

Governor proposes amendments to 77 bills **and “skinny budget”**



Last week Governor Youngkin released his proposed amendments to legislation that passed the 2023 General Assembly. The Governor proposed amendments to 77 bills, as well as four changes to the “skinny budget,” and vetoed three bills. The legislature will convene on April 12 to consider the Governor’s amendments and vetoes.

Of interest to local governments are the following proposed amendments:

HB 1550 (Campbell, J.) Child abuse or neglect; findings of local department of social services, appeal

As passed by the General Assembly: Allows a licensed teacher employed by a local school board who is found by a local department of social services to have committed child abuse or neglect to petition the circuit court for a de novo review of such finding after exhausting all options for review by the local department and Commissioner of Social Services.

Governor’s amendment: Adds language to require the Board of Education to act upon an application for reinstatement of a teacher’s license within 90 days of submission in the case of a teacher who is the subject of a founded complaint of child abuse or

neglect and whose license has been revoked, in the event that a court reverses the finding and the individual submits to the Department an application for the reinstatement of his license as a teacher.

HB 1842 (Knight) Virginia Business Ready Sites Acquisition Fund and Program; created.

As passed by the General Assembly: Creates the Virginia Business Ready Sites Acquisition Program to acquire or option eligible sites (which must be at least 250 contiguous acres and present a significant opportunity for the Commonwealth to attract a large-scale economic development project, but need not be zoned for an economic development use) in order to create and maintain a portfolio of project-ready sites to promote economic development, improve these sites to increase their marketability, and enter into development agreements with private employers for large-scale economic development projects. The program would be administered by the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority in collaboration with the Department of General Services. The legislation provides that prior to the acquisition or optioning of any site, the locality in which the site is located or the locality's economic development entity would have a right of first refusal to acquire or option the site.

Governor's amendment: Requires eligible sites to be at least 500 contiguous acres and requires certain documentation and reporting requirements for the Program. Sets up a process for the locality's right of first refusal whereby the locality would be notified of the Commonwealth's interest in the site and would have 14 days to attempt to purchase or option the site. If the locality or its economic development authority does not either purchase or option the site (or have a contract in place indicating an intent to purchase or option the site) within 90 days, the state would be able to proceed with purchasing the site.

HB 1948 (Bloxom) Absentee voting; removes witness requirement, required information on return ballot envelope.

As passed by the General Assembly: Removes the witness requirement for absentee ballots and replaces it with the requirement that the voter provide the last four digits of his Social Security number (or the unique identifier assigned to each voter in the voter registration system) and his date of birth.

Governor's amendment: Allows the use of the unique identifier for those voters whose registration includes a statement of affirmation that he or she has never been issued a Social Security number.

HB 2024 (Leftwich)/SB 1310 (Deeds) Personal information of judges and magistrates; penalty.

As passed by the General Assembly: Prohibits the Commonwealth from publishing on the Internet the personal information of any active or retired federal or Virginia justice, judge, or magistrate who has made a demand in writing to the Commonwealth that the Commonwealth not publish such information. The bill adds active or retired federal or Virginia justices, judges, and magistrates to the list of people for whom an enhanced punishment applies for the crime of using such person's identity with the intent to coerce, intimidate, or harass. The bill also adds active and retired magistrates to the list of people who may furnish a post office box address in lieu of a street address on the lists of registered voters.

Governor's amendment: Adds a provision establishing a Class 1 misdemeanor offense for any person who pickets or parades in or near a residence of a judge, juror, witness, court officer, or court employee, or their immediate family, with the intent of interfering with the administration of justice or of influencing or intimidating the judge, juror, witness, court officer, or court employee in the discharge of his or her duty.

HB 2185 (Rasoul)/SB 1169 (Hanger) Community services boards and behavioral health authorities; provisions of performance contracts.

As passed by the General Assembly: Strengthens requirements for oversight of Community Services Boards (CSBs) through performance contracts with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS). The legislation requires performance contracts to include provisions that enable DBHDS to enforce the contract in the event a CSB fails to substantially comply with requirements, including provisions for notification of the CSB executive director and chair, provisions for a remediation process to allow the CSB to come into substantial compliance, provisions for termination of all or part of a performance contract in the event of failure to come into substantial compliance, and provisions for an appeal of an enforcement action. These provisions take effect July 1, 2025.

Governor's amendment: Revises the effective date of the provisions of the bill dealing with CSB performance contracts so that they would take effect July 1, 2024.

HB 2296 (Hope)/SB 1350 (Ebbin) Liquid nicotine; Secretary of Finance, et al., to assess a licensing scheme, report.

As passed by the General Assembly: Directs the Secretary of Finance, in consultation with stakeholders, to assess a potential licensing scheme for manufacturers, distributors, and retail dealers of liquid nicotine in the Commonwealth, and the most appropriate manner and entity to enforce and administer licensing, age verification, product verification, and advertising restrictions, with a report due by November 1, 2023.

Governor's amendment: Directs the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority to undertake the study.

HB 2325 (Bloxom)/SB 1438 Agricultural land; definitions, ownership by foreign adversaries prohibited, report.

As passed by the General Assembly: Prohibits any foreign adversary, as defined in the bill, from acquiring or transferring any interest in agricultural land, beginning January 1, 2023, and requires the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to report annually with certain information regarding agricultural land that is under foreign ownership.

Governor's amendment: Expands the definition of "agricultural land" and includes further details regarding enforcement in cases where an interest in land is acquired in violation of the bill, including provisions allowing a local government attorney, among other parties, to file certain actions in circuit court.

HB 2332 (Campbell, E.H.)/SB 1308 Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority; eligible site for site development grant.

As passed by the General Assembly: Reduces the minimum contiguous acreage requirement for a non-brownfield site to qualify for a site development grant from the

Virginia Business Ready Sites Program Fund from 100 to 50 acres.

Governor's amendment: Allows a site of at least 50 acres to qualify if it is in a locality that does not have a site with at least 100 contiguous acres.

HB 2338 (McQuinn)/SB 1326 (McClellan) Transit Ridership Incentive Program; use of funds, improving accessibility.

As passed by the General Assembly: Directs the Commonwealth Transportation Board to use up to 30 percent of available funds in the Transit Ridership Incentive Program to support local, regional, and state entities in improving the accessibility of transit bus passenger facilities and transitioning public transit bus fleets and infrastructure to zero-emission bus fleets and infrastructure.

Governor's amendment: Removes assistance with transitioning to zero-emission fleets and infrastructure as a use of the funds and replaces that language with provisions for funds to be used for crime prevention and public safety for transit passengers, operators, and employees.

SB 810 (Petersen) Injunctions; petitions for review.

As passed by the General Assembly: Removes permanent injunctions from current Code providing that when a circuit court takes certain actions regarding an injunction, an aggrieved party must file a petition for review within 15 days of the circuit court's order, so that these provisions would apply only to preliminary injunctions. The bill extends the deadline for counsel for the opposing party to file a response from seven to 15 days.

Governor's amendment: Adds a new Code section dealing with the process for appeal of circuit court orders granting or denying a plea of sovereign, absolute, or qualified immunity that, if granted, would immunize the movant from compulsory participation in the proceeding.

SB 956 (Ruff) Localities; authorized to create business improvement and recruitment districts.

As passed by the General Assembly: Authorizes localities to establish a business improvement and recruitment district upon petition of a majority of the business owners in the proposed district, after complying with certain requirements.

Governor's amendment: Specifies that a business improvement and recruitment district must be established within a "Main Street District," defined to be a physical setting including a commercial area focusing on economic development through locally owned businesses and structures that would benefit from rehabilitation. Stipulates how a majority share of benefited business is to be calculated.

SB 1035 (McPike) Bridges; state of good repair, allocation of funds.

As passed by the General Assembly: For new project allocations made after June 1, 2024, allows bridges with certain general condition ratings to qualify for state of good repair funds and allows these funds to be used for improvements anticipated to extend the useful life of bridges with these condition ratings by at least 10 years. Eliminates the minimum and maximum annual funding distributions for each construction district.

Governor's amendment: Reinstates the minimum funding distribution level.

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Location: 4000 Chain Bridge Road / Main Street

Built: 1799 – 1800

Style: Colonial Revival

Architect: James Wren

Contractor: John Bogue and Marengo Dykes

Description: The building faces east and is a two story red colored brick structure. The building rectangular shaped building faces east and was completed in 1800. The building is located on spacious landscaped grounds in the center of Fairfax. The building was constructed with Flemish Bond brick. The building has a wide first story porch on the east front with large arches. On the center of the roof is a white colored octagonal cupola. The roof is hipped. In the interior, the courtroom is located on the first story and has wooden stairs ascending to a balcony on the second story. There is carved paneling, a fireplace and a blind pedimented architrave behind the judge's bench. The building was restored in 1965 to 1967. The architect was Walter Macomber. In 1891, a new structure was built to house the jail after the previous jail burned in 1884 and included space for the County Clerk. On the south side is the large addition constructed in 1929 to 1931. The architect was William I Denning. The building was expanded again in 1951 to 1956 with the addition of a center block with large white colored cupola and another wing identical to the 1929 wing. The architect was Robert A Willgoos and Dwight Chase.

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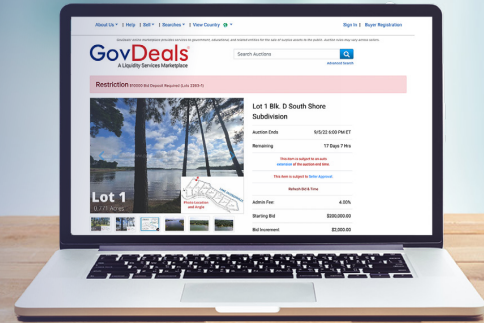
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Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors Appoints a New County Administrator

The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors is pleased to announce the appointment of Stuart J. Turille, Jr., as its new County Administrator. Turille, a native of Lynchburg, VA, has experience in both the private and public sectors and has served in local government management in North Carolina and Virginia for over twenty years. He will replace David M. Smitherman, who was terminated by the Board in January of 2022. Longtime County Attorney J. Vaden Hunt, Esq. has been capably serving as Interim County Administrator since September of 2022. At its Business Meeting on March 21, 2023, the Board approved an Employment Agreement with Turille.

Board Chair, Darrell Dalton, said: "We are glad to have found an experienced local government manager to serve as our County Administrator. The

Board has met with Stuart several times and is confident that his character and experience will be a good fit for us and the community. The Board looks forward to working with Stuart to address the challenges we are facing and to help us further improve Pittsylvania County for the benefit of all its residents."

The Board conducted a national search for the new County Administrator, assisted by The Berkley Group, of Bridgewater, Virginia. The Berkley Group received applications and conducted initial interviews with the most qualified candidates. It then assisted with selecting finalists for interviews with the Board.

Turille received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Virginia, has a Master of Arts in International Affairs from George Washington University, and a Master of Public Administration from the Askew School at Florida State University. He spent almost ten years in the private sector as a management and financial analyst, including nearly four years with the World Bank as an economic analyst. Turille started his public sector career in 2002 in Broward County, Florida, as a Budget and Management Analyst. In 2005, he became the Management Assistant to the Town Manager of Matthews, North Carolina. Subsequently, Turille served as Town Administrator of St. Paul's, North Carolina, as Town Manager of North Topsail Beach, North Carolina, as Deputy County Administrator of Essex County, Virginia, and as City Manager of Petersburg, Virginia.

Turille shared these thoughts about his appointment: "It is a privilege to serve the Board, citizens, and employees of Pittsylvania County, continuing my career as a local government manager. The County has a rural agricultural history and beauty worth protecting, combined with clear economic and cultural potential, which is what my family and I have sought. I will start with where we are today, seek to understand our past, and work with the Board and you to link it to the future. Where we are going, we will go together, as one community. I am eager to begin work with the Board to implement its vision for the County and to address both the challenges and opportunities identified. I appreciate the confidence that the Board has shown in me. As a native of Lynchburg, this opportunity is a homecoming of sorts. My family and I are at work already to purchase a home in the County and become a part of the community."

Turille assumed his County Administrator duties on April 1, 2023.

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Botetourt County Launches BOCOFacts4U!

Date: March 24, 2023 (Botetourt County, VA) – Botetourt County strives to be as transparent as possible with our community. We are pleased to announce the launch of a new comprehensive webpage to educate citizens, businesses, and visitors about factual information that is happening in BOCO.

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About Botetourt County: Botetourt County (Pop. 33,494) is a 546 sq. mile community in Southwestern Virginia. The rural community is in the southwestern portion of the state in the scenic Roanoke Valley of Virginia. Strategically located on Interstate 81, and just 20 miles south of Interstate 64, Botetourt County is accessible to the markets of the Mid-West, the Mid-Atlantic, and the entire Eastern Seaboard. Botetourt County has a five-member elected Board of Supervisors which oversees most of the county's government-related operations. In addition, Botetourt County has a complete administrative staff that works under the direction of a County Administrator who is hired by the Board of Supervisors to run day-to-day operations.



On March 28, Henrico County Manager John Vithoulikas and Board of Supervisors Chairman Frank Thornton honored Assistant Fire Chief Eugene "Cricket" Gerald, who is retiring after more than 46 years with the Henrico Division of Fire.

Gerald joined Henrico Fire in 1976 and has served the division as a firefighter, lieutenant, captain & district chief before becoming an assistant chief. He has served in all of the division's battalions and in most of its firehouses.

Gerald's distinguished service in the field and classroom was celebrated last year by the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association, which presented him the Glenn Gaines Leadership Legacy Award.

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SB 1124 (Stanley) Public elementary & secondary school bldgs.; standards for maintenance & operations, etc.

As passed by the General Assembly: Directs the Board of Education to make recommendations to the General Assembly to establish standards for the maintenance and operations, renovation, and new construction of public elementary and secondary school buildings as part of the Standards of Quality, with recommendations due by December 1, 2023.

Governor's amendment: Delays the due date of the report to July 1, 2024.

SB 1453 (McPike) Public elementary and secondary schools; automated external defibrillators required.

As passed by the General Assembly: Requires each local school board to place an automated external defibrillator in every public elementary and secondary school and to develop a plan for their placement, care, and use.

Governor's amendment: Directs the Department of Education to compile and make available by August 1, 2024, a list of available public and private programs, grants, or funding sources to fulfill the requirements of the bill.

SB 1459 Administration of state government; prohibited applications and websites.

As passed by the General Assembly: Bars any employee or agent of any public body, or person or entity contracting with any such public body, from downloading or using any application, including TikTok or WeChat, or accessing any website developed by ByteDance Ltd. or Tencent Holdings Ltd. on any government-issued device or government-owned or government-leased equipment, or while connected to any wired or wireless Internet network owned, operated, or maintained by the Commonwealth. The Superintendent of State Police or the chief law enforcement officer of a county or city may grant exceptions for law enforcement purposes.

Governor's amendment: Expands the law enforcement exemption to the chief law enforcement officer of any locality or institution of higher education.

HB 1400 (the "skinny budget")

As passed by the General Assembly, the "skinny budget" contained four provisions:

- \$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, and 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
- \$904.6 million for the required deposit to the Revenue Stabilization Fund
- \$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
- \$100 million in FY 2023 to address cost overruns for previously-authorized capital projects

The Governor's amendments add four more provisions:

- A technical amendment to reflect changes in revenue collections resulting from legislation conforming the state's tax code with the Internal Revenue Code, as well as certain required deposits
- \$15.3 million over the biennium for the TANF Unemployed Parents program
- Reallocation of ARPA funding proposed in last year's budget to fund certain Medicaid rate increases, such that \$28.1 million would be provided to the Department of Medical Assistance Services to contract for assistance with Medicaid redetermination after the end of the continuous coverage requirement and \$10 million would be provided to the Department of Social Services to support local departments with redeterminations and appeals
- Authorization for a short-term loan to construct a high performance data facility associated with the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility.

Legislation vetoed by the Governor

The Governor vetoed three bills:

- **[HB 1536](#)** (Jenkins), which directs the state Department of Human Resource Management to update its Grievance Procedure Manual to require the Office of Equal Employment and Dispute Resolution to review and issue a written decision when a party is noncompliant with any of the requirements of the grievance procedure.
- **[SB 1051](#)** (McPike), which would allow a vehicle owned and operated by a public utility company or broadband service provider to be temporarily left on private property (for up to 72 hours) without the consent of the owner of the property, provided that utility or broadband service or maintenance is being conducted on the property and such vehicle does not block the entry or exit of the property.
- **[SB 1085](#)** (Ebbin) would direct the Superintendent of State Police to convene a workgroup to examine vehicle noise in the Commonwealth.

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State General Fund revenues ahead of projections in February, but slowdown still expected



On March 17, Governor Youngkin released updated information on state General Fund revenue collections for February, which were largely aligned with expectations. The March 17 [revenue report](#) from Secretary of Finance Stephen E. Cummings reaffirmed the Administration's expectation of an economic downturn, albeit later in the forecast period. On the national level, although job growth remains strong, the unexpected failures of several regional banks and the Federal Reserve's Open Market Committee's action to impose an additional rate increase have fueled national discussions about a slowdown. March's changeable economic news has led state budget conferees to pause budget negotiations temporarily, [according to media reports](#), in order to determine potential implications for state revenues.

Total state General Fund revenues are up 1.2 percent fiscal year-to-date, outpacing the estimate of an 8.8 percent decline. Overall, General Fund revenues are ahead of the December 2022 forecast (which includes the Governor's proposed tax policy changes) by \$111.3 million on a fiscal year-to-date basis. Secretary Cummings wrote in his monthly revenue report, "Based on the advice of the Governor's Advisory Council on Revenue Estimates, the forecast also assumes a three-quarter recession, beginning in the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2023. While results have exceeded expectations based upon a stronger

than expected economy since the time of our forecast, we continue to expect a similar downturn two to three quarters later in our forecast period.”

The memorandum outlines some signs of a slowdown in the economy:

- Individual income tax withholding collections grew by 4.7 percent on a fiscal year-to-date basis, slightly behind the forecast of 4.8 percent growth. The Secretary’s memorandum notes that collections are trailing projections by \$30.1 million, pointing out, “The slowdown that has occurred in withholding growth since the beginning of the year is consistent with our economic and revenue forecast which anticipates declining growth in employment, from 3.2 percent in fiscal year 2022 to 2.4 percent in fiscal year 2023.”
- Without adjusting for policy actions enacted last year (termination of the accelerated sales tax program and elimination of the state portion of sales and use taxes on groceries), sales and use tax collections are 9.7 percent higher on a fiscal year-to-date basis, but are trailing projections by \$29.1 million. Secretary Cummings speculated in his memorandum, “The continuing shift in consumption from taxable goods to non-taxable services is likely dampening sales tax revenue growth more than anticipated.”
- Corporate income tax collections are also softening. On a fiscal year to date basis, collections are 12 percent behind FY 2022 and are lagging projections by \$31.1 million. Secretary Cummings suggested that weakening in corporate profit growth is attributable to “the slowing economy and margin compression as corporations are finding it harder to pass along higher costs to consumers.”

After significant media attention to the failures of several regional banks and the swift action by the federal government to guarantee deposits, speculation swirled about whether the Federal Reserve’s Federal Open Market Committee would pause its series of interest rate increases at its March 22 meeting. The [March 14 release of the Consumer Price Index](#) reflected inflation’s persistence, with the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increasing 0.4 percent in February (following an increase of 0.5 percent in January), largely attributable to housing costs. The Committee stayed the course on interest rates, approving an increase of 0.25 percentage points, but indicated that future increases would be carefully considered in light of economic conditions, writing in its [meeting statement](#), “In determining the extent of future increases in the target range, the Committee will take into account the cumulative tightening of monetary policy, the lags with which monetary policy affects economic activity and inflation, and economic and financial developments...The Committee would be prepared to adjust the stance of monetary policy as appropriate if risks emerge that could impede the attainment of the Committee’s goals. The Committee’s assessments will take into account a wide range of information, including readings on labor market conditions, inflation pressures and inflation expectations, and financial and international developments.” In [March 30 remarks to the Virginia Council of CEOs](#), Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond President Tom Barkin defended the rate increase, citing the lingering “economic dislocation” of the pandemic and expected price increases as factors that will delay inflation returning to the Federal Reserve’s target of 2 percent, but also said that “policy will need to be nimble” in responding to economic conditions.

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Virginia Supreme Court invalidates zoning ordinance rewrite adopted during pandemic at virtual public meeting



In an opinion dated March 23, 2023, the Virginia Supreme Court declared a rewrite of the Fairfax County zoning ordinance (known as “Z-Mod”) void (having no legal effect), based on a challenge by citizens alleging the adoption took place in violation of the open meeting provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. The Court ruled that the adoption process, which took place at a series of electronic meetings, did not meet provisions of law, budget language or local continuity of government ordinance language in place at the time. [Click here to read the case.](#)

During the Pandemic in 2020, the Governor declared a state of emergency and also included special language in the state budget to allow public bodies to meet electronically under certain criteria. In addition, many local government bodies adopted Continuity of Government Ordinances. Not every ordinance was worded identically, however, the overarching purpose of these continuity of government ordinances was to continue to provide for the local government to serve the public by creating a safe means to conduct public business during the emergency. Fairfax County adopted such an ordinance using the relevant authority. Several citizens challenged the rewrite of the zoning ordinance, claiming this action did not meet the criteria of the emergency authority in place. The Fairfax County Circuit Court upheld the authority of the county to rewrite the zoning ordinance and the citizens appealed to the Virginia Supreme Court.

In reversing the Fairfax County Circuit Court, the Supreme Court opined that while a number of actions would meet the criteria and authority provided for continuity of government, under the language of the ordinance enacted by Fairfax, modification of the zoning ordinance was not among them.

This decision raises issues as to whether other localities holding virtual public meetings during that time might have those decisions declared invalid by courts. Counties should consult with their local government attorney to review the issues examined in this decision including how meetings were held, the specific wording of the continuity of government ordinance they operated under, and the subject matter of the actions taken that may be impacted by this decision.

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Summer Food Service Program gearing up for 2023; more information available from DOE



The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is federally funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and in Virginia, is administered by the [Virginia Department of Education, Office of School Nutrition Programs](#) (VDOE-SNP).

The purpose of the SFSP is to ensure children and teens have equitable access to good, healthy foods during the summertime. Through the program, sponsoring organizations such as school divisions, food banks, local departments of parks and recreations, etc., provide meals to safe and [eligible](#) locations in the community.

At these locations, children and teens receive a meal free of charge with no questions asked and no proof of identification collected. Although not required, meals often accompany an enrichment activity to encourage congregation and help with preventing summer learning losses.

New to summer 2023, sponsoring organizations and locations in [rural areas](#) may operate non-congregate summer feeding programs, via home delivery or meal pick-up.

For more information on the SFSP, please contact Maggie Parker, the VDOE-SNP Child Nutrition Programs Coordinator, at maggie.parker@doe.virginia.gov.

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EV Charging Infrastructure Grant Program from U.S. Department of Transportation Open Now



The U.S. Department of Transportation has announced additional opportunities for localities to obtain funds for the rollout of thousands of electric vehicle chargers this decade. These [Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grants](#) help support communities so that they can fill gaps in electric vehicle charging infrastructure. \$700 million is available right now, and over the next five years, this competitive grant program will provide \$2.5 billion to localities, MPOs, states, or other government entities. We hope to see as much of those funds come to Virginia as possible. Specifically, the Community Program provides a good amount of flexibility for localities to put infrastructure where it will be most effective.

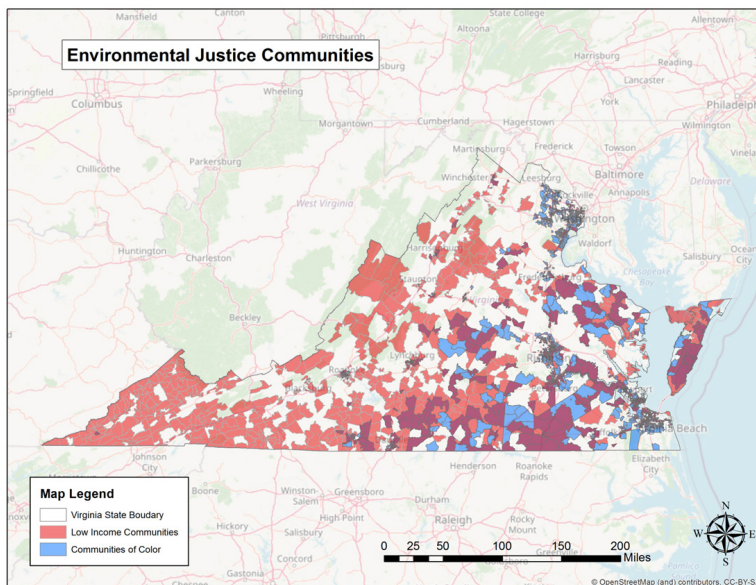
This grant provides funding for up to 80% of the charging infrastructure which lays a strong foundation for communities of all sizes to invest in a project like this, and cost share can come from private sector or other nonfederal funds. Projects can be as small as a \$500,000 federal ask. These chargers help to stimulate the local economy, incentivize travel and tourism, and support residents who have made the switch to electric vehicles. Installing and maintaining local EV chargers will support various types of jobs, including electricians to install, maintain, and operate them; and workers to maintain the non-electrical components such as firmware and software. Numerous shared procurement contracts and utility partnerships exist to get this done for Virginia communities.

In 2022, VACo for the first time added a position to its legislative platform supporting funding that provides for the availability and installation of electric vehicle charging stations therefore we are excited to see this funding become available.

Applications are due by May 30, 2023. If you require support or have questions during the application process, feel free to reach out to VACo staff and we'll do our best to help. There will also be [webinars](#) about this opportunity that should be helpful moving forward.

VACo Contact: [James Hutzler](#)

DEQ releases draft environmental justice guidance – comments due by May 1



The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has released draft guidance, [Environmental Justice in the Permitting Process](#), for an informal comment period. This guidance creates procedures to ensure fair treatment of, and meaningful involvement with environmental justice (EJ) communities, throughout DEQ's permitting processes. Per the [Virginia Environmental Justice Act](#) an EJ community "... means any low-income community or community of color" as per these definitions:

"Low-income community" means any census block group in which 30 percent or more of the population is composed of people with low income.

"Low income" means having an annual household income equal to or less than the greater of (i) an amount equal to 80 percent of the median income of the area in which the household is located, as reported by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and (ii) 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level.

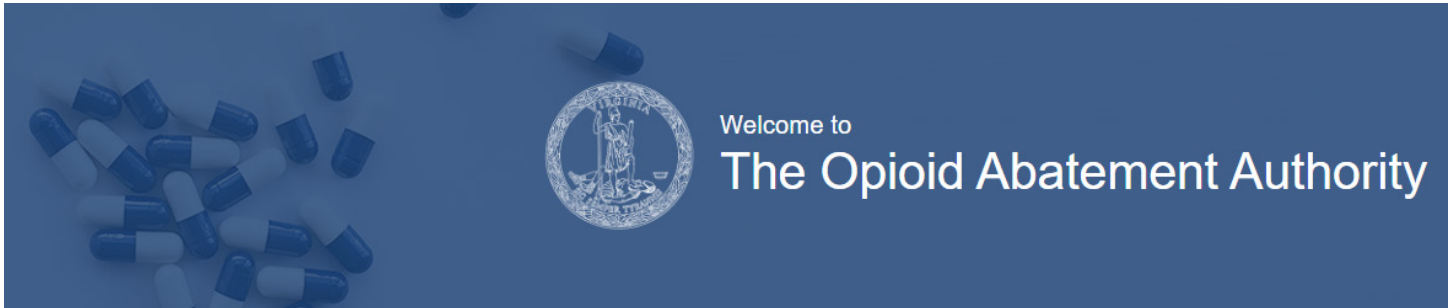
"Community of color" means any geographically distinct area where the population of color, expressed as a percentage of the total population of such area, is higher than the population of color in the Commonwealth expressed as a percentage of the total population of the Commonwealth. However, if a community of color is composed primarily of one of the groups listed in the definition of "population of color," the percentage population of such group in the Commonwealth shall be used instead of the percentage population of color in the Commonwealth.

These definitions result in 53% of the total geographic area and 59% of the population of the Commonwealth being identified as an EJ community (see [MAP](#))

The guidance outlines a permit evaluation process for all permitting actions at DEQ, as well as establishes processes for further evaluation of permits of particular concern to environmental justice communities.

DEQ is accepting informal public comments on the guidance until **May 1**. A formal public comment period will be held after internal review. Comments on the guidance are to be submitted via email to ejcomments@deq.virginia.gov.

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



Best Practices for Local Governments in the Allocation of Opioid Settlement Funding

Tony McDowell, Executive Director | Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority

Virginia has already received settlements worth more than \$500 million from prescription opioid manufacturers and distributors, and that number could double. Most of these funds will flow to Virginia's cities and counties for efforts to abate the opioid crisis. As Virginia's cities and counties develop local and regional plans for the use of these funds, some best practices are beginning to emerge.

The first of these is **establishing a local abatement committee** comprised of various stakeholders including prevention and treatment specialists, public health, behavioral health, law enforcement, and people with lived experience.

Some communities are holding **town hall style public meetings** or listening sessions so that local leaders can hear from residents who have been directly affected by the prescription opioid epidemic, as well as from service providers and community-based organizations. The OAA's Board of Directors has been following this approach, and has already conducted six public listening sessions around the state. The feedback from these sessions has been instrumental in informing the Board's strategy for allocating grants.

Local governments are encouraged to **engage with community partners**, especially those that have already been fighting the opioid epidemic for years. This certainly includes the local Community Services Board, but in addition there are many non-profits, grassroot organizations, treatment providers, and recovery support organizations that want to be involved. During its listening sessions the OAA Board has heard numerous examples of such organizations that have been barely surviving financially, working off of donations and volunteer effort. These organizations often know exactly how to reach the people who are sick and suffering, and have a track record of stretching dollars for maximum impact. The OAA is only able to provide funding to cities, counties and state agencies. This means the opioid settlement funds will not reach these non-government organizations unless there is a partnership with the local government.

The OAA is committed to providing assistance to cities and counties in developing their abatement plans. We offer **planning grants** and are in the process of launching a series of best-practice webinars and workshops. For more information please visit us at www.voaa.us.

\$8.1 million in GO Virginia grant awards will leverage \$5.6 million in local and non-state funding



As [announced](#) by Governor Glenn Youngkin on March 24, the latest round of Virginia Growth and Opportunity (Go Virginia) grants includes \$8.1 million for 17 projects focused on creating talent pipelines and accelerating economic growth. For a full list of the awarded projects go to [March 2023 Go Virginia Grant Awards](#).

GO Virginia is an initiative by Virginia's senior business leaders to foster private-sector growth and job creation through state incentives for regional collaboration by business, education, and government. Since the program's inception in 2017, GO Virginia has funded 258 projects and awarded approximately \$107 million to support regional economic development efforts. As of 2022, Go Virginia has created over 26,000 new jobs, trained 13,000 students in high-demand fields, created 2,700 work-based learning opportunities, including internships and apprenticeships, and awarded 3,600 workforce credentials.

To learn more about the GO Virginia program, visit dhcd.virginia.gov/gova.

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

VACo Included in Review of SMART SCALE Process - County Input Requested



The Virginia Secretary of Transportation has directed the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPi) to conduct a full review of the SMART SCALE process in collaboration with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT). Reviews of the SMART SCALE transportation funding process have been undertaken at the conclusion of each of the last four rounds of funding. An overview of the current review process was provided to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) at the February Meeting and can be viewed [here](#).

At the same February meeting, the CTB suggested that local stakeholders and representatives of the applicant community should be included in the review process. VACo was invited and will participate on the Technical Advisory Committee as part of the program review and is honored to do so.

County leaders, VACo is soliciting input on how we can best represent you and your individual county's interests as VACo participates in this review. Please contact VACo staff and relay your thoughts, feelings and recommendations as it relates to the SMART SCALE process.

VACo Contact: [James Hutzler](#)

Department of Criminal Justice Services Announces Community Behavioral Threat Assessment Team Programming



The Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), with funding from a U.S. Department of Homeland Security grant, has developed a two-day workshop to familiarize participants with a model that addresses behavioral threats in the community from a public health perspective. These trainings present the most up-to-date information on the subject matter presented in a format that is suitable for a wide audience, they are being offered all around the state, and there is no fee for the training. County administrators or their representatives, county attorneys, and county public health officials would be welcome participants in these workshops, along with business leaders, law enforcement, mental health providers and other community stakeholders.

According to DCJS, building a community threat assessment team will require leadership from county administrators and city managers, and the Department has some ability to provide technical assistance to communities that decide to start this process.

The link below includes the course description, dates and locations for the workshop, and a registration link.

[A Community Approach to Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management: Enhancing Collaborative Partnerships to Identify, Assess, and Manage Risk for Targeted Violence and Terrorism | Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services](#)

DCJS training on Domestic Extremism and Violent Extremism Awareness also may be of interest and is available at the following link:

<https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/training-events/domestic-extremism-and-violent-extremism-awareness>

DCJS will be adding more dates for these trainings, and they anticipate launching a one-day training covering legal aspects of the threat assessment process including information sharing.

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

VACo's Jeremy Bennett accepted as fellow in the Political Leadership Academy

The Political Leadership Academy (PLA) was founded through a partnership between George Mason University's Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution and the Bipartisan Leadership Project in early 2020. It was founded with the understanding that persistent and seemingly intractable conflict has become a visible hallmark of the American political system.

VACo's Jeremy Bennett is excited to learn more about how to develop effective and peaceful political relationships, processes, and governance.

"At VACo, we are encouraged to pursue educational and professional development opportunities," Bennett said. "I'm excited to learn more about how to improve my leadership, communications, and collaborative conflict resolution skills that are essential for anyone working in Virginia state and local politics. I'm also looking forward to meeting and developing relationships with other fellows who are passionate about civility in politics."

For more information on the Political Leadership Academy - visit <https://pla.carterschool.gmu.edu>.



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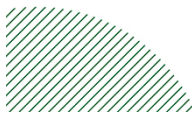
- Strengthening and preserving democracy
- Conflict resolution strategies for collaboration
- Personal and professional communication skills
- Leadership in public policy

Who Should Apply?

While those in political leadership roles are especially encouraged to apply, this course is also open to civic and community group members, business and nonprofit leaders, and others interested in conflict resolution in American politics, especially at the Virginia state and local levels.

What We'll Accomplish

Fellows will be equipped with ideas and skills to respond to contemporary American political conflicts. Sessions will include presentations from scholars and practitioners with an emphasis on group dynamics and networking. Participants will build foundations of understanding from a diverse set of professional and personal backgrounds and will develop contacts with a dynamic cohort of participants who are passionate about unity and problem-solving. Participants will also gain membership in our alumni organization, which holds engaging subsequent events exclusively for Political Leadership Academy alumni.



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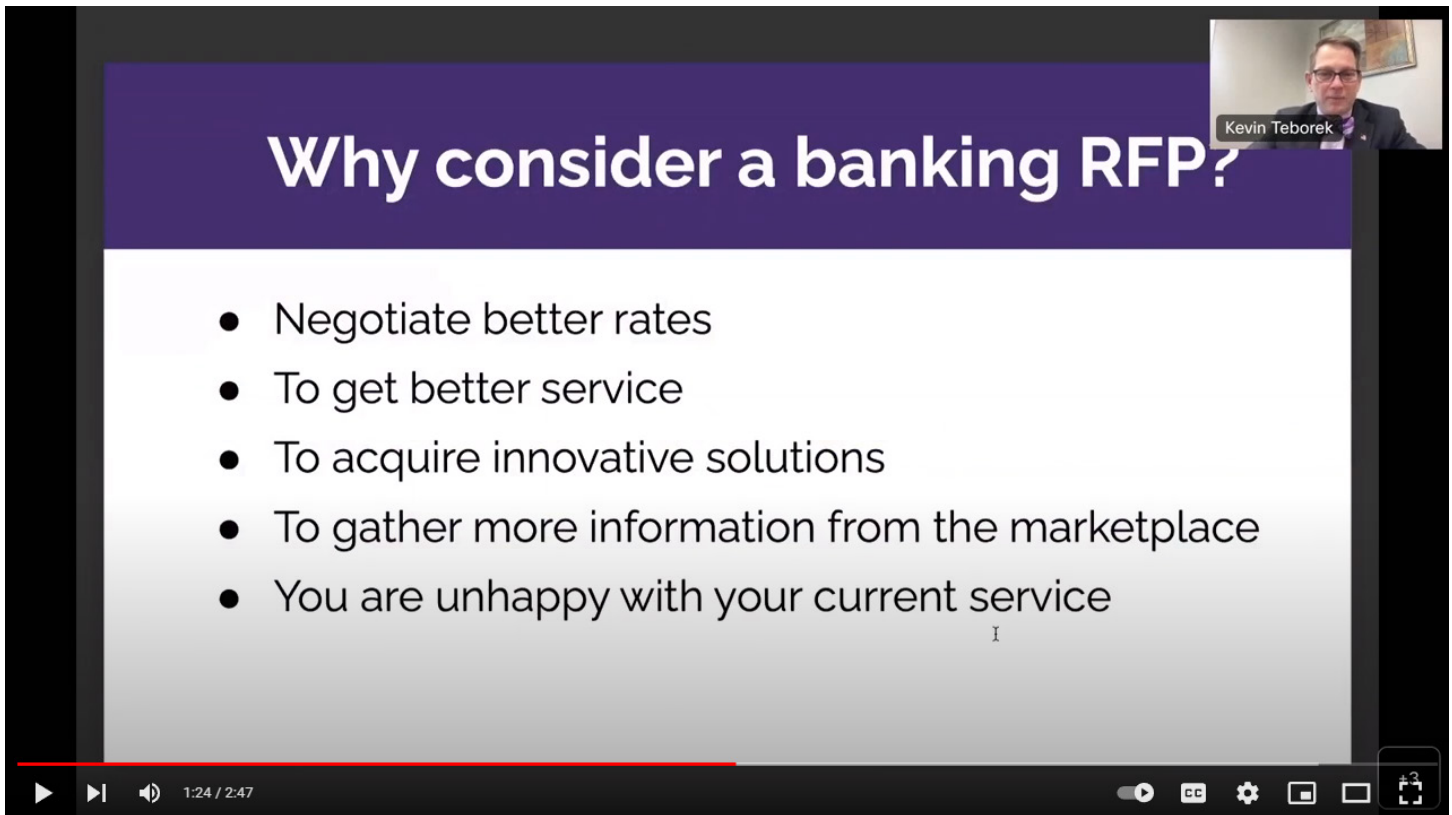
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VACo Contact: [Karie Walker](#)

DEADLINE UPCOMING: 2023 NACo ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



There is still time to participate in NACo's 2023 Achievement Awards!

Achievement Award winners earn recognition that can include local media coverage, features in *County News*, congressional testimony, White House and federal agency briefings, NACo publications, and a spotlight at the [2023 Annual Conference](#).

The deadline to apply is this Friday, April 7. Applying is a quick, straightforward process. Our team is here to answer any questions at awards@naco.org.

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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.**

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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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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.

A screenshot of a video presentation titled "The Marcus Alert System". The presenter, Alexandria Robinson-D..., is visible in a small window in the top right corner. The main content area shows a slide with the following text: "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 three bullet points: (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 bullet points, it says "Other Components to the Marcus-David Peters Act" followed by two checkmarks: "✓ Voluntary Database" and "✓ Development of a Comprehensive Crisis Continuum". The slide also features the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services logo and "Slide 2" in the bottom right corner. The video player interface at the bottom shows a progress bar at 3:39 / 55:41 and various control icons.

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 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](#)
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- January 26, 2023: [Update on Finance Legislation, Including Grocery Tax Bills](#)
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- February 2, 2023: [Bill Creating a New Exemption from Stormwater Regulations for Harvesting of Trees Passes House Subcommittee](#)
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- 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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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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Contact Harrisonburg City Clerk Pam Ulmer (Pamela.Ulmer@harrisonburgva.gov (540) 432-7701) with questions.

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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



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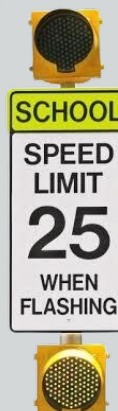


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If you have more than one person to enroll, we will extend significant discounts to them, too. We believe in you, your leadership and the leadership of your county employees. This High Performance Leadership Academy will make existing leaders better 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.

2023 EXCELLENCE IN VIRGINIA GOVERNMENT AWARDS

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Excellence in Virginia Government Awards Nominations Open

The L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs at Virginia Commonwealth University is pleased to announce the 16th annual Excellence in Virginia Government Awards (EVGA) on **April 11, 2023** at Noon. EVGA celebrates people and organizations in the public and private sectors who have made significant contributions to the practice of government and the well-being of our communities and citizens.

“These awards recognize outstanding work at all levels of government in Virginia and honor dedicated public service, innovative approaches and commitment to excellence,” said Susan T. Gooden, Ph.D., dean of the Wilder School.

Nominations for the 2023 Awards will be accepted through November 1, 2022. Nominations are being accepted in seven categories: Community Enhancement, Grace E. Harris Leadership Award, Hill-Robinson Expansion of Freedom, Innovation in Government, Lifetime Achievement, Public-Private Partnerships, and Unsung Hero.

To make a nomination, learn more details about the Excellence in Virginia Government Awards, including criteria and past winners, go to <https://bit.ly/evgavcu> or contact Paula Otto, piotto@vcu.edu.



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