, and full screen.

## Marcus Alert Overview 2023

Alexandria Robinson-Jones, Marcus Alert Program Coordinator with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, and Dallas Leamon, Marcus Alert Coordinator for the Department of Criminal Justice Services, provided an update on implementation of the Marcus Alert initiative.

[Alexandria Robinson-Jones Presentation](#)

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# Capitol Contact

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### JANUARY 2023

- January 10, 2023: [2023 General Assembly Convenes January 11 – Look for Capitol Contact on Tuesdays and Thursdays](#)
- January 12, 2023: [Governor Youngkin Outlines Priorities in State of Commonwealth Address](#)
- January 17, 2023: [Grocery Tax Legislation Returns](#)
- January 19, 2023: [2023 Local Government Day Bulletin](#)
- January 24, 2023: [Please Support VACo Priority Budget Amendment](#)
- January 26, 2023: **CAPITOL CONTACT ALERT** – [Call Now to Support Funding for School Construction](#)
- January 26, 2023: [Update on Finance Legislation, Including Grocery Tax Bills](#)
- January 31, 2023: [Virginia Department of Education Miscalcualtes Basic Aid Distribution by \\$200 Million](#)

### FEBRUARY 2023

- February 2, 2023: [Bill Creating a New Exemption from Stormwater Regulations for Harvesting of Trees Passes House Subcommittee](#)
- February 3, 2023: **CAPITOL CONTACT ALERT** – [Call Now to Oppose Bill Gutting Localities Ability to Regulate Solid Waste](#)
- February 3, 2023: **CAPITOL CONTACT ALERT** – [Call Now to Oppose Problematic Bill That May Result in Negative Impacts on Local Water Quality](#)
- February 7, 2023: [Bill to Prohibit Data Centers Within One Mile of a Park Fails](#)
- February 9, 2023: [Constitutional Amendments Advance in Senate, Stall in House](#)
- February 10, 2023: **CAPITOL CONTACT ALERT** – [Oppose Bill that Creates New Liability and Financial Remedy against Localities](#)
- February 14, 2023: [House and Senate Pass Budgets](#)
- February 15, 2023: **CAPITOL CONTACT ALERT** – [Oppose Bill That May Result in Negative Impacts on Local Water Quality](#)
- February 16, 2023: [Workforce Development Reform Bills Advance](#)
- February 21, 2023: [The Status of School Construction Legislation](#)
- February 23, 2023: [Bill Creating New Stormwater Exemption for Tree Clearing Dies in Senate](#)
- February 28, 2023: [General Assembly Adopts “Skinny Budget,” Adjourns \*Sine Die\*](#)





## Visit Dinwiddie County and the Dinwiddie County Historic Courthouse

**Location:** 14101 Boydton Plank Road / Route 619

**Built:** 1851– 1852

**Style:** Greek Revival

**Architect:** Captain Jones

**Contractor:** Captain Jones

**Description:** The building faces west and is a two story yellow colored brick structure. The rectangular shaped building is located on spacious landscaped grounds in the center of Dinwiddie to the south of the courthouse. The west front has a large portico with four Doric columns rising to a wide pediment which was built in 1933. Above the entrance is a small balcony. On the south side, there are one story wings on the east and west sides. The roof is hipped. In the interior, the courtroom is located on the second story. The building was renovated in 1858.

**SOURCE:** [American Courthouses | Courthouses.co](https://www.courthouses.co)

SUPERVISORS TRAINING FOR COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS



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INSTRUCTOR - SUZETTE DENSLOW

OPENING SESSION - JANUARY 25 | HENRICO COUNTY

CLOSING SESSION - MARCH 22 | HENRICO COUNTY

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INSTRUCTORS - VIRGINIA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION

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[kwalker@vaco.org](mailto:kwalker@vaco.org) for more information.  
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# Powhatan County Names Bret Schardein as County Administrator



The Powhatan County Board of Supervisors announced Monday February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, that Bret Schardein will assume the position of County Administrator for Powhatan County starting March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. He has been serving as Interim County Administrator since the resignation of Ned Smither in October 2022. This was Mr. Schardein's second term as Interim County Administrator, having filled that role in 2020 as well. Schardein brings over thirteen years of local government experience, the last seven of which were in various roles with Powhatan County including Director of Community Development and Deputy County Administrator. He has worked in other Virginia localities including King William and Cumberland.

Schardein earned his undergraduate degree from Virginia Commonwealth University and his Master of Urban and Regional Planning also from VCU. He also attended the National Association of Counties High Performance Leadership Academy. Mr. Schardein holds certifications from the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) and the Virginia Association of Zoning Officials as a Certified Zoning Administrator (CZA). He was the 2021 recipient of the VLGMA Marshaw Memorial Award as an outstanding Deputy County Administrator.

"Bret brings the passion and love for Powhatan County that our citizens share. He has developed excellent relationships and has the respect of his staff, having most recently served as the Powhatan Deputy County Administrator. His experience and knowledge will serve him well as our next County Administrator. I look forward to working alongside Bret and supporting him in his new role as Powhatan County Administrator. Congratulations to Bret, his family, and Powhatan County on this great opportunity!!" stated Michael Byerly, Chairman of the Powhatan County Board of Supervisors.

District 1 Supervisor, David Williams, commented, "Bret enjoys the support of the Board, County staff, and the community. All three are important to us at this time in Powhatan County. I am looking forward to continuing to work with Bret."

"Bret, in the short time he has been Interim County Administrator, has already made a positive difference and I look forward to his leadership going forward.," remarked District 4 Supervisor Bill Cox.

Mr. Schardein said "I'm so excited to continue working with the citizens, Board of Supervisors, and our amazing staff, to improve our efficiencies and preserve what makes Powhatan such a special place. I've enjoyed this role as interim, so greatly appreciate the Board placing their faith in me to take it on full time."

## BURTON NAMED COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE COUNTY OF BLAND

Bland County officials announced at their regular monthly meeting that Cameron Burton will replace long standing County Administrator Eric Workman when he steps down at the end of April 2023. Burton will serve as Assistant County Administrator from March 1 until she takes over that position on May 1, 2023.

"As chair of the Board of Supervisors, I am ecstatic to have Cameron Burton move into this new role. During her tenure with the County of Bland she has displayed an outstanding understanding of the needs of rural communities as well as a passion and dedication that is effective in accomplishing positive outcomes," stated Adam Kidd. Mr Kidd continued, "We appreciate the work that Dr. Workman has done during his tenure with the County of Bland and it is exciting to know that there will be an overlapping during the next couple of months to ensure a smooth transition."

"We are excited to have Cameron Burton as our new County Administrator," stated Supervisor Randy Johnson. He continued, "the role of county administrator is an important position that not only oversees the day-to-day operations of the county, but also works diligently with various local, regional, and state partners. Cameron has excellent organizational skills but also has that essential quality to develop and maintain positive partnerships that will be very beneficial in her new role with the County of Bland."

Cameron Burton has served in various positions within the County of Bland operation since 2011. Her most recent post was Director of Library and Community Services. "Having Cameron in her current role has afforded her the opportunity to work closely and become an essential part in the current administrative team," stated Supervisor Stephen Kelley. "We have had significant success as a locality for over the past decade and it is exciting to have a local member of that administrative team assume the role as County Administrator and continue to work successfully for the benefit of the citizens of the County of Bland." Burton will assume the role as Assistant County Administrator on March 1, 2023. She will then transition into the role as County Administrator effective May 1, 2023.

In the fall of 2022, current County Administrator, Eric Workman, announced that he would be stepping down at the end of his contract April 30, 2023. Workman started his tenure as county administrator in September 2010 after spending three years as high school principal in Bland County. "It has been an honor to serve in the role of county administrator for the past twelve and a half years and as high school principal with Bland County Public Schools for the three years prior to joining the team at the County of Bland," stated Workman in the 2022 press release. He continued in that release, "Bland County is not only a fantastic community, but also a community full of magnificent people. It is the type of community that all communities should try to model themselves after. I have been blessed to work with a great staff, dedicated elected officials, and fantastic people throughout the region and state during my tenure. Words cannot express how grateful I am to them all, especially the people of Bland County."

Workman was excited to learn of the news of the appointment of Burton at the February 28 meeting of the Board of Supervisors. "I am delighted that the Board of Supervisors appointed Cameron Burton as the next county administrator. As a witness to her daily commitment and devotion to the citizens and the community at large of Bland County, Cameron is an excellent selection. It has been an honor to serve and work with a outstanding team in County Administration, all county departments, volunteers, regional groups, the list goes on and on. A community is successful, when it works together in a positive endeavor and Bland County is a prime example of how that is accomplished. Cameron Burton, and the County of Bland, will continue to have much success in the future as they work together."

The selection process of a county administrator takes significant time and effort. During the Supervisors Time of the Board Meeting, all members of the Board of Supervisor, Adam Kidd, Randy Johnson, Stephen Kelley, and Keith Costello, each thanked the various staff, community members, and community at large for their support and participation.







**Dinwiddie County Board of Supervisors Chairman Dr. Mark Moore, Supervisor Brenda Ebron-Bonner, and County Administrator Kevin Massengill recently participated in the Quartermaster Townhall at Fort Lee.**

**Pictured above (left to right) - Brigadier General Michael B. Siegl, 57<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster General Commandant, US Army Quartermaster School; Marie Grant, Grants & Community Information Coordinator; Lachanda Lipscomb-Lee, Director of Human Resources; W. Kevin Massengill, County Administrator; Dr. Mark Moore, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors; Mrs. Brenda Ebron-Bonner, District 5 Supervisor; Mr. Keith R. Orage, Deputy to the Commandant; Command Sergeant Major Tisa W. Scott, 15<sup>th</sup> Command Sergeant Major US Army Quartermaster School; Chief Warrant Officer Five Milo N. Jones; Colonel Scott F. Wyatt, Assistant Commandant.**



**W. Kevin Massengill** addresses the Quartermaster Corps.



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By participating, your county can earn local and national recognition. Achievement Award winners have been featured in local media and in County News. Additionally, NACo often spotlights award-winning programs in congressional testimony and hearings, White House and federal agency briefings, publications, and other county storytelling.

This year, counties will receive recognition in 18 categories covering a wide spectrum of county responsibilities. All winners receive an award certificate and customizable press releases. The 18 “best of category” winners will receive special recognition at the NACo Annual Conference.

## **[APPLY TODAY](#)**

We encourage all counties, parishes and boroughs to submit nominations. It's quick and easy to apply!

# Join Us for the Next Episode of Commonwealth Conversations

VACo sits down with state and local leaders to discuss issues that impact counties. [Visit the Commonwealth Conversations website.](#)



## Commonwealth Conversations Season 1 | Episode 6

Delegate Keith Hodges and VACo Executive Director Dean Lynch talk about annexation and blue catfish on the next episode of Commonwealth Conversations.

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## Commonwealth Conversations Season 1 | Episode 5

Senator Creigh Deeds and VACo Executive Director Dean Lynch talk Senate budget priorities on the next episode of Commonwealth Conversations.

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## Commonwealth Conversations Season 1 | Episode 4

Delegate Emily Brewer and VACo Executive Director Dean Lynch talk legislative issues including local authority on the next episode of Commonwealth Conversations.

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## Webinar on free software for processing rooftop solar permits – March 20 at 2pm



The Virginia Department of Energy and the UVA Solar Initiative is hosting a webinar for local governments in Virginia to learn about the free Solar Automated Permit Processing ([SolarAPP+](#)) tool. In 2021, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) launched a collaborative effort with key code officials, authorities having jurisdiction, and the solar industry to develop standardized plan review software that can run compliance checks and process building permit approvals for eligible rooftop solar systems.

Key features of the software include:

- Integration with existing government software;
- Automated plan review, permit approval, and project tracking; and
- Inspection checklist and final sign-off after installation

Speakers include building officials from Culpeper County and the City of Harrisonburg where the software tool is being utilized.

The webinar will take place on Monday, March 20, 2023, 2 PM - 3 PM

Form more information and to register go to [SolarAPP+ Virginia Webinar](#).

VACo Contact: [Joe Lerch, AICP](#)

## Virginia Association of Counties Regions



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### VACo Regions Color Legend

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**VACo has a new Regional Map!**  
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## 2023 Winter Series

✓ Friday, January 6, 2023 12-1 PM  
Legislation

✓ Friday, February 3, 2023 12-1 PM  
Equity

Friday, March 3, 2023 12-1 PM  
Cybersecurity



## Meeting Schedule

### Session 3—Friday, March 3, 2023, 12 - 1PM

#### *Confronting Cyber Challenges*

Policy, response plans, communication, training.....all are necessary components to be considered before, during and after a cyber breach. This session will explore these topics and more by offering helpful tools for local and regional governments.

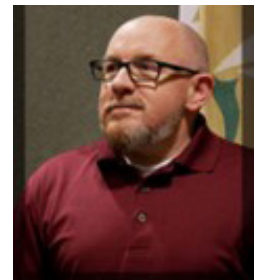
#### **Chris Carey, Administrator, VAcorp**

Chris Carey is responsible for administrative oversight of the VACORP group self-insurance risk pool. Prior to becoming Administrator in 2008, he was Assistant Administrator for 12 years. Chris is a graduate of the University of South Carolina, where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Science, Insurance and Risk Management.



#### **John Harrison, CGCIO, Director of IT, Franklin County**

John Harrison has worked in the technology sector for over 20 years, initially in support of several critical infrastructure sectors before moving to the public sector, serving mostly at the local government level. He is the current IT Director for Franklin County and serves as President of the Virginia Local Government Executive (VaLGITE) professional group.



### **Session 3—Friday, March 3, 2023, 12 - 1 PM | Cybersecurity**

**Cost:** \$25 per Session | Once registered, participants will receive login information to be able to join the day of the event.

**REGISTER TODAY!**



The logo for the Virginia Transit Association features a stylized blue and white graphic on the left, resembling a large 'V' or a transit route. To the right of this graphic, the words "VIRGINIA TRANSIT ASSOCIATION" are written in a bold, black, sans-serif font, stacked in three lines.

# VIRGINIA TRANSIT ASSOCIATION

## Notice of Funding Opportunity

**FY 24 Transit Zero-Fare Grant Applications Open on March 13, 2023**

**Application deadline: April 7, 2023**

The Virginia Transit Association (VTA) is pleased to announce its Transit Zero-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 \$500,000 will be made available in the FY24 Virginia budget to fund this program for 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 who have a dependent child and are below 200% of the federal poverty level. Eligible projects include providing fixed route bus service, on-demand bus or van service, and other public transit services for TANF eligible persons traveling to and from work or job training.

The application window will open on Monday, March 13 with applications and cost estimate projections due by Friday, April 7 at 4 p.m. To apply, download program guidelines, the application form, and the cost estimate form at <https://vatransit.com/TANFGrant>.

Program-related questions can be mailed to [TANFgrant@vatransit.com](mailto:TANFgrant@vatransit.com).



# SAVE the DATE

## VMCA 2023 Annual Conference

HARRISONBURG, VA

APRIL 19-21, 2023

(540) 564-0200 or [reservations@hotelmadison.com](mailto:reservations@hotelmadison.com) code: VMCA23

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The City of Harrisonburg and Region III are pleased to host the 2023 Annual Conference of the Virginia Municipal Clerks Association on **April 19-21, 2023** in Harrisonburg, Virginia. The conference will be held at the Hotel Madison and Shenandoah Conference Center, in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley. Contact the hotel directly using code VMCA23 for a rate of \$96 plus tax per night.

Contact Harrisonburg City Clerk Pam Ulmer ([Pamela.Ulmer@harrisonburgva.gov](mailto:Pamela.Ulmer@harrisonburgva.gov) (540) 432-7701) with questions.

Harrisonburg is a vibrant, modern, and diverse small metro community nestled in the heart of the beautiful Shenandoah Valley. We have a serious passion for local food, as evidenced by Virginia's first culinary district in downtown Harrisonburg. We hope you will stroll downtown and check out our retailers, museums, breweries, and Cidery. Consider making plans to arrive before the conference and/or stay afterwards and delight in any number of artisan centers, historical sites, and of course shopping!





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## Virginia Rural Leadership Institute Applications due in One Month!

The [Virginia Rural Leadership Institute \(VRLI\)](#) is an initiative put forward by the Virginia Rural Center. It is the first and only program in the Commonwealth that focuses entirely on retaining and attracting rural Virginians, by developing leaders who are innovative, responsible, civic minded and build strong regional communities. **Applications are due in one month - on March 2!**

VRLI not only invests in rural leadership - the program also has a proven return on investment for rural communities. A key component of the curriculum is the design of a Community Impact Project to be implemented after Graduation. The Community Impact Projects designed by the 2022 VRLI Cohort are already making an impact in their communities - [Learn more about the 2022 VRLI Alumni and their Community Impact Projects on our website!](#)

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Over the course of four sessions, Cohort Members will receive professional leadership and economic development training that equips community leaders with the skills they need to lead long-term economic advancement in their community and region. The program also seeks to increase cooperation, collaboration, and coordination across a broad array of organizations and sectors. The sessions for the 2023 VRLI Cohort are:

### Session 1 - Southside Virginia

Bee Hotel - Danville | May 18, 19 & 20

### Session 2 - Middle Peninsula/Northern Neck

St. Margaret's School - Tappahannock | June 28, 29 & 30 (Note Wednesday - Friday)

### Session 3 - Southwest Virginia

Western Front Hotel - St. Paul | September 7, 8 & 9

### Session 4 - Shenandoah Valley

Hotel 24 South - Staunton | November 2, 3 & 4

For more information about VRLI, please email: **Chandler Vaughan** | Policy and Leadership Adviser | Virginia Rural Center | Virginia Rural Leadership Institute | [VaRuralLeadership@cfrv.org](mailto:VaRuralLeadership@cfrv.org)



# SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY

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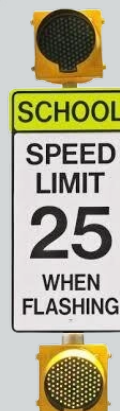


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**Because of the pandemic and economic crisis we are facing, NACo is offering a \$1995 scholarship for the first enrollee from your county.** That means, when you or another leader at the county enrolls, the cost is not \$2,995; it is now \$1000.

If you have more than one person to enroll, we will extend significant discounts to them, too. We believe in you, your leadership and the leadership of your county employees. This High Performance Leadership Academy will make existing leaders better and your emerging (next generation) leaders ready to address the growing complexity of county business.

We are inviting you to enroll at least one leader into the course that begins in April 2023. Please help us invest in county frontline leaders who are making great sacrifices to serve our communities.

If you have any questions or to enroll someone in the program, please contact Treina Smith-Slatt at 503-878-7184 or [treinas@pdaleadership.com](mailto:treinas@pdaleadership.com).



# Register!

## 2023

Join us May 17-18 at the Hilton Short Pump in Richmond, Virginia for Broadband Together 2023. Once again we will explore topics that help us expand broadband throughout the Commonwealth.



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## VIRGINIA OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH CONFERENCE March 29 - March 31, 2023

Attending The 2023 VOSH Conference



## Attending The 2023 VOSH Conference

The VOSH conference will be held from March 29–31 at the Newport News Marriott at City Center. Those who previously registered will receive an email with the option to receive a refund or carry their registration over to the new date. Those interested in attending and who have not registered will have the opportunity to register soon.

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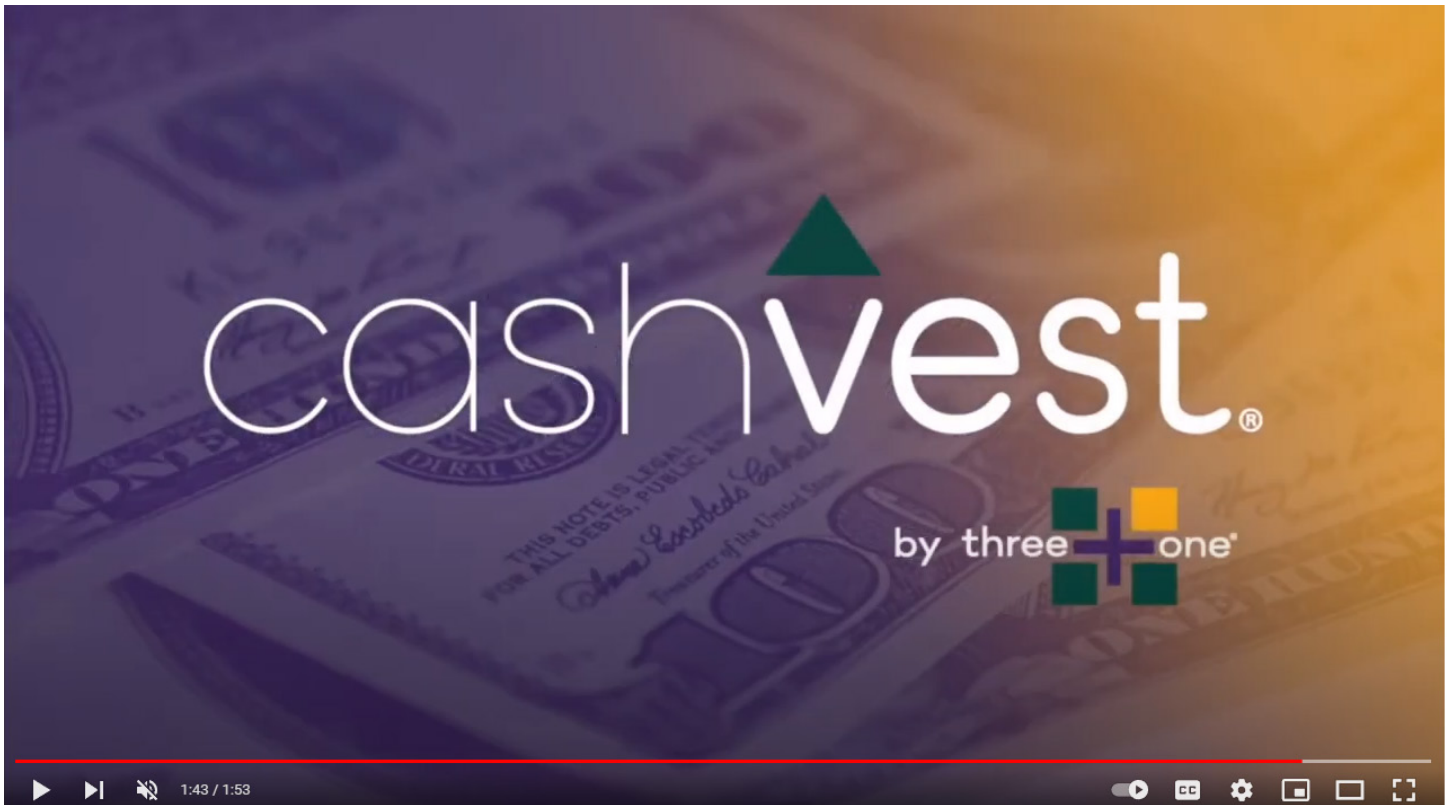
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