



Agenda
April 24, 2025
6:00 p.m.— Pulaski County Innovation Center, Fairlawn, VA

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Approval of Minutes for March
 - B. [Approval of Treasurer's Report for March](#)
- III. **COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS**
 - A. Projects Signed-off by the staff
None
 - B. Regular Project Review
None
- IV. **PUBLIC ADDRESS**
- V. **CHAIR'S REPORT**
- VI. [EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT](#)
- VII. **REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**
- VIII. **OLD BUSINESS**
- IX. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. [New River Valley Recovery Ecosystem Program Update](#)
Holly Lesko, Director of Community Health
Commission Discussion
 - B. [New River Valley Water Supply Plan Grant Funding Resolution](#)
Kevin Byrd, Executive Director
Commission Action
 - C. [FY26 VDOT Rural Transportation Work Program](#)
Kevin Byrd, Executive Director
Commission Action
 - D. [I-81 Corridor Improvement Survey Feedback](#)
Kevin Byrd, Executive Director
Commission Discussion
 - E. Next Meeting: May 22nd

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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: Jessica Barrett, Finance Director

Date: April 16, 2025

Re: March 2025 Financial Statements

The March 2025 Agencywide Revenue and Expenditure Report and Balance Sheet are enclosed for your review. Financial reports are reviewed by the Executive Committee prior to inclusion in the meeting packet.

The Agencywide Revenue and Expense report compares actual year to date receipts and expenses to the FY24-25 budget adopted by the Commission at the June 27, 2024 meeting. The financial operations of the agency are somewhat fluid and projects, added and modified throughout the year, along with the high volume of Workforce program activities, impact the adopted budget. To provide clarity, Commission and Workforce Development Board activities are separated on the agencywide report.

As of month-end March 2025 (75% of the fiscal year), Commission year to date revenues are 53% and expenses are 50% of adopted budget. The two largest budget expense lines, Salary and Fringe, are in line with budget at 69% and 76%, respectively.

Looking at the balance sheet, Accounts Receivable is \$999,251. Of this total, Workforce receivables are \$357,243 (36%) and current. The Executive Committee reviews all aged receivables over 60 days and no receivables are deemed uncollectible. Net Projects (\$336,153) represent in process projects that have not been invoiced and posted to receivables.

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New River Valley Regional Commission
Balance Sheet
3/31/2025

<u>Assets:</u>		Prior Month	Current Month
	Operating Account	7,801	703,514
	First Bank & Trust - Bland/Montgomery Broadband	805,802	468,381
	First Bank & Trust - Pulaski County Broadband	1,737,835	1,652,428
	First Bank & Trust - Office Building Financing	1,287,047	1,290,871
	First Bank & Trust - Regional Housing Fund	471,240	472,640
	First Bank & Trust - Money Market	118,463	310,360
	US Bank - Bond Proceeds	56,098	13,669
	Accounts Receivable	966,055	999,251
	Utility Deposits	3,307	3,307
	Loans Receivable - Revolving Loan Fund	32,886	32,314
	Restricted Cash - Revolving Loan Fund	75,506	76,187
	Commission Vehicles	32,365	32,365
	Office Building	2,013,762	2,013,762
	Total Assets:	<u>7,608,167</u>	<u>8,069,050</u>
<u>Liabilities:</u>			
	Accounts Payable	353,164	1,044,957
	Accrued Annual Leave	120,159	120,159
	Accrued Unemployment	37,300	37,499
	Expense Reimbursement	2,977	3,093
	Funds on Hand - Montgomery County Broadband	704,538	466,085
	Funds on Hand - Pulaski County Broadband	1,647,986	1,647,986
	Funds on Hand - Regional Housing Fund	471,240	472,640
	Loan Payable	1,945,000	1,945,000
	Bond Premium	169,220	169,220
	Total Liabilities:	<u>5,451,584</u>	<u>5,906,639</u>
<u>Projects:</u>			
(Equity Accounts)	Net Projects	(363,471)	(336,153)
	Current Year Unrestricted	160,819	132,292
	Office Building Project	1,320,783	1,324,607
	Unrestricted Net Assets	913,441	913,441
	Restricted Net Assets - Revolving Loan Fund	107,467	107,467
	Total Projects (Equity)	<u>2,139,039</u>	<u>2,141,654</u>
	Total Liabilities and Projects	<u>7,590,623</u>	<u>8,048,292</u>
	Net Difference to be Reconciled	<u>17,543</u>	<u>20,758</u>
	Total Adjustments to Post*	17,543	20,758
	Unreconciled Balance (after adjustment)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

*YTD adjustment to Accrued Leave. Final adjustment posted to general ledger at fiscal year end closeout.

**New River Valley Regional Commission
Revenue and Expenditures - March 2025**

FY24-25 Budget		(75% of FY)			
		March 2025	YTD	Under/Over	% Budget
NRVRC Anticipated Revenues					
	Budget				
ARC Annual Admin Grant	89,160	0	44,580	44,580	50.00%
ARC PemTel Painters School Road Broadband	0	0	4,316	(4,316)	0.00%
ARC POWER Water Trail Implementation	35,000	0	0	35,000	0.00%
ARC LDD READY Appalachia	35,319	0	27,775	7,544	78.64%
ARC Passenger Rail Station Development	20,000	753	753	19,247	0.00%
ARC Broadband Bland	449,764	0	0	449,764	0.00%
ARC Helene Recovery	0	5,947	5,947	(5,947)	0.00%
Local Assessment	241,429	0	241,429	0	100.00%
Office Project Member Contributions	0	0	1,307,527	(1,307,527)	0.00%
DHCD - Administrative Grant	114,971	0	86,228	28,743	75.00%
DHCD VATI 2022	31,462,712	1,404,104	14,132,073	17,330,639	44.92%
DHCD VATI 2022 VMRI	0	0	248,462	(248,462)	0.00%
DHCD Regional Digital Opportunity	75,000	10,210	24,229	50,771	0.00%
DRPT RIDE Solutions NRV	93,884	20,846	52,865	41,019	56.31%
EDA	70,000	17,500	52,500	17,500	75.00%
EDA Tech Hub	168,000	33,061	160,174	7,826	95.34%
Go Virginia Scale Up	6,550	0	62,581	(56,031)	955.43%
Workforce Fiscal Agent	75,000	0	56,250	18,750	75.00%
Workforce Power Fiscal Agent	15,000	0	15,000	0	100.00%
Workforce YouthBuild Fiscal Agent	12,500	0	12,500	0	100.00%
Workforce Ready SWVA Fiscal agent	5,500	0	10,500	(5,000)	190.91%
Workforce WORC Fiscal agent	25,000	0	25,000	0	100.00%
Workforce WIOA Soft Skills Fiscal Agent	1,500	0	1,500	0	100.00%
Workforce WIOA Supplemental Fiscal Agent	1,500	0	1,500	0	100.00%
Workforce WIOA Technical Skills Fiscal Agent	2,000	0	2,000	0	100.00%
Workforce Trades Gap Fiscal Agent	25,000	0	25,000	0	100.00%
Workforce YouthBuild Build Your Career Fiscal Age	20,000	0	25,000	(5,000)	125.00%
VDOT	58,000	3,668	36,185	21,815	62.39%
Floyd County	79,000	3,867	50,123	28,877	63.45%
Floyd Town	15,000	1,725	11,220	3,780	74.80%
Giles County	27,000	693	7,923	19,077	29.34%
Giles County Broadband	30,000	0	0	30,000	0.00%
Narrows Town	37,500	3,349	17,447	20,053	46.53%
Pearisburg Town	10,000	14,338	30,385	(20,385)	303.85%
Montgomery County VATI 2021	2,000	0	508	1,492	25.39%
Montgomery County VATI 2022	2,660,859	238,454	1,418,420	1,242,439	53.31%
Montgomery County Opiod Abatement	720,000	65,793	447,348	272,652	62.13%
Blacksburg Town	18,000	1,500	13,500	4,500	75.00%
Christiansburg Town	42,157	2,970	20,882	21,275	49.53%
Pulaski County	10,000	4,018	10,682	(682)	106.82%
Pulaski County VATI	966,429	0	352,014	614,415	36.42%
Pulaski Town	30,000	0	0	30,000	0.00%
Radford City	21,299	1,764	16,545	4,754	77.68%
MM Interest	4,500	763	4,099	401	91.09%
Interest Income - VATI	150,000	10,761	122,517	27,483	81.68%
Miscellaneous Income	0	0	6,048	(6,048)	0.00%
Virginia's First	16,080	1,250	11,250	4,830	69.96%
NRV MPO	108,216	12,332	40,594	67,622	37.51%
Pembroke	5,016	778	1,508	3,508	30.06%
Dept of Environmental Quality	65,750	3,397	11,629	54,121	17.69%
VHDA	54,375	745,343	778,140	(723,765)	1431.06%
Southwest Virginia SWMA	11,500	0	11,400	100	99.13%
Virginia Recycling Association	15,000	0	11,250	3,750	75.00%
VDH New River Health District	125,000	0	99,524	25,476	79.62%
Pentel	0	5,250	10,500	(10,500)	0.00%
RVARC	0	0	2,806	(2,806)	0.00%
Regional Housing Trust Fund	50,000	3,061	28,450	21,550	0.00%
NRV Passenger Rail Authority	76,500	7,175	75,983	517	99.32%
New River Conservancy	45,000	4,595	8,926	36,074	19.84%
Revolving Loan - Interest	1,400	110	1,054	346	75.32%
Direct Charge Reimbursement	0	1,316	1,316	(1,316)	0.00%
Sub Total Revenues	38,500,370	2,630,691	20,285,864	18,214,506	52.69%
Expenses					
Salaries	1,757,236	136,602	1,211,703	545,533	68.96%
Fringe Benefits	495,526	43,554	378,481	117,045	76.38%
Travel	46,239	3,693	25,838	20,401	55.88%
Office Space	69,000	5,030	51,547	17,453	74.71%
Utilities	0	1,460	4,295	(4,295)	0.00%
Communications	21,000	1,434	17,065	3,935	81.26%
Office Supplies	126,278	3,775	51,950	74,328	41.14%
Postage	1,300	29	1,208	92	92.92%
Printing	8,000	0	7,920	80	99.00%
Copier Usage/Maintenance	1,400	93	1,093	307	78.09%
Outreach/Media Adv	18,001	0	18,027	(26)	100.15%
Equipment Rent/Copier	3,000	223	2,011	989	67.02%
Fleet Vehicles	1,600	220	1,170	430	73.13%
Dues/Publications	19,955	1,333	16,444	3,511	82.41%
Training/Staff Development	49,500	52	32,126	17,374	64.90%
Insurance	5,000	1,244	5,095	(95)	101.90%
Meeting Costs	24,150	1,416	15,711	8,439	65.06%
Capital Outlay	50,000	0	0	50,000	0.00%
Contractual Services	35,740,330	2,375,430	17,058,912	18,681,418	47.73%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	56,150	10,598	98,579	(42,429)	175.56%
Miscellaneous/Fees	6,705	938	3,088	3,618	46.05%
Reimbursed Expenses	0	(1,655)	(1,582)	1,582	0.00%
Interest Expense	0	42,607	42,607	(42,607)	0.00%
Bond Issuance Costs	0	0	121,831	(121,831)	0.00%
Sub Total Expenses	38,500,370	2,628,077	19,165,119	19,499,689	49.78%
NRVRC Balance	0	2,614	1,120,745		

New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board
Revenue and Expenditures - March 2025

NR/MR WDB Anticipated Revenues		(75% of FY)			
		March 2025	YTD	Under/Over	% Budget
Workforce Development Area	4,294,437	223,777	1,845,014	2,449,423	42.96%
Sub Total Revenues		223,777	1,845,014	2,449,423	
Expenses					
Salaries	766,620	76,855	692,300	74,320	90.31%
Fringe Benefits	275,983	26,107	227,519	48,464	82.44%
Travel	45,000	2,785	33,191	11,809	73.76%
Office Space	26,000	3,747	41,590	(15,590)	159.96%
Utilities	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Communications	16,000	1,746	21,523	(5,523)	134.52%
Office Supplies	34,000	344	19,355	14,645	56.93%
Postage	250	0	6	244	2.45%
Printing	2,000	0	0	2,000	0.00%
Copier Usage/Maintenance	5,500	0	165	5,335	3.00%
Outreach/Media Adv	88,000	3,658	14,249	73,751	16.19%
Equipment Rent/Copier	1,700	172	1,458	242	85.75%
Fleet Vehicles	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Dues/Publications	8,000	5	1,575	6,425	19.69%
Training/Staff Development	12,000	1,943	23,145	(11,145)	192.87%
Insurance	5,000	0	4,314	686	86.28%
Meeting Costs	61,000	490	9,544	51,456	15.65%
Contractual Services	2,898,794	96,755	745,853	2,152,941	25.73%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	12,200	8,579	8,638	3,562	70.80%
Miscellaneous/Fees	36,390	0	0	36,390	0.00%
Workforce Grants Admin	0	591	591	(591)	0.00%
Sub Total Expenses	4,294,437	223,776	1,845,014	2,449,423	42.96%
NR/MR WDB Balance	0	0	0		

Total Agency R&E		March 2025	YTD	
Anticipated Revenue	42,794,807	2,854,467	22,130,878	51.71%
Anticipated Expense	42,794,807	2,851,853	21,010,133	49.10%
Balance		2,614	1,120,745	



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Executive Director's Report

Economic Development:

- The NRV Recovery Ecosystem submitted the FY26 proposal to the Opioid Abatement Authority (OAA) at the beginning of April. There are 11 partner organizations identified to deliver services in the proposal with focus on expanded transportation services, implementation of peer recovery centers, additional prevention and treatment programming, and resources for emergency housing assistance. The Regional Commission will hold an OAA 101 workshop for all local governments and current/potential partners so everyone can begin project development for FY27.
- Broadband: The NRVRC is kicking-off the Digital Opportunities planning process to assist all four counties and the city in identifying strategies for residents and businesses to maximize the use of increased internet capacity. A regional meeting will be held later in spring with a wide audience to discuss strategies and formulate an action plan. Once the plan is developed over the next seven to eight months, communities will be able to make applications for implementation funds through the BEAD program.
- The Montgomery/Bland County VATI project is making good construction progress. All Points Broadband in Pulaski County is continuing to navigate make-ready with Appalachian Power. An updated project timeline will be submitted to DHCD as a result of the extended time it has taken in this phase of the project.
- The Virginia AM2 Tech Hub will host their next all-hands meeting on June 3 at 1:00pm at IperionX in South Boston. The GO Virginia application for the GO TEC program is under review with an anticipated grant decision in the coming weeks.
- The Town of Floyd had a Planning Grant kick-off meeting this week with DHCD for the mixed-use redevelopment of a former textile facility which allows the project to get underway. The first step will be holding a project management team meeting to review the upcoming tasks followed by executing project agreements between the town and DHCD along with the town and the Regional Commission.

Transportation:

- The Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) groundbreaking event for the New River Valley will be held on April 24th at 10:30am. Attendees are encouraged to arrive 45 minutes early due to shuttling required between the Christiansburg Aquatic Center parking lot and the station site in Cambria. Blacksburg Transit will be providing roundtrip routes.
- The I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan will be updated over the next several months and VDOT is currently soliciting public input to inform the plan update. The Regional Commission will discuss this item at the board meeting this month and may wish to submit written feedback to VDOT for their consideration.

Housing:

- The Virginia Housing Planning District Commission competitive housing grant was submitted last month and is currently in review with announcements anticipated in the coming months.

Natural Resources:

- The Regional Commission submitted a grant application to the VA Dept of Environmental Quality to support a limited portion of the Water Supply Plan update. The proposed scope aligned with the funds available (\$8,800) and included establishing a regional work team for the project, identifying data contacts for each water system, and collecting Existing Water Source Information which is the first chapter of the plan. The Water Supply Plan update is not due to the Commonwealth until 2029. This will allow for additional time to secure state funding resources to complete the plan updates.
- The New River Watershed Roundtable is holding their quarterly meeting on April 23rd at 10:30am. If anyone would like to be added to the meeting distribution list please contact me.

Regional:

- The Regional Commission continues to support communities impacted by Hurricane Helene. Funds currently available include Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for Urgent Needs; \$5M total; and GO Virginia recently opened a special Hurricane Helene Business Recovery program. The Regional Commission is supporting the concept of a small business development collaborative among existing organizations to deliver assistance to businesses in the region for disaster readiness. Funds will become available through CDBG Disaster Recovery and other federal programs such as the US EDA are currently in program design. Many funders are in touch the Regional Commission regarding needs as they are developing program designs, so it remains important to keep the NRVRC apprised of needs.
- The annual Local Government Planning Commissioner Training Event was held on 4/16. Approximately 60 commissioners and planning staff from around the region attended. The format included interactive scenes from mock planning commission meetings that invited attendees to weigh-in on critical procedural steps with advice from legal experts. This training is organized and executed by local government planners across the region each year. This unique regional training will be highlighted during a presentation at the Virginia Chapter of the American Planning Association conference this summer.

Commission:

- Kathleen Armstrong will be leaving the Regional Commission after four years of impactful work supporting numerous community and regional projects. Her creative touch is being left on each project. We are pleased she will be joining the New River Conservancy and will work alongside the Regional Commission in our collaborative ARC planning grant to expand the New River Water Trail from North Carolina through Virginia into West Virginia.
- For the new office location, the EDA pre-construction grant has not officially been awarded; however, there are indications it is continuing to move through the approval process.



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MEMORANDUM

To: NRVRC Commissioners

From: Holly Lesko, Director Community Health

Date: April 17, 2025

Re: NRV Recovery Ecosystem Program Update

The Regional Commission's Community Health Program supported the submission of the renewal for FY26 funding of the NRV Recovery Ecosystem program to the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority. This program continues to integrate prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction measures to address opioid abatement in the New River Valley. The program coordinates these elements to develop structural changes to root out impacts of addiction and support wellness across the region. Montgomery County serves as the fiscal agent for the NRV Recovery Ecosystem project. Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, and Pulaski counties, and the City of Radford are cooperative partners with both regional and local programming initiatives within the project. Additionally, there are 10 funded service agencies supporting the project in FY26: NRVRC, New River Valley Community Services (NRVCS), New River Health District, New River Community Action, Community Health Center of the New River Valley, New River Community College, New River Valley Senior Services, Giles Health & Family, Community Foundation of the NRV, and Instill Mindfulness Center. The budget for the FY26 proposal is \$4.2M in activities. This includes matching funding from local government of just over \$400K and an expected carry forward from FY25 of \$400K.

Highlights for the FY26 program include:

- Completion of six bed expansion at New Life, an in-patient treatment center operated by NRVCS
- Development and staffing of Peer Recovery Center facilities in Floyd and Giles counties
- Expanded hours and drivers for on-demand transportation to support access to employment and treatment
- Increased engagement and support of prevention and trauma education in public schools and communities

At the Commission meeting, the Community Health team will present more information about the anti-stigma campaign, educational outreach, and training underway through the NRV Recovery Ecosystem program.



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MEMORANDUM

To: NRVRC Board Members

From: Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

Date: April 17, 2025

Re: New River Valley Water Supply Plan Grant Funding Resolution

Enclosed is a resolution for the Regional Commission to consider adopting that enables the agency to apply for and receive grant funds to begin development of an update to the New River Valley Water Supply Plan. The Code of Virginia requires every local government to prepare and adopt a Water Supply Plan with updates on a five-year cycle. This will be the third five-year update for the New River Valley plan, and it is due to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) in 2029. The New River Valley Regional Commission prepared the previous plan for the region except for Montgomery County and the towns of Blacksburg and Christiansburg due to the expansion of the New River Valley Water Authority at the time. This cycle will include all local governments in the region.

Grant funding is being made available to support plan development; however, the funding is limited therefore the FY26 activities will focus on updating the Water Source Information chapter of the plan. To receive the grant funds, DEQ requires a resolution be adopted by the Regional Planning Unit (RPU), in this case the New River Valley Regional Commission, and for the RPU to notify the participating local governments the intent to secure funding to develop the plan. Should the Regional Commission adopt the resolution the local governments will be notified promptly.

Strengthening the Region through Collaboration

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RESOLUTION

A Resolution Regarding Local and Regional Water Supply Planning and Application for a FY2025 Water Supply Planning Grant

Whereas, the Virginia General Assembly has mandated the development of regional water supply plans throughout the Commonwealth and the State Water Control Board has developed regulations to implement this planning process; and

Whereas, based upon these regulations local governments are required to contribute towards a regional water supply plan that fulfills the regulations by deadlines established in 9VAC25-780-50.A, specifically:

“Each locality in a regional planning area shall assist its regional planning unit in developing and submitting a single jointly produced regional water supply plan to the Department within five years from October 9th, 2024”

Whereas, regional planning areas are designated by 9VAC25-780-45.B, and a local government may request that the Department change its designated regional planning area to an adjoining planning area in accordance with 9VAC25-780-45.C.

Whereas, the following elements must be included in regional water supply plans in accordance with 9VAC25-780:

- A description of existing water sources in accordance with the requirements of 9VAC25-780-70;
- A description of existing water uses in accordance with the requirements of 9VAC25-780-80;
- A description of existing water resource conditions in accordance with the requirements of 9VAC25-780-90;
- An assessment of projected water demand in accordance with the requirements of 9VAC25-780-100;
- A statement of need for the regional planning unit in accordance with the requirements of 9VAC25-780-100;
- An alternatives analysis to address projected deficits in water supplies in accordance with the requirements of 9VAC25-780-100;

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- A description of water management actions in accordance with the requirements of 9VAC25-780-110 and 9VAC25-780-120;
- A description of drought response and contingency plans for each local government in the RPU, in accordance with the requirements of 9VAC25-780-120;
- An identification of water supply risks and regional strategies to address identified risks in accordance with the requirements of 9VAC25-780-125; and
- A map identifying important elements discussed in the water supply plan that may include existing environmental resources, existing water sources, significant existing water uses, and proposed new sources, and

Whereas, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality has announced the availability of grant funds to assist Regional Planning Units and offset some of the costs related to the development of these Plans and are encouraging RPUs to submit applications for grant funds; and

Whereas, for purposes of this DEQ water supply grant fund program, the New River Valley Regional Commission will serve as the Regional Planning Unit for New River 1, and

Whereas, the Regional Planning Unit, through the lead agent wishes to apply for and secure DEQ grant funds to help offset the cost of regional water supply plan development.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the New River Valley Regional Commission agrees to participate with all local governments and water authorities within the New River 1 geography to include the counties of Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, and Pulaski, the towns therein, and the City of Radford in the development of a regional water supply plan that will comply with mandated regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the lead agent (New River Valley Regional Commission) is authorized to develop an application for water supply planning grant funds to offset to the extent feasible the cost of developing said regional water supply plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the lead agent (New River Valley Regional Commission) agrees to manage all grant funds received and allocate these shared funds towards the tasks and deliverables proposed in the grant application for the benefit of the entire Regional Planning Unit, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Kevin Byrd, Executive Director, is authorized to sign the DEQ contract and other appropriate documents related to the water supply planning grant and the regional water supply plan.

Upon the Motion of _____ and second by _____, this RESOLUTION is hereby approved on this the ____ day of ____, 2025.



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MEMORANDUM

To: Regional Commission Board Members
From: Elijah Sharp, Deputy Executive Director
Date: April 24, 2025
Re: FY26 Transportation Planning Work Program

The Virginia Department of Transportation allocates State Planning and Research (SPR) funding to provide assistance for non-urbanized areas within the Commonwealth. SPR funds are appropriated under 23 US Code 307 (c), requiring an 80% federal and 20% local match. Since 2009, the program has been targeted towards every corner of the New River Valley. A summary of impacts is included on page 2 of this memo.



The FY26 Regional Commission Rural Transportation Work Program will have a total project budget of \$72,500. The anticipated number of regional projects is significantly more than prior years. The proposed increase in projects is possible through collaboration with the New River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The Commission and MPO are combining resources to evaluate improvements to alternative transportation systems in both the urban and rural areas of the region. FY26 key program deliverables will include:

- Regional Park & Ride Lot – Annual Existing Use & Conditions Assessment
- Valley to Valley Preferred Corridor Study
- Employment Mobility Study Update
- Bus Stop Safety and Accessibility Study Updates (BT + RT + PAT)
- Regional Transit Study Update
- Coordinating local meetings with Salem District Commonwealth Transportation Board Representative

If you have questions about the anticipated work program, please contact me at esharp@nrvc.org or call (540) 639-9313.

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Rural Work Program Impacts

Period: FY 2009—2025

Local Contribution: \$14,500/yr. (\$232,000)

Planning: \$5 for every local \$1

Implementation: \$84.11 for every local \$1

Grants (\$19,513,844*):

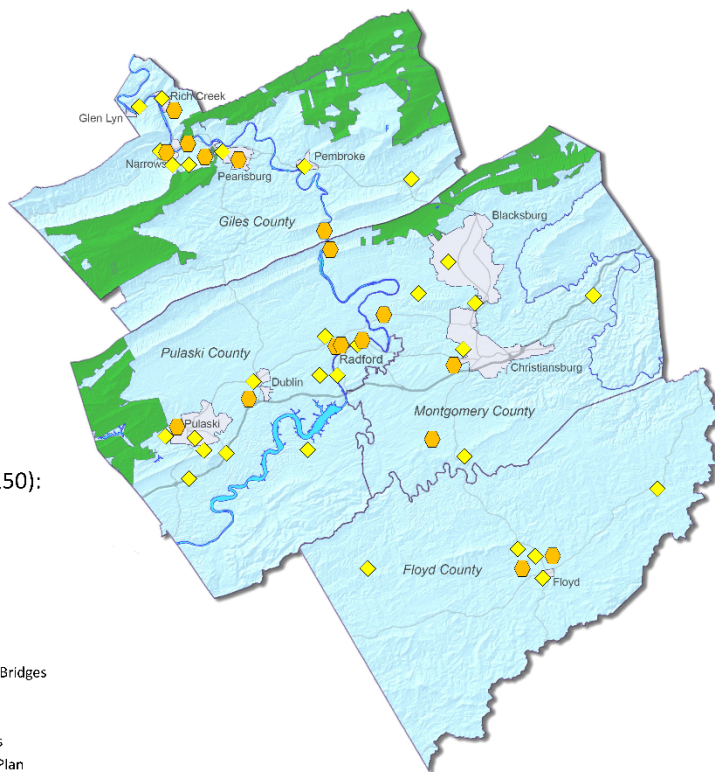
- Pulaski County SMART Scale Intersection (\$13,137,150)
- New River Water Trail Boat Access Facilities (\$1,500,000)
- Downtown Radford River and Rail Trail (\$700,000)
- ARC/VDOT Floyd Industrial Access (\$1,000,000)
- IPROC Passenger Rail (\$350,000)
- Christiansburg Highway-Rail Crossing (\$1,113,000)
- Auburn + Belview SRTS (\$500,000)
- Rich Creek Downtown Enhancement (\$128,781)
- Floyd Enhancement (\$176,000)

Local TA (\$603,750):

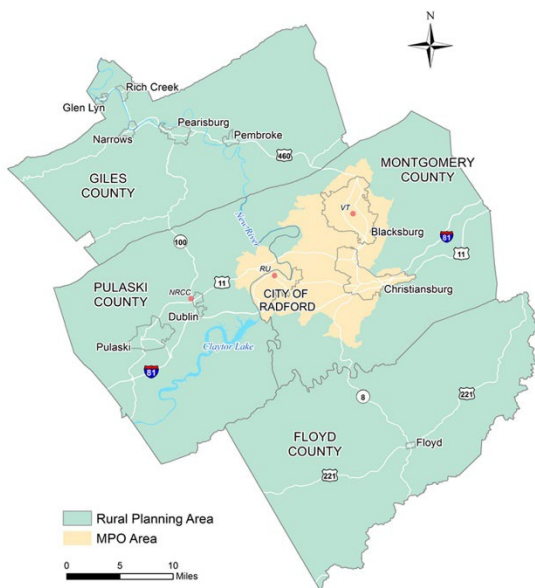
- Downtown East Main Radford
- SMART Scale Applications/Readiness
- Pulaski Lake Area Study
- Pembroke River Road Analysis
- Old Hensley Road Study
- Rich Creek Downtown Projects
- RT + PAT Bus Stop Safety & Accessibility Study
- Route 99 Retail Feasibility Study
- Route 11/460 Corridor Study
- AT Community Brochures/Kiosks
- Transportation Conceptual Plans
- Blacksburg Bicycle Master Plan
- Comprehensive Plans
- Transit Development Plans (BT, RT, PAT)

Regional Planning (\$611,250):

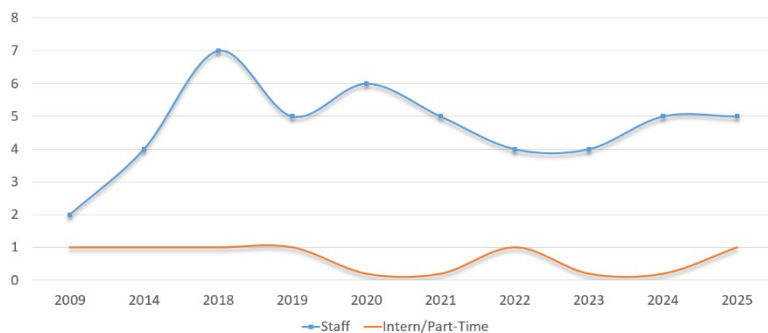
- NRV Passenger Rail
- Regional Freight Plan
- Regional Transit Study
- Regional Park and Ride Assessment
- Huckleberry Trail Plan
- US Bike Route 76 Study
- NRV Trail Counter Program
- NRV Mapping of Vulnerable Roads & Bridges
- NRV Livability Initiative
- Regional Bike, Ped, Paddle Plan
- Regional Transit Organization Analysis
- Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan
- Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy



Note: \$72,500 total program @ 16 years.
*Snapshot of selected grants (not all shown)



This program supports multiple staff each year!



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FY26 Transportation Planning Work Program

April 24, 2025

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Introduction

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) allocates part of the State Planning and Research (SPR) funding to provide annual transportation planning assistance for non-urbanized areas within the Commonwealth. The Rural Transportation Planning (RTP) Program was created to aid the State in fulfilling the requirements of the State Planning Process to address the transportation needs of non-metropolitan areas. Funds appropriated under 23 U.S.C. 505 (SPR funds) are used in cooperation with the Department of Transportation, Commonwealth of Virginia for transportation planning as required by Section 135, Title 23, U.S. Code. These Federal funds provide 80 percent funding and require a 20 percent local match.

In FY-2026, each planning district commission / regional commission that has rural area will receive \$58,000 from VDOT's Rural Transportation Planning Assistance Program. The corresponding planning district commission / regional commission will provide a local match of \$14,500 to conduct rural transportation planning activities. This resource may be supplemented with additional planning funds. The arrangement of all such funds involves the development of a scope of work, approval and other coordination in the Transportation & Mobility Planning Division's (TMPD) administrative work programs.

The scope of work shall include specific activities as requested by VDOT and/or the Federal Highway Administration. The scope of work may also include activities or studies addressing other transportation planning related issues that may be of specific interest to the region. The criteria for the determination of eligibility of studies for inclusion as part of this work program are based upon 23 U.S.C. 505, State Planning and Research.

Use of these funds by the New River Valley Regional Commission (NRVRC) is identified in and guided by an annual scope of work, also referred to as a work program. The work program details the transportation planning activities to be carried out by the NRVRC under the Rural Transportation Planning Assistance Program in the upcoming fiscal year.

Local government staff and the Commission's Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) representatives participate in the development of the work program, which must be approved/endorsed by the Commission. For FY-2026 the Commission proposes to utilize the SPR funds to undertake activities in the two general areas: Program Administration and Program Activities.

Program Administration

Objective and Background: The purpose of this work element is to cover the administrative and general costs associated with the project.

Work Elements: This includes the financial management and quarterly reporting, office supplies, meeting materials, and other general program costs. Activities include:

- Provide fiscal accountability of State Planning and Research (SPR) fund expenditures through regular quarterly reporting to VDOT.
- Provide adequate and appropriate public notice of meetings.
- Maintain contact with a regional network of local government officials, region-wide agencies and organizations, neighboring PDCs, VDOT representatives, and other applicable federal, state and local agencies concerning transportation issues.
- Completion and submission of necessary agreements and contracts, invoices, progress reports, correspondence, and grant applications in support of the work program.
- Conduct and attend meetings, training and conferences.
- Preparing Urban or Rural Transportation Planning Work Program, scope of work, manage program funds, provide outreach and data.
- Maintaining Title VI and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, and ensuring environmental justice, nondiscrimination, and equity, including consultation with appropriate groups, committees, and community representatives through the application of the approved Title VI and Public Involvement Plan.

Products: Quarterly financial reporting, mailings/notices, and preparation of quarterly activity reports.

Regional Transportation Planning Program Administration Budget:

SPR Funds	(80%)	\$4,800.00
RC Funds	(20%)	\$1,200.00
Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Activities:		\$6,000.00

Program Activities

Objective and Background: Address regional transportation issues identified by the Transportation Committees and the Regional Commission. Individual projects and work elements are described below:

Work Elements:

- (a) **(\$46,500) Regional Technical Assistance** - Activities typically include assistance in the areas of: highway safety/congestion, bicycle/pedestrian improvements, access management, public transportation, freight movement, hazard mitigation, infrastructure evaluations, stormwater management, recreation, or transportation as it relates to other elements such as: housing, economic development, and energy.

Task 1: Regional Park & Ride Lot – Existing Use & Conditions Assessment

Products: NRV Park and Ride Lot Study.

Benchmarks/Milestones (throughout year):

- Perform site visits and collect photo documentation
- Complete data collection form(s) provided by VDOT
- Create technical report(s) as needed or requested by VDOT

Task 2: Regional Transit, Bus Stop and Accessibility Study Updates

Products: Partner with NRVMPPO to update the Bus Stop Safety and Accessibility Studies for Blacksburg Transit, Radford Transit, and Pulaski Area Transit. Originally developed in 2015-2017, the primary purpose of the studies was to develop a capital improvement prioritization tool and arrive at a high-priority list of public/private projects. Each study provides detailed scoring and conceptual planning improvements for each of the highest scoring bus stop locations. This work is anticipated to be completed over an 18-24 month timeline.

Benchmarks/Milestones (throughout year):

- Data collection and analysis
- Site visits and photo documentation
- Collaborate with individual transit operators + owners to develop a uniquely tailored evaluation criteria for each service
- Develop and launch community engagement strategy
- Initial bus stop ranking and review

Task 3: Employment Mobility Study Update

Products: Originally developed in 2009, the Employment Mobility Study was prepared through funding under the Multimodal Planning Grant, administered by VDOT. The purpose of the study was to develop a vision for rural transportation within the NRV. The Commission will collaborate with the NRVMPPO to analyze commuter patterns and barriers to transportation. With the assistance of a knowledgeable stakeholder group, the team will explore transportation solutions through community engagement and learning about best management practices nationwide. This work is anticipated to be completed over a 24 month timeline.

Benchmarks/Milestones (throughout year):

- Develop a community engagement strategy
- Develop a knowledgeable stakeholder group to lead the planning process
- Invite industry practitioners to share unique approaches to transportation solutions
- Launch initial community engagement initiatives

(b) (\$10,000) Project Implementation, Grant-Writing Assistance & Professional Development

Products: Assist local applicants to prepare transportation related grant funding applications. Additional assistance will be offered depending on staff availability.

Benchmarks/Milestones (throughout year):

- Schedule a meeting with CTB representative(s) prior to grant deadlines
- Develop supporting docs for up to three transportation grant applications
- Submit Commission projects through the SMART Portal
- Attend Conferences/Professional Development

(c) (\$10,000) Statewide Projects and Core Program Requirements

Products: The purpose of this work element is to provide assistance to the Virginia Department of Transportation for statewide planning on behalf of the New River Valley. Furthermore, provide local technical assistance required to fulfill statewide planning and policy efforts.

Benchmarks/Milestones (throughout year):

- Complete any unfinished tasks from FY-25 Rural Work Program.
- Participate in VTrans webinars and SMART SCALE Regional Meetings.
- Maintain Title VI and Environmental Justice compliance.
- Participate in the Fall Transportation Meeting.

- Participate in any additional outreach meetings that may arise and provide /review data as requested by VDOT throughout the fiscal year.
- Participate with the VDOT and MPOs on meeting performance measure goals.
- Assist in the development of project pipeline studies.
- Park & Ride Lot Use Counts and Conditions Assessment - Conduct manual usage counts and conditions assessment at rural P&R lots using TMPD's P&R manual count methodology. VDOT will prioritize lot count locations, provide data collection forms, and basic count training as necessary.
- Active Transportation Facilities Tracking – Provide assistance in tracking and documenting active transportation facilities and/or accommodations (bicycle facilities, sidewalks, signed routes, trails, etc.). TMPD will coordinate with PDC staff on facilities tracking specifics.
- Key freight generators and contacts identification – provide assistance with updating the VDOT Freight Generators inventory for SMART Scale support.
- Provide VDOT’s Transportation Mobility and Planning Division – Central Office with updated Travel Demand Management Plans when submitted to DRPT (if applicable).

New River Valley Regional Projects Budget:

SPR Funds	(80%)	\$53,200.00
RC Funds	(20%)	\$13,300.00
Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Activities:		\$66,500.00

**Budget Summary
FY 2026 Work Program**

Tasks	VDOT (SPR) 80%	RC (Match) 20%	Total 100%
<u>Program Administration</u>			
a) Financial management, reporting, & general program costs	\$4,800	\$1,200	\$6,000
Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Administration	<i>\$4,800</i>	<i>\$1,200</i>	<i>\$6,000</i>
<u>Program Activities</u>			
a) Regional Transportation Leadership	\$1,200	\$300	\$1,500
b) Regional Technical Assistance	\$36,000	\$9,000	\$45,000
c) Project Implementation, Grant-Writing, Professional Dev.	\$8,000	\$2,000	\$10,000
d) Statewide Projects and Core Program Requirements	\$8,000	\$2,000	\$10,000
Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Activities	<i>\$53,200</i>	<i>\$13,300</i>	<i>\$66,500</i>
Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Administration and Program Activities	\$58,000	\$14,500	\$72,500

***New River Valley
Regional Commission***

April 24, 2025

Resolution of support for FY 2026 Transportation Planning Work Program

WHEREAS, the New River Valley Regional Commission is eligible to receive State Planning and Research (SPR) funds through the Virginia Department of Transportation's Rural Transportation Planning Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the proposed FY 2026 Transportation Planning Work Program represents the interests of the New River Valley region; and

WHEREAS, the New River Valley Regional Commission has reviewed the Transportation Planning Work Program and agrees with the projected work elements for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the New River Valley Regional Commission that this Commission adopts and supports the FY 2026 Transportation Planning Work Program - Rural Planning Organization Staff Budget.

Adopted this 24th day of April 2025

Hil Johnson, Chair



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MEMORANDUM

To: NRVRC Board Members

From: Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

Date: April 17, 2025

Re: I-81 Corridor Improvement Survey Feedback

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is conducting a survey to help inform an update to the I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan. The plan was initially developed in 2018 and resulted in \$3 billion worth of investment to improve the interstate. The plan update process is an opportunity to identify improvements that were not captured or could not be included in the final 2018 plan due to financial constraints. Below is a link to the survey with more information on input process and interactive maps to communicate potential projects. The second link below is for the I-81 Corridor Improvement Program and provides updates to construction projects. At the meeting next week there will be a discussion about projects the Regional Commission board may wish to communicate to VDOT for consideration.

<https://publicinput.com/i812025study>

<https://improve81.vdot.virginia.gov>

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