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THE FUND

GO Virginia awards grants in three categories:

1 ENHANCED CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS: Planning grants to assist regional councils in building regional capacity for job creation and program implementation

2 PER CAPITA GRANTS: Project implementation grants allocated to each region on a per capita basis for projects of regional impact
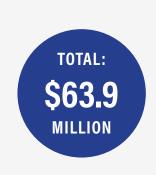
3 STATE COMPETITIVE GRANTS: Awarded for projects of statewide economic impact and interregional collaborations

Potential candidates can submit an application to their Regional Council at any time and are eligible if they have support from two or more localities and if all **GO Virginia** funds are matched by non-state funds.

Successful grant applications will show how they fit into selected growth industries as identified in their region's Growth & Diversification Plan. They will also show a high level of collaboration with local businesses and organizations and include data to prove return on investment.

Since program inception, more than 100 public entities, including 85 localities, have contributed $11.8 million in qualifying local match to GO Virginia projects. In addition, GO Virginia funds have helped to form or strengthen four Regional Industrial Facility Authorities (RIFAs), a best practice in regional collaboration and one which sets the stage for cost and revenue sharing around site development projects of regional significance.

BUDGET APPROPRIATED FOR THE FUND THROUGH 2020

TOTAL: $63.9 MILLION

CAPACITY-BUILDING GRANTS: $5.5 million

PER CAPITA GRANTS: $30.8 million

STATEWIDE COMPETITIVE GRANTS: $27.6 million
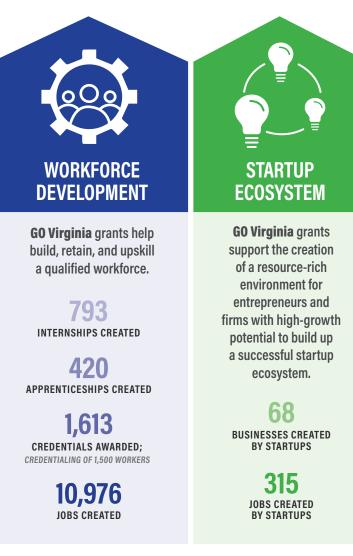
ABOUT DHCD

The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development administers the GO Virginia fund and provides staff support to the Board and the nine regional councils.   **www.dhcd.virginia.gov**

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VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

GO VIRGINIA

VIRGINIA INITIATIVE FOR
GROWTH & OPPORTUNITY
IN EACH REGION

The goal of **GO Virginia** is to spur high-wage job growth in selected industry sectors in each of its nine regions while strengthening and growing regional economies. **GO Virginia** grants support projects in four investment areas, incentivizing regional collaboration by business, education, and government.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

GO Virginia grants help build, retain, and upskill a qualified workforce.

793 INTERNSHIPS CREATED

420 APPRENTICESHIPS CREATED

1,613 CREDENTIALS AWARDED; *CREDENTIALING OF 1,500 WORKERS*

10,976 JOBS CREATED

STARTUP ECOSYSTEM

GO Virginia grants support the creation of a resource-rich environment for entrepreneurs and firms with high-growth potential to build up a successful startup ecosystem.

68 BUSINESSES CREATED BY STARTUPS

315 JOBS CREATED BY STARTUPS

SCALING UP EXISTING INDUSTRY

GO Virginia grants help create more higher-paying jobs in targeted industries specific to each region's strengths and assets by scaling up existing industry.

10,976 HIGH-PAYING JOBS CREATED
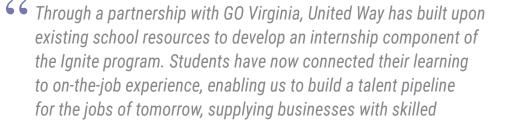
428 BUSINESSES SERVED

86 BUSINESSES CREATED

INFRASTRUCTURE/ SITE DEVELOPMENT

GO Virginia grants invest in improving and developing infrastructure and creating business-ready sites suitable for firms in each region.

45 SITES IMPACTED

4,000 ACRES OF LAND IMPROVED *(THAT'S 3,000 FOOTBALL FIELDS)*

Impact numbers as result of projects funded through Dec 31, 2019

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"Through a partnership with GO Virginia, United Way has built upon existing school resources to develop an internship component of the Ignite program. Students have now connected their learning to on-the-job experience, enabling us to build a talent pipeline for the jobs of tomorrow, supplying businesses with skilled workers, building a robust competitive economy."

—TRAVIS W. STATON, PRESIDENT AND CEO, UNITED WAY (GOVA GRANTEE)

"The GO Virginia grant provided resources to identify and learn more about the companies in the industry and to develop strong relationships from which new programs are being developed that will serve the local workforce and the companies here."

—NIKKI HASTINGS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CVILLE BIOHUB (GOVA GRANTEE)

REGION 9 Catalyst Accelerator **Program** provides staff, workspace, programming, mentorship, and grant funding to support up to 20 high-potential companies.

Jobs created: 116
Internships created: 16
Businesses created: 20

REGION 7 Tech Talent **Pipeline Apprenticeship Initiative** Northern Virginia Community College is creating a workforce system to attract, prepare, and retain qualified candidates to fill high-demand cybersecurity and IT jobs.

Jobs created: 510
New apprenticeships: 400
Credentials awarded: 400

REGION 3 **GO TEC** prepares local students for high-growth careers in information technology, advanced manufacturing, and related fields.

Jobs created: 289
Credentials awarded: 120
Businesses created: 4

REGION 8 **Shihadeh Innovation Center** is renovating a former elementary school into an advanced facility for career and technical education programs.

Jobs created: 60
Internships created: 90
Credentials awarded: 147
Businesses served: 15
Jobs created: 104

REGION 1 **Smart Farming** Mountain Empire Community College is creating new courses on smart farming and the use of technology to maximize agriculture profits, offering students the ability to earn national credentials.

Jobs created: 75
Internships created: 24
Credentials awarded: 75

REGION 2 **Western Virginia Regional Industrial Facilities Authority** will add water and sewer utility extensions to help prepare the site for industrial development.

Jobs created: 150
Total acres: 109

REGION 5 **VA Digital Shipbuilding** Virginia Modeling, Analysis & Simulation Center is creating a program curriculum and co-lab facility to train approximately 8,500 workers to work in the new digital manufacturing environment.

Jobs created: 8500
Internships created: 200
Business served: 300

REGION 2 **RAMP** The Regional Acceleration and Mentorship Program offers technology-based startups access to classroom education, mentoring and assistance in identifying capital.

Jobs created: 20
Businesses created: 20

REGION 6 **Welding Training Program** is establishing a new training facility to offer welding training courses through Rappahannock Community College and other training programs.

Jobs created: 40   **Credentials awarded:** 40

REGION 9 **Regional Business Park - Phase 2 Site Readiness** prepares an approximately 700-acre new regional business park in Louisa County for development

Total acres: 700

REGION 5 **Accomack-Northampton Sewer and Sites Study** is conducting a sewer line study to help the Eastern Shore increase it sewer capacity and enable it to meet the requirements to become eligible for the Virginia Business Ready Site Program.

Sites impacted: 5   **Total acres:** 327

REGION 4 **Lighthouse U** and the da Vinci Center at Virginia Commonwealth University are piloting the Lighthouse U program to prepare graduate students to launch their own businesses.

Jobs created: 75   **Credentials awarded:** 75   **Businesses created:** 20

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

STARTUP ECOSYSTEM

INFRASTRUCURE/ SITE DEVELOPMENT

"I have truly been amazed at the unity and collaboration put forth by our Council. They have funded projects that are going to bring value to the entire Region 3. In the 40 years that I've worked in economic development including the Chamber of Commerce, this is some of the most remarkable work I've seen that Southern Virginia is going to benefit from."

—NANCY POOL, PROGRAM ASSOCIATE REGION 3

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