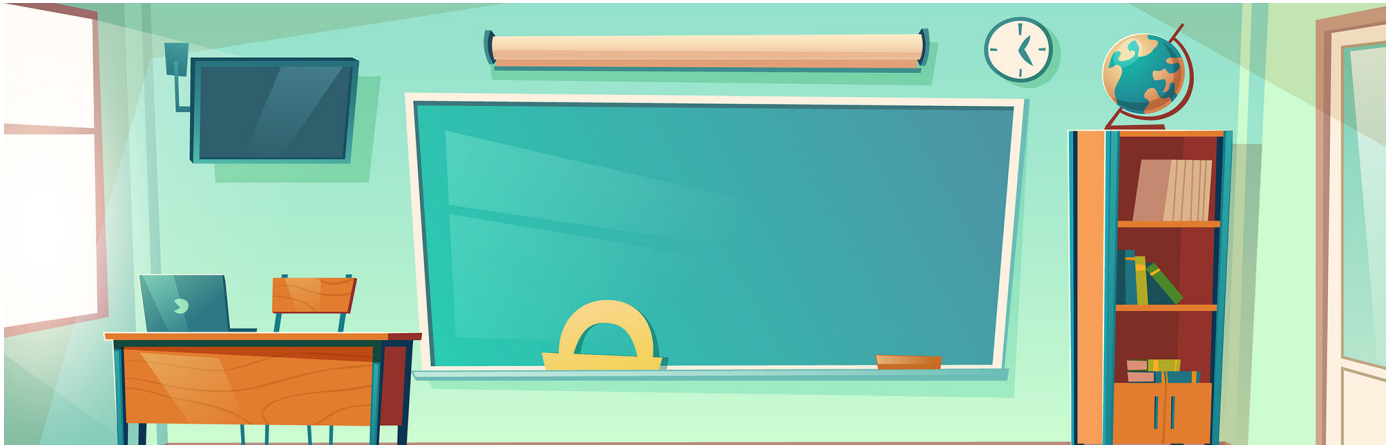


State Superintendent of Public Instruction Releases Memo Detailing K-12 Funding under Amendments to the 2022-2024 Biennial Budget Adopted by General Assembly



On March 9, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction released a [memo](#) on state funding that is projected to be distributed to school divisions in fiscal years (FY) 2023 and 2024. As previously [reported](#), 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 included a fix for the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) [miscalculation](#) of basic aid payments 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. All school divisions were made whole through the \$90.5 million net increase in FY 2023 funding provided through increased sales tax estimates, and the General Assembly’s appropriation of an additional \$16.8 million in general funds to ensure that no school division receives less funding for Basic Aid and sales tax than was originally communicated in the Chapter 2 Calculation Tool in June 2022. More information on this particular amendment is provided in [here](#) and the FY 2023 funding distributions are shown [here](#).

Some members of the General Assembly will continue to work on budget amendments that may be considered by the full Assembly and Governor Youngkin. If finalized changes impact public education, the VDOE will inform school divisions via another superintendent’s memo. If the Governor convenes a special session of the General Assembly and additional amendments are adopted to the 2022-2024 biennial budget, VDOE will publish an updated Calc. Tool. The Calc. Tools published by VDOE are provided as a resource to school divisions to assist them in estimating the state funding they will receive based on particular points in the state budget process, but do not reflect actual or final payments for a fiscal year.

VACo will continue to advocate for additional state support of county governments including and especially for K-12 education needs such as restoration of support position funding, school infrastructure, and other priorities and provide updates as they become available.

VACo Contact: [Jeremy R. Bennett](#)

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. **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 with questions or for more information.

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

2023 Broadband Updates from the Office of Broadband



The Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Office of Broadband recently shared some updates on what was accomplished in 2022, and their goals going into 2023 and beyond. The final review process of FY 2023 Virginia Telecommunications Initiative ([VATI](#)) applications is underway. Information on the FY 2024 timeline will be released later this year due to the need to integrate federal funding through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment ([BEAD](#)) program. VACo will share more information as it becomes available.

The VATI Project Dashboard, which displays key project statistics for broadband expansion projects across the Commonwealth funded through VATI since 2021 is updated quarterly. In addition to a state map, individual projects may be selected and shown data on fiber mileage and locations services completion status, funding, contract information, and project status. The dashboard may be accessed [here](#). Out of projects announced in January 2021, 16 are under contract. One project is completed. Fifteen are under construction. Out of projects announced in December 2021, 35 of the 36 projects are under contract. Fifteen projects are under construction. In total thus far, these projects have provided broadband access to over 26,700 homes, businesses, and community anchors in Virginia, and counting.

DHCD is also accepting applications for the Line Extension Customer Assistance Program ([LECAP](#)), which is meant to help with the costs of extending last-mile infrastructure to low-to-moderate income households. Eligible households include households that collectively earn at or less than \$89,066 annually, and up to \$133,599 in certain high-income areas. For an interactive map of maximum allowed annual household income by Zip Code, click this [link](#). Households are not eligible for the LECAP program if the household is at or above \$133,599 annually.

Lastly, DHCD submitted bulk [challenges](#) to assertions of coverage in the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) National Broadband [map](#) to ensure Virginia receives its fair share of BEAD funds. DHCD submitted an application to the FCC to conduct a statewide outreach campaign to increase enrollment in the [Affordable Connectivity Program](#), and they expect to hear back from the FCC in March.

VACo will continue to provide updates as they become available.

VACo Contacts: [Jeremy R. Bennett](#) and [Joe Lerch, AICP](#)

IT'S TIME TO HIT THE
ROAD FOR THE...

VACo 2023 REGIONAL MEETINGS

IN-PERSON MEETINGS

REGION 12 - MAY 3 | PULASKI

REGION 13 - MAY 4 | WISE

REGIONS 10&11 - JUNE 14 | FRANKLIN

REGIONS 1&4 - JUNE 28 | PRINCE EDWARD

REGION 2 - AUGUST 23 | LANCASTER

REGIONS 3&5 - SEPTEMBER | CHESTERFIELD

VIRTUAL MEETINGS

REGIONS 6&9 - APRIL 13

REGIONS 7&8 - MAY 11

PHOTO CREDIT: [Mojo Hand](#)

Visit Essex County and the Essex County Historic Courthouse

Location: 202 North Church Lane / Queen Street

Built: 1728 – 1729

Style: Georgian

Architect: John Moore

Contractor: John Moore

Description: The building faces southwest and is a one story red colored brick structure. The brick is laid in Flemish bond with arched windows. The building is located on landscaped grounds to the west of the courthouse in the center of the city. The south side has a square brick tower with arched entrance on the first story and open belfry at the top. The building was partly burned by the British in 1814 and served as the courthouse until 1848. In 1875, the building became the Beale Memorial Baptist Church and the belfry was added. In 2004, the building was acquired by the County.

SOURCE: [American Courthouses](#) | [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

MODULE 2 - PLANNING AND LAND USE

INSTRUCTORS - VIRGINIA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION

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CLOSING SESSION - June 16 | VACo TRAINING CENTER

MODULE 3 - LEADERSHIP

INSTRUCTOR - JANE DITTMAR

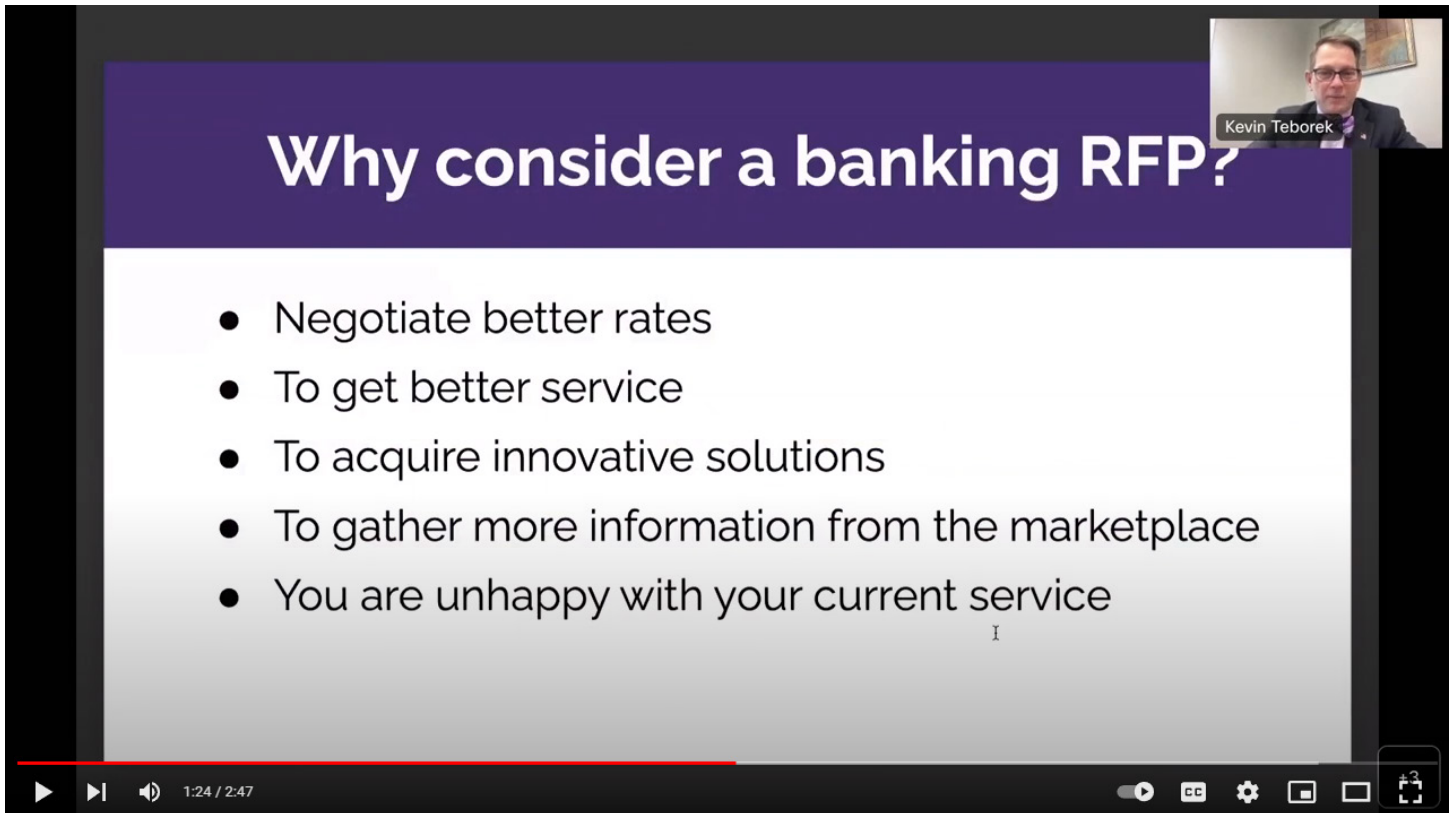
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Please contact Karie Walker at
kwalker@vaco.org for more information.
Or visit the [VACo website](https://www.vaco.org).





VACo Premier Partner Spotlight | three+one

rfpPrep: How Does It Work & What Is Its Value?

In this initial installment, Dean Lynch is joined by VACo Premier Partner, Kevin Teborek from three+one, to introduce the power of the rfpPrep portal. This proprietary software can simplify the banking RFP process, and create new earnings and savings for your entity.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT rfpPrep](#)

VACo Contact: [Karie Walker](#)

EPA proposes new standards to remove “forever” chemicals from drinking water

April 28 deadline to register for May 4 public hearing

March 29 webinar to provide technical overview of the proposed rule



On March 14, the EPA announced a proposed regulation to monitor and remove PFAS from drinking water. PFAS is an acronym that represents a class of perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances, also known as “forever” chemicals because they do not break down easily over time and are able to dissolve in water. For more information, see [National Primary Drinking Water Regulation \(NPDWR\) for PFAS](#).

The proposed regulation will require counties to monitor and remove PFAS from municipal drinking water once it is finalized. EPA anticipates finalizing the regulation by the end of 2023.

Once the proposed regulation is published in the federal register, written comments can be submitted. In the meantime, counties can learn more details by registering for a March 29 webinar at this [link](#). Additionally, there is a April 28 deadline to [register](#) and provide verbal comments to EPA on the rule proposal.

For more background information from the EPA – go to [PFAS Explained](#).

VACo Contacts: [Joe Lerch, AICP](#) and [James Hutzler](#)

Federal Transportation and Infrastructure Security Grants Available



The U.S. Department of Homeland has made available multiple new grants focused on improving preparedness and strengthening resilience against a range of potentially catastrophic events. These grants are focused on various transportation and infrastructure security projects.

Transit Security Grant Program: \$93 million available to public transit systems to increase the resilience of transit infrastructure. More information is available [here](#).

Intercity Bus Security Grant Program: \$2 million available to owners and operators of intercity bus systems to increase the resilience of transit infrastructure. More information is available [here](#).

Port Security Grant Program: \$100 million available to help protect critical port infrastructure from terrorism. More information is available [here](#).

Please feel free to contact VACo staff for more information regarding these funding opportunities.

VACo Contact: [James Hutzler](#)

Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program Available Now



The U.S. Department of Transportation's new Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program, established by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, will provide \$2.5 billion over five years to a wide range of applicants, including cities, counties, local governments, and Tribes. The first round of funding makes up to \$700 million from fiscal years 2022 and 2023 funding available to strategically deploy EV charging and other alternative vehicle-fueling infrastructure projects in publicly accessible locations in urban and rural communities, as well as along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs).

The US Department of Transportation just released the notice of funding opportunity for the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program. This is a much-anticipated competitive grant program that **counties can apply for directly** through the USDOT for funding to deploy electric vehicle charging infrastructure, as well as infrastructure to support hydrogen, propane and natural gas fueling.

Find the notice of funding [here](#); and [NACo's funding matrix](#) that breaks down relevant details of this program for county governments.

Upcoming webinars on the CFI program include:

- **Tuesday, March 21, 1PM – 2PM: USDOT Webinar #1: Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program** ([Register here](#))
- **Wednesday, March 22, 2PM – 3PM: USDOT Webinar #2: Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program** ([Register here](#))
- **Friday, March 24, 11AM – 12PM: NACo Webinar: Breaking Down USDOT's EV Discretionary Grants for Counties** (More details and registration link forthcoming)

For any further information feel free to contact VACo staff. VACo will keep you updated as more funding for counties becomes available.

VACo Contact: [James Hutzler](#)

Transportation Alternatives Program Funding for Counties Available Soon; Sign up for Informational Pre-Application Webinar



The Transportation Alternatives Program is a federal reimbursement program intended to help local sponsors fund community-based projects that expand non-motorized travel choices and enhance the transportation experience by improving the cultural, historical, and environmental aspects of the transportation infrastructure. The program does not fund traditional roadway projects or maintenance. The program focuses on providing pedestrian and bicycle facilities and community improvements. The Transportation Alternatives Program continues prior legislation of this kind by expanding travel choices, strengthening local economy, improving quality of life, and protecting the environment. Popular projects include bicycle and pedestrian trails, historic transportation structure preservation, and roadway pull-offs and overlooks.

The VDOT Local Assistance Division is hosting a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Pre-Application Training webinar on Wednesday, April 5 from 10 a.m. until noon. The TAP Pre-Application Training webinar is strongly recommended for localities and other project partners who are interested in submitting an application for TAP funding in the FY25/26 cycle. Interested parties are also strongly encouraged to discuss proposed project ideas and budgets with District VDOT staff prior to submitting a pre-application.

This year's TAP application schedule is as follows:

- Pre-application workshop webinar: April 5 from 10 a.m. until noon (Register here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VZBMB5P>)
- Pre-applications open on May 15
- Pre-applications are due by June 30
- Pre-applications reopen on August 15
- Full application are due by October 2
- Fiscal year 2025 funding becomes available on October 1, 2024 for approved projects

For more information on the TAP program, including applicant and project eligibility, refer to the TAP webpage and guidance: <https://www.virginiadot.org/business/prenhancegrants.asp>

If you have any questions please contact VACo staff and we will be sure to point you in the right direction.

VACo Contact: [James Hutzler](#)



COUNTY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

This is a quick reminder that the deadline for nominations for the [2023 County Leadership Institute \(CLI\)](#) is April 1, 2023. As a reminder, the CLI program is offered by NACo to enhance the capability of county officials to identify and implement innovative solutions to complex challenges facing county government.

CLI will be held June 11-15 in Washington, D.C. All details, including an outline of the program and travel dates, [can be found online](#).

To submit a nomination, please click here: [CLI Nomination Form](#).



TO: NACo Members

FROM: Hon. Mary Jo McGuire, NACo First Vice President

DATE: March 7, 2023

RE: Updated link: Application for 2023–2024 Presidential Leadership and Committee Appointments

Thank you for your dedication to your county and counties across America through your membership in the National Association of Counties (NACo).

While you serve your county in vast ways, I ask you to strongly consider submitting your name for a leadership position at NACo. **Together, we can achieve results for our counties and the people we serve each and every day.**

These appointments are for:

- Policy Steering Committee chairs and vice chairs and subcommittee chairs and vice chairs
- Large Urban County Caucus and Rural Action Caucus chairs and vice chairs
- Standing Committee chairs and vice chairs
- Ad Hoc Committee, Task Force and Advisory Board chairs and vice chairs
- At-Large NACo Board Directors

**PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT
APPLICATION**

IMPORTANT: *Steering committee membership is not a part of this application process. State associations of counties are responsible for nominating general members of policy steering committees. The online nomination form for policy steering committee membership can be [found here](#). To become a member of a steering committee you must fill out the [nomination form](#) and submit it to your state association. They will submit the nomination to NACo.*



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NACo's Annual Conference is the premier national opportunity for counties to exchange cutting-edge practices, elect the association's leadership and shape our federal policy agenda for the year ahead.

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

[VIEW SCHEDULE](#)

QUESTIONS?

We are happy to help. Explore the [conference landing page](#) for the latest information. Please reach out to nacomeetings@naco.org with any questions.

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There is still time to secure the early bird rate for your 2023 National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Awards application. Submit your application by this Friday, March 3, and save \$25 per application. Please note that applications must be submitted and paid for by March 3 at 11:59 p.m. EST to qualify for the early bird rate.

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!

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 displayed 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, closed captions, 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](#)

[WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

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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*](#)

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



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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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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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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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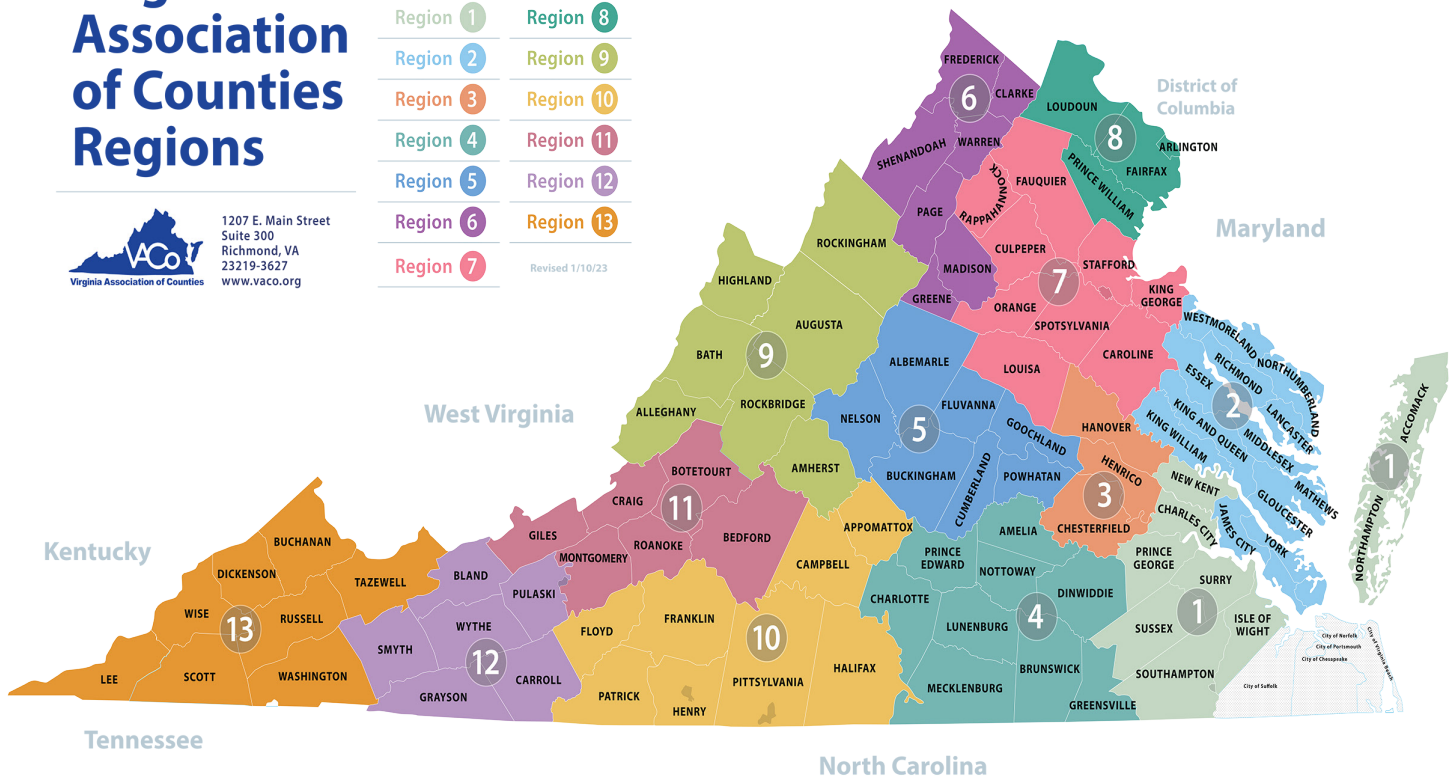


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The City of Harrisonburg and Region III are pleased to host the 2023 Annual Conference of the Virginia Municipal Clerks Association on **April 19-21, 2023** in Harrisonburg, Virginia. The conference will be held at the Hotel Madison and Shenandoah 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 (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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[REFER/NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR VRLI](#)

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



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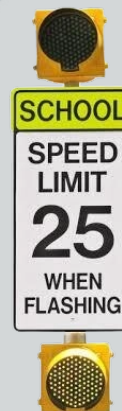


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Because of the pandemic and economic crisis we are facing, NACo is offering a \$1995 scholarship for the first enrollee from your county. That means, when you or another leader at the county enrolls, the cost is not \$2,995; it is now \$1000.

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.



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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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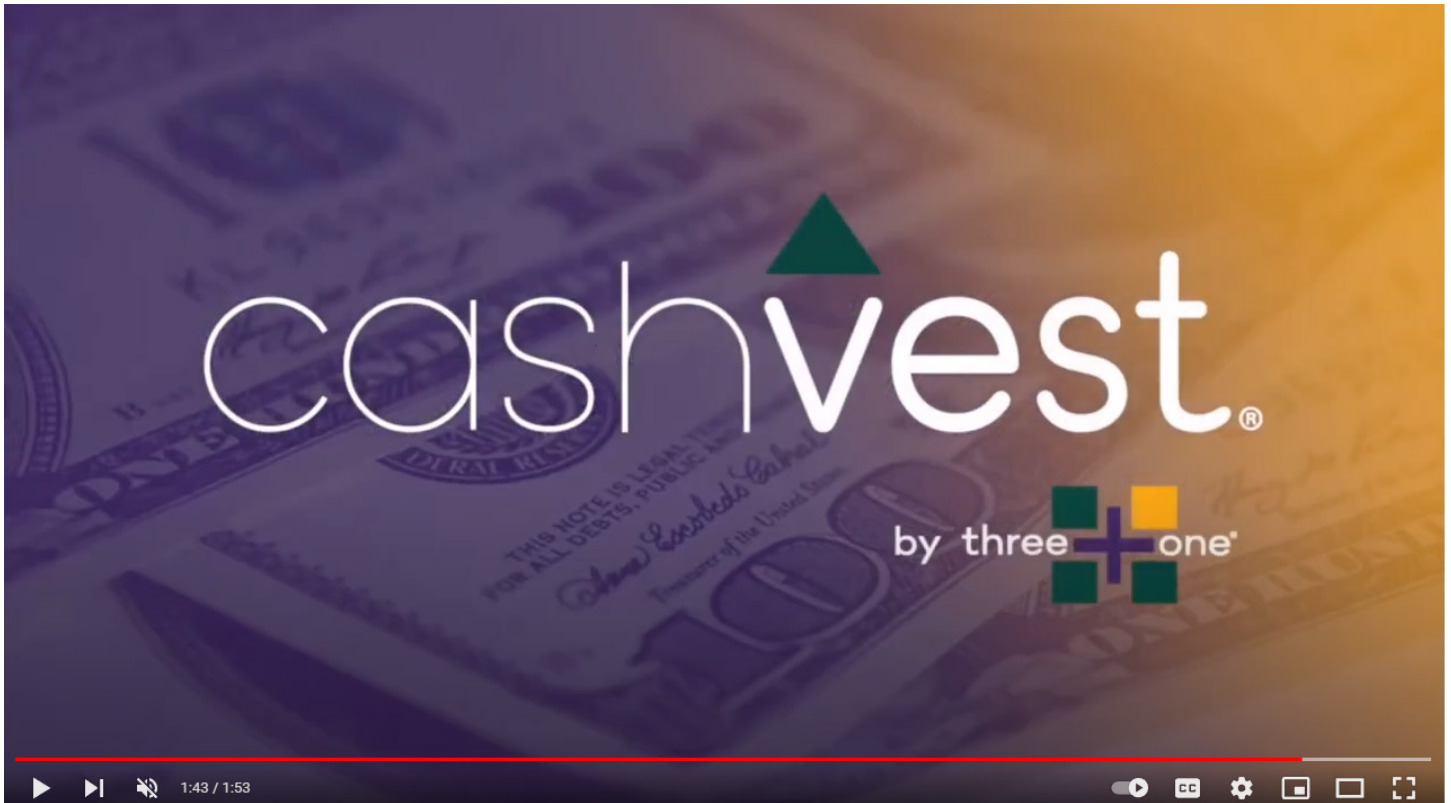
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