



Agenda
February 25, 2016
6:00 p.m.—New River Valley Business Center, Fairlawn

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Approval of Minutes for January
 - B. Approval of [Treasurer's Report for January](#)
- III. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS**
 - A. Projects ([Signed-off by the staff](#))
 - None
 - B. Regular Project Review
 - None
 - C. Environmental Project Review
 - None
- IV. PUBLIC ADDRESS**
- V. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**
- VI. CHAIR'S REPORT**
- VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** (enclosed)
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS**
- IX. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. [Pulaski Grow – Non-profit Youth Training and Aquaponics Business](#)
 - Presentation- Ms. Lee Spiegel
 - Commission Discussion
 - B. [Community Development Block Grant Priorities for 2016](#)
 - Commission Action Needed
 - C. [Go Virginia Overview](#)
 - Commission Discussion

All meeting materials posted on the Commission website www.nrvrc.org

The New River Valley Regional Commission provides area wide planning for the physical, social, and economic elements of the district; encourages and assists local governments in planning for their future; provides a means of coordinating federal, state, and local efforts to resolve area problems; provides a forum for review of mutual concerns; and implements services upon request of member local governments.



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MEMORANDUM

To: NRVRC Board Members
From: Janet McNew, Finance Director
Date: February 16, 2016
Re: January 2016 Financial Statements

January 2016 year to date Agencywide Revenue and Expenditures and Balance Sheet are enclosed for your review.

As of month end January 2016 (58% of the fiscal year), overall year to date revenues are 61.65% and expenses are 55.23% of budget. Salary and Fringe, the two largest expense line items, stand at 59.87% and 60.68%, respectively.

Expense lines exceeding budget include Vehicle Maintenance, Audit Fee, Training and Capital Outlay. The training overage (\$222) is due to unbudgeted training opportunities including Jennifer Wilsie, Regional Planner II, for Leadership NRV (Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce) and Zachary Swick, Data Systems Manager, for a Website Design/Development course. The Capital Outlay budget line is exclusively related to the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Area expenses which are reimbursed from the state. The overage (\$6,680) is due to the purchase of additional computers and equipment for their mobile lab program.

As previously reported, the overage in Vehicle Maintenance is due to unanticipated repairs beyond routine maintenance and will be covered by current year revenue. This expense line should be increased with future budgets due to aging of vehicle fleet. The Audit Fee expense slightly exceeds anticipated cost (\$250) due to expanded work required by new GASB 68 pension fund analysis and reporting requirements. This expense line will need to be increased with future budgets to accommodate this on-going requirement. New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Area cost-shares one-third of the audit fee.

The Agencywide Revenue and Expense report compares actual receipts and expenses to the FY15-16 budget adopted by the Commission at the June 25, 2015 meeting. The financial operations of the agency are somewhat fluid as projects may be added and modified throughout the year.

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New River Valley Regional Commission
Agencywide Revenue and Expenditures - January 2016

With Indirect Detail

FY15-16 Budget Adopted 6/25/15					(58% of FY)
	January 2016	YTD	Under/Over	% Budget	
Anticipated Revenues					
ARC	68,436.00	0.00	34,218.00	34,218.00	50.00%
LOCAL ASSESSMENT	226,952.81	4,716.25	222,236.42	4,716.39	97.92%
DHCD	75,971.00	18,993.00	56,978.00	18,993.00	75.00%
EDA	70,000.00	17,500.00	52,500.00	17,500.00	75.00%
WIB Fiscal Agent	60,000.00	10,000.00	50,000.00	10,000.00	83.33%
WIA Program Funds	518,379.00	47,930.20	308,433.51	209,945.49	59.50%
VDOT	58,000.00	0.00	32,766.13	25,233.87	56.49%
VDOT - Rocky Knob Project	120,500.00	0.00	36,905.09	83,594.91	30.63%
Floyd Co	7,500.00	280.36	2,583.67	4,916.33	34.45%
Giles County	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00%
Narrows Town	40,000.00	0.00	0.00	40,000.00	0.00%
Rich Creek Town	12,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	11,000.00	12.00%
Montgomery County	37,942.12	5,423.48	19,745.29	18,196.83	52.04%
Blacksburg Town	15,000.00	1,250.00	8,750.00	6,250.00	58.33%
Pulaski County	33,300.31	895.44	11,278.01	22,022.30	33.87%
Pulaski Town	10,000.00	0.00	7,000.00	3,000.00	70.00%
Pulaski Co Sewerage Auth.	2,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	50.00%
Virginia Tech	12,923.00	3,486.46	13,787.71	-864.71	106.69%
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	0.00	1,551.73	-1,551.73	0.00%
Recovered Cost	0.00	0.00	142.71	-142.71	0.00%
Virginia's First	25,000.00	2,083.33	14,583.31	10,416.69	58.33%
Blacksburg/Christiansburg MPO	55,000.00	0.00	31,401.90	23,598.10	57.09%
RV-ARC RideSolutions	33,680.00	0.00	18,306.85	15,373.15	54.36%
VDEM	2,150.00	0.00	0.00	2,150.00	0.00%
Southwest Virginia SWMA	2,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	100.00%
New River Health District	25,000.00	0.00	4,282.46	20,717.54	17.13%
Friends of SWVA	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	100.00%
Blacksburg Partnership (BBurg Broadband)	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.00%
Deferred Revenue (BBurg Broadband)	30,000.00	0.00	34,440.25	-4,440.25	114.80%
Unprogrammed ARC	24,936.00	0.00	0.00	24,936.00	0.00%
Revenues	1,579,670.24	118,558.52	973,891.04	605,779.20	61.65%
Expenses					
Salaries	802,152.00	70,359.18	480,254.93	321,897.07	59.87%
Fringe Benefits	269,609.00	23,781.16	163,591.33	106,017.67	60.68%
Travel	61,193.00	3,319.76	27,309.56	33,883.44	44.63%
Office Space	64,254.00	4,158.09	32,493.15	31,760.85	50.57%
Telephone/Communications	14,405.00	1,402.01	9,301.43	5,103.57	64.57%
Office Supplies	26,815.00	551.43	16,127.77	10,687.23	60.14%
Postage	3,050.00	468.99	1,771.32	1,278.68	58.08%
Printing	3,850.00	0.00	3,447.33	402.67	89.54%
Copies & Copier Maintenance	3,400.00	567.62	2,342.49	1,057.51	68.90%
Media Ad	1,900.00	665.06	713.06	1,186.94	37.53%
Equipment Rent	7,500.00	476.71	3,236.42	4,263.58	43.15%
Vehicle Maintenance	750.00	0.00	1,293.47	-543.47	172.46%
Vehicle Fuel	3,000.00	92.80	1,048.81	1,951.19	34.96%
Dues/Publications	11,325.00	199.00	8,464.00	2,861.00	74.74%
Training	2,025.00	501.00	2,247.00	-222.00	110.96%
Insurance	4,300.00	0.00	4,017.00	283.00	93.42%
Meeting Expense	11,875.00	0.00	5,665.82	6,209.18	47.71%
Capital Outlay (Vehicle/Equipment)	5,000.00	7,655.34	11,680.35	-6,680.35	233.61%
Contractual Services	230,695.00	10,920.32	80,510.24	150,184.76	34.90%
Audit Fee	7,750.00	0.00	8,000.00	-250.00	103.23%
Miscellaneous	77,472.00	1,372.66	27,016.32	50,455.68	34.87%
Expenses	1,612,320.00	126,491.13	890,531.80	721,788.20	55.23%
Agency Balance	-32,649.76	-7,932.61	83,359.24		

New River Valley Regional Commission
Balance Sheet
Period From : 07/01/15 to 1/31/16

Assets:

Operating Account	558,922.66
Reserve Funds - MMA	84,612.03
Accounts Receivable	273,955.53
Total Assets:	<u>917,490.22</u>

Liabilities:

Emp WH-Anthem Ins Payable	12.00
Accrued Annual Leave	55,268.36
Accrued Unemployment	18,968.42
Expense Reimbursement	256.23
Total Liabilities:	<u>74,505.01</u>

Projects

Net Projects	-12,230.14
Current Year Unrestricted	130,865.63
Unrestricted Net Assets	720,092.94
Total Projects	<u>838,728.43</u>

Total Liabilities and Projects **913,233.44**

Net Difference to be Reconciled **\$4,256.78**

Total Adjustment **\$4,256.78**

Unreconciled Balance **\$0.00**



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Executive Director's Report

Economic Development:

- The Go Virginia economic development program is moving quickly through the General Assembly. The program is starting to take shape and regions will play an important role. The Regional Commission Board and partners will need to begin conversations soon regarding regional geography. For more information visit www.govirginia.org.
- The NRV and Roanoke Valley are collaborating on a Department of Labor grant called, Tech Hire. Focus is on under-employed 17-29 year olds who would receive training in technology oriented jobs then assisted with job placement. Partners include both regional commissions, both workforce development boards, five community colleges, and several large private employers from Bristol through Roanoke. NRV/Mount Rogers Workforce is the lead on the application and Commission would be fiscal agent for multi-year program, if awarded funds.

Transportation:

- The Commission recently prepared a grant application for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to submit to the VA Dept. of Rail and Pulic Transit (DRPT) for a Rail Traffic Control Model. The study will evaluate whether the busy freight cooridor between Roanoke and the NRV can accommodate passenger service. Applications were due 2/1 and announcements are anticipated for late spring.
- As a part of the Rural Transportation Program with VDOT, the Commission is tasked with developing a regional future land use map. Over the next few months Commission staff will be working with local governments to help develop the map which will be used to inform future transportation improvements based in part on projected land uses.

Regional:

- The Commission hosted a second regional meeting on 2/8 to discuss expanding Renew the New, a Giles County river clean up. All four counties and the city were well represented. The group is committed to determine paths forward for the higly orchestrated in-river clean-up program. Sub-committees were identified to include, event logistics, organizational structure, and civic forum planning. A future meeting date will be confirmed soon.
- The Building Collaborative Communities Regional Tourism grant scope was recently confirmed and includes the following; online collaboration point, a collaborative project (SWVA Outdoor Expo), identification of joint marketing targets, evolving the NRV regional brand, stakeholder education (local government and partners).
- The Livability in Action regional convening scheduled for 2/29 is nearly full! Approximately 120 people are registered to learn what communities are doing across the region.

Commission:

- Mark your calendars, the Commission Annual Dinner will be on May 11th at 6:00pm at the Draper Merc! More information will be coming soon.



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To: Regional Commission Board Members

From: Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

Date: February 18, 2016

Re: Pulaski Grow Presentation – Non-profit Youth Training and Aquaponics Business

At the February Commission meeting there will be a presentation by Ms. Lee Spiegel overviewing Pulaski Grow. Pulaski Grow is a Non-profit Youth Training and Aquaponics Business located in the Draper area of Pulaski County. Their mission is to operate an aquaponics farm and community cannery that supports a hands-on, workforce readiness training program for youth, to make a positive difference in our community, raise quality organic produce while growing a skilled and drug-free workforce.

<https://www.facebook.com/pcpcGROW/>

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From: Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director
Date: February 19, 2016
Re: Setting of 2016 Community Development Block Grant Priorities

The Block Grant Priorities for 2015 are listed in the left column and suggestions for 2016 priorities based on identified projects are listed in the right column. Also, the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development requested a list of grant proposals which may be submitted by localities in the region for 2016. Projects which staff is aware of are listed below; if you know more please let me know at the meeting.

2015 Priorities

- Priority #1**
Community Service Facility (Utilities)
Economic Devel-Business District Revitalization
Housing – Housing Rehabilitation

- Priority #2**
Community Facility (Physical Structure)
Comprehensive Community Development
Economic Development- Development Readiness

- Priority #3**
Economic Development- Job Creation and Retention
Housing- Housing Production Assistance
Development- Site Redevelopment

2016 Suggested Priorities

- Priority #1**
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Known potential projects are as follows:

Construction:

- Kersey Bottom/Case Knife Housing – Pulaski Twn
- Adult Day Care Facility – Pulaski County
- Skyview Subdivision Sewer – Pulaski County
- Price’s Fork Connection to Rt. 114 – Montgomery Co (water)
- Walton Road to Plum Creek from Rt. 114 – Mont Co (water)
- Lafayette – Montgomery Co (water)
- Belview(Bradford Ln/Walton Rd/Morning Glory Dr) – Mont. Co. (water)
- Eggleston Waterline/Connections – Giles Co

Planning:

- Rich Creek Comm. Bldg Revital. –Rich Creek
- Rt. 99 Utility Service – Pulaski Twn/Co
- Rt. 177/Tyler Av. Utilities – Mont. Co.
- Elliston Revital. (Brake Road) – Mont. Co.
- Downtown Revitalization – Pulaski Town
- Community Center Rehab - Pearisburg
- Town Park Development – Glen Lyn
- Economic Assessment Planning – Floyd Co
- Prices Fork School Reuse – Montgomery Co
- Downtown Revitalization – Narrows
- Downtown Revitalization – Pembroke
- Last-mile Fiber – Pulaski Twn

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Re: GO Virginia Program Overview

At the February Commission meeting there will be a brief update on the GO Virginia program moving through the General Assembly. Commission discussion will focus on potential multi-regional geographies for Regional Councils which will assist in GO Virginia program administration. There are 21 planning districts in Virginia and the GO Virginia program will more than likely be establishing one-half as many regions, hopefully utilizing existing planning district boundaries. The full GO Virginia program will begin to take shape later in the year when the state-level Growth and Opportunity Board is established after new laws take effect July 1. Since there are many aspects of GO Virginia to be developed, the primary point of discussion at the February Commission meeting will be multi-regional geographies for the purpose of being proactive in making a recommendation to those shaping the GO Virginia program.

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VIRGINIA INITIATIVE FOR
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Legislative Fact Sheet

Updated as of 2/2/2016

What is GO Virginia?

The Virginia Initiative for Growth and Opportunity in Each Region, known as **GO Virginia**, is a business-led, bipartisan game-changing initiative that will provide a new framework for strengthening the economy in each region of Virginia through enhanced collaboration by business, education, and local government encouraged and incentivized by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

An engaged business community in each region can provide leadership in cooperation with local government and educational officials to promote private-sector expansion in high-growth clusters, help small and large businesses find the qualified workers they need to grow, expand job opportunities for Virginians in the private sector, and make tax dollars go farther through greater efficiency and less duplication.

To encourage this business-led collaboration in each of Virginia's distinctive regions, GO Virginia seeks financial and technical support from the Commonwealth that will be matched by private, local, and other resources, providing a catalyst for projects that will encourage private-sector growth across a region or broader area rather than benefiting particular businesses.

To learn more, visit GO Virginia's website at www.govirginia.org.

What is GO Virginia proposing this session?

GO Virginia has advanced five policy priorities for the 2016 General Assembly session. Two of the proposals require legislation, which is described on the next page. Four of the five require budget activity and are supported in the Executive Budget proposal submitted by the Governor in December.

INNOVATION

State grants (GO! Grants) that leverage local, private, and other investment in key regional initiatives and industry sectors.

\$38.4 million is included in the introduced budget; legislation is required. (SB 449 / HB 834)

INVESTMENT

Incentives for localities to cooperate rather than compete with each other on economic development.

Funding will come entirely from future project revenues; legislation is required. (SB 459 / HB 846)

IMPROVEMENT

Cost-saving collaboration by localities, school divisions, and colleges.

Criteria for the GO! Grants program described above encourage such collaboration; the introduced budget also includes \$5 million to promote collaboration among colleges and school divisions.

INVENTION

Investment in research leading to new business ventures.

\$140 million in combined general funds and bonds for capital investment are included in the introduced budget.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Capital projects with regional economic impact.

The introduced budget reflects the Governor's proposed bond package totaling \$2.43 billion; projects with regional economic impact are included in the package.

What are GO Virginia's two pending legislative proposals? _____

GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY GRANTS (GO! GRANTS)

**Senate Bill 449 (Chief patrons: Sen. Tommy Norment; Sen. Janet Howell)
House Bill 834 (Chief patrons: Del. Kirk Cox; Del. Luke Torian)**

GO! Grants provide start-up funding, to be matched by local and private resources, for transformational projects that boost private-sector growth and reflect collaboration among business, education, and at least two local governments.

The program is administered by a business-led state board (Virginia Growth and Opportunity Board) that also includes the money committee chairs, members of the cabinet, and additional legislators.

Business-led regional councils certified by the state board submit the grant proposals which may include multiple collaborative projects among localities from within the region. The regional councils include representation from local governments, educational institutions, and local and regional economic development and planning organizations.

Regional councils contract with a support organization (public or private, new or existing) to provide administrative support and project oversight rather than creating new bureaucracy. They also contract for economic and workforce gap analyses required to support their grant proposals.

Grants are based on objective evaluation criteria established by the state board, are limited in duration (typically 3-5 years), and continue only if audit, performance, and economic impact criteria are met.

Regional boundaries are established by the state board, based generally on existing planning district lines but aggregated to reduce the total number of regions to 8-10. Flexibility is provided so that localities can collaborate across regional boundaries if they choose. Inter-regional and interstate collaboration (where beneficial to Virginia) is encouraged.

The state board allocates a portion of the funds to each region based on population and administers an unallocated portion on a statewide competitive basis. In addition, a small portion of the total funds may be used to support the regional council's initial organization efforts, economic and skills gap analyses, and project validation.

Projects that promote efficiency and cost savings through local collaboration may be included in grant proposals, and documented savings may be credited toward the required local match.

In addition to administering the GO! Grant program, the business-led state board and regional councils may be used to evaluate or administer other state-funded economic initiatives to ensure maximum positive impact on private-sector growth and job creation.

COLLABORATIVE JOBS DEVELOPMENT ACT

Senate Bill 459 (Chief patrons: Sen. Frank Ruff; Sen. Dick Saslaw)

House Bill 846 (Chief patrons: Del. Tim Hugo; Del. Matthew James; Del. Randy Minchew)

To encourage collaboration among localities on economic development rather than self-defeating competition that often wastes tax dollars, the Commonwealth will provide financial support to regional economic development efforts that reflect collaboration by at least two localities.

Localities that engage in joint economic development initiatives and share local revenues associated with the projects may qualify for state grants (Collaborative Job Development Grants) under this program.

The Collaborative Job Development Grants will be based on state revenues generated by job-creating investments resulting from the collaborative local efforts. Fifty percent (50%) of state revenues from projects of a specified scope and impact will be available for this program. Of those funds, 85% will be made available to the collaborating localities for uses specified in their grant applications and 15% will be made available to the Virginia Economic Development Partnership.

Localities receiving these state grants may use the grant commitments in combination with other resources to leverage funding for up-front investments in collaborative economic development activities or to fulfill regional commitments made to business prospects.

Who is GO Virginia?

GO Virginia was launched in July 2015 by the Virginia Business Higher Education Council and the Council on Virginia's Future. The effort is funded entirely by donations to VBHEC; *no tax dollars are used to support GO Virginia.*

Over 8100 individuals have joined GO Virginia so far, and each day more Virginians visit www.govirginia.org to get details, sign up, and take action. This Fact Sheet is updated weekly to reflect the growing support.

More than 80 major business, professional, civic, and economic development organizations across the Commonwealth have joined the GO Virginia coalition so far. A current list of endorsing organizations is below:

STATEWIDE ORGANIZATIONS ENDORSING GO VIRGINIA

Council on Virginia's Future
National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)
Virginia
Virginia21
Virginia Asian Chamber of Commerce
Virginia Association of Planning District
Commissions
Virginia Business Council
Virginia Business Higher Education Council

Virginia Chamber of Commerce
Virginia Economic Developers Association
Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Virginia Maritime Association
Virginia Rural Center

LOCAL & REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ENDORSING GO VIRGINIA

Alexandria Arlington Regional Workforce Council
Arlington Chamber of Commerce
Bay Consortium Workforce Development Board, Inc.
Bristol Chamber of Commerce
Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission
Chamber of Commerce of Smyth County
Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce
Crater Planning District Commission
Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission
Danville Pittsylvania County Chamber of Commerce
Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce
Fredericksburg Regional Alliance
Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce
Greater Richmond Chamber
Greater Williamsburg Chamber and Tourism Alliance
Hampton Roads Business Roundtable
Hampton Roads Chamber
Hampton Roads Community Foundation
Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance
Hampton Roads Innovation Collaborative
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
LENOWISCO Planning District Commission
Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce
Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance
Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission
Mount Rogers Planning District Commission
New River Valley Regional Commission
Northern Neck Planning District Commission
Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission
Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce

Northern Virginia Chamber Partnership
Northern Virginia Regional Commission
Northern Virginia Technology Council
Peninsula Council for Workforce Development
Petersburg Chamber of Commerce
Prince William County Chamber of Commerce
Richmond Management Roundtable
Richmond Technology Council (RichTech)
Roanoke Blacksburg Technology Council
Roanoke Regional Chamber
Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission
Round The Mountain: Southwest Virginia's Artisan Network
Southern Piedmont Technology Council
Southside Planning District Commission
SVAM Center for Excellence
SWVA Workforce Development Board
The Crooked Road: Virginia's Music Heritage Trail
The Montpelier Foundation
Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission
Virginia Beach Vision
Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
Virginia's Gateway Region
Virginia's Growth Alliance
Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council
West Piedmont Planning District Commission
Western Virginia Community College Education Foundation

HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS ENDORSING GO VIRGINIA

Christopher Newport University
George Mason University
George Washington University
James Madison University
Longwood University
Norfolk State University
Old Dominion University
Radford University
Richard Bland College

University of Mary Washington
University of Virginia
University of Virginia Wise
The College of William & Mary
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Community College System
Virginia Military Institute
Virginia State University
Virginia Tech

How do I learn more about GO Virginia?

Individuals can join the GO Virginia coalition by visiting www.govirginia.org.

Organizations interested in joining the GO Virginia coalition by contacting Ashley Allen at ashley@govirginia.org or 804.775.1918.

Policy inquiries should be directed to Generra Peck at generra@govirginia.org or 804.775.1941.



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Virginia Growth & Opportunity Act

HB 834 (Cox/Torian) / SB 449 (Norment/Howell)

Organizational Flow Chart

Virginia Growth and Opportunity Board

Board Duties

- Establishes council boundaries
- Certifies council formation
- Develops grant guidelines
- Advises on best practices
- Makes grant awards



Council Activities

- Certifies that regional analysis and support services are in place
- Evaluates proposed projects and submits grant applications
- Oversees and reports on project compliance/performance

Regional Councils

Council Actions

- Analyzes region to identify key growth opportunities
- Prepares skills gap analysis
- Solicits collaborative projects within region
- Validates and prioritizes proposed projects
- Contracts for economic analyses and support services
- Ensures compliance with grant guidelines



Project-Related Actions

- Submits collaborative project proposals
- Submits business plan and performance metrics for projects
- Identifies private, local and other funds leveraged
- Implements projects and reports on performance

Collaborative Projects (involving business, education, and at least two localities)



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