



Agenda  
May 23, 2024

6:00 p.m.— Pulaski County Innovation Center, Fairlawn, VA

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **CONSENT AGENDA**
  - A. Approval of Minutes for March and April
  - B. [Approval of Treasurer's Report for March and April](#)
- III. **COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS**
  - A. Projects Signed-off by the staff  
None
  - B. Regular Project Review
    - 1. [US EPA Brownfields Grant - 2024 EPA Brownfields Multipurpose Grant for Dublin Industrial Park](#)
    - 2. [EPA PWSS Grant: Drinking Water Program](#)
- IV. **PUBLIC ADDRESS**
- V. **CHAIR'S REPORT**
- VI. **[EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT](#)**
- VII. **REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**
- VIII. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. [FY24 VDOT Rural Transportation Work Program & Resolution Commission Action](#)
- IX. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. [Regional Economic Strategy Update](#)  
Leo Priddy, Economic Development Specialist  
Commission Discussion
  - B. [Revised Budget for FY24](#)  
Kevin Byrd, Executive Director  
Commission Action
  - C. [Setting Community Development Block Grant Priorities for 2024](#)  
Kevin Byrd, Executive Director  
Commission Action
  - D. [Regional Commission Awards – Review Criteria and Process](#)  
Commission Discussion
  - E. [Appointment of FY25 Nominating Committee](#)  
Board Chair Appointment
  - F. [Executive Session-Acquisition or Disposition of Real Property: -Project #2024-001](#)

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## MEMORANDUM

**To: NRVRC Board Members**  
**From: Jessica Barrett, Finance Director**  
**Date: April 17, 2024**  
**Re: March 2024 Financial Statements**

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The March 2024 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.

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As of month-end March 2024 (75% of the fiscal year), Commission year to date revenues are 76% and expenses are 77% of adopted budget. Salary, the largest expense line, is in line with the budget at 76%. Fringe Benefits are currently 89% of the budget expense line, which is higher than budgeted due to additional health insurance enrollments.

Looking at the balance sheet, Accounts Receivable is \$910,321. Of this total, Workforce receivables are \$258,819 (28%) and current. The Executive Committee reviews all aged receivables over 60 days and no receivables are deemed uncollectible. Net Projects (\$137,405) represents project expenses, primarily benchmark projects, that cannot be invoiced yet and posted to receivables.

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**New River Valley Regional Commission**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**3/31/2024**

<u>Assets:</u>	<u>Prior Month</u>	<u>Current Month</u>
Operating Account	285,053	145,179
First Bank & Trust - Bland/Montgomery Broadband	1,916,631	1,923,712
First Bank & Trust - Pulaski County Broadband	2,009,304	2,016,727
Money Market	113,304	113,766
Accounts Receivable	655,362	910,321
Loans Receivable - Revolving Loan Fund	39,606	39,056
Restricted Cash - Revolving Loan Fund	67,325	68,006
Commission Vehicles	32,365	32,365
Total Assets:	<u>5,118,949</u>	<u>5,249,133</u>
<u>Liabilities:</u>		
Accounts Payable	164,764	140,741
Accrued Annual Leave	98,150	98,150
Accrued Unemployment	33,258	33,460
Expense Reimbursement	4,053	4,992
Funds on Hand - Montgomery County Broadband	1,884,505	1,884,505
Funds on hand - Pulaski County Broadband	2,000,000	2,000,000
Funds on Hand - Montgomery County OAA	121,828	121,828
Unearned Revenue - FY25 Dues	31,272	31,272
Total Liabilities:	<u>4,337,830</u>	<u>4,314,949</u>
<u>Projects:</u> (Equity Accounts)		
Net Projects	(326,609)	(137,405)
Current Year Unrestricted	172,151	132,849
Unrestricted Net Assets	815,690	815,690
Restricted Net Assets - Revolving Loan Fund	105,790	105,790
Total Projects (Equity)	<u>767,021</u>	<u>916,924</u>
Total Liabilities and Projects	<u>5,104,852</u>	<u>5,231,872</u>
Net Difference to be Reconciled	<u>14,097</u>	<u>17,261</u>
Total Adjustments to Post*	14,097	17,261
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 2024**

FY23-24 Budget		(75% of FY)			
		March 2024	YTD	Under/Over	% Budget
<b>NRVRC Anticipated Revenues</b>					
ARC	90,842	0	43,851	46,991	48.27%
ARC PemTel Painters School Road Broadband	0	0	68,395	(68,395)	0.00%
ARC POWER Water Trail Implementation	35,000	0	0	35,000	0.00%
ARC LDD READY Appalachia	60,000	0	38,367	21,633	0.00%
ARC Passenger Rail Station Development	574,000	0	0	574,000	0.00%
Local Assessment	238,220	0	238,220	0	100.00%
DHCD - Administrative Grant	89,971	0	67,478	22,493	75.00%
DHCD VATI 2022	90,000	0	1,195,374	(1,105,374)	0.00%
DRPT RIDE Solutions NRV	91,526	20,804	62,290	29,236	68.06%
DRPT NRVCAP RideSolutions Strategic Plan	15,000	2,192	11,489	3,511	76.59%
Department of Energy	37,500	0	0	37,500	0.00%
EDA	70,000	17,500	52,500	17,500	75.00%
Workforce Fiscal Agent	75,000	0	60,000	15,000	80.00%
Workforce Power Fiscal Agent	12,500	0	12,500	0	100.00%
Workforce YouthBuild Fiscal Agent	25,000	0	18,750	6,250	75.00%
Workforce Ready SWVA Fiscal agent	21,500	0	21,500	0	0.00%
Workforce WORC Fiscal agent	25,000	0	25,000	0	0.00%
Workforce Innovation Fiscal Agent	0	0	10,000	(10,000)	0.00%
Workforce WIOA Soft Skills Fiscal Agent	0	0	6,000	(6,000)	0.00%
Workforce WIOA Supplemental Fiscal Agent	0	0	6,000	(6,000)	0.00%
Workforce WIOA Technical Skills Fiscal Agent	0	0	8,000	(8,000)	0.00%
Workforce Trades Gap Fiscal Agent	0	0	15,000	(15,000)	0.00%
VDOT	58,000	12,929	48,777	9,223	84.10%
VDOT - Rocky Knob	0	0	50,460	(50,460)	0.00%
Floyd County	38,000	3,866	3,866	34,134	10.17%
Floyd Town	7,000	1,501	3,500	3,500	50.00%
Narrows Town	11,000	2,370	9,037	1,963	82.16%
Rich Creek Town	17,000	2,153	13,706	3,294	80.63%
Montgomery County	8,000	10,500	125,995	(117,995)	1574.94%
Montgomery County Opiod Abatement	0	43,978	299,201	(299,201)	0.00%
Blacksburg Town	25,500	4,500	17,500	8,000	68.63%
Christiansburg Town	54,250	7,212	30,076	24,174	55.44%
Pulaski County	10,000	4,093	10,271	(271)	102.71%
Radford City	66,370	9,338	47,802	18,569	72.02%
MM Interest	0	462	2,726	(2,726)	0.00%
Interest Income - VATI	0	14,504	55,945	(55,945)	0.00%
Miscellaneous Income	0	105	4,354	(4,354)	0.00%
Virginia's First	14,960	0	15,000	(40)	100.27%
NRV MPO	95,500	12,957	17,927	77,573	18.77%
Pembroke	17,000	2,306	7,890	9,110	46.41%
Dept of Environmental Quality	14,500	74,850	78,494	(63,994)	541.34%
VDEM	25,000	0	14,527	10,473	58.11%
Virginia Outdoors Foundation	42,241	19,365	83,081	(40,839)	196.68%
VHDA	50,375	15,702	30,486	19,889	60.52%
Southwest Virginia SWMA	7,000	0	7,000	0	100.00%
Virginia Recycling Association	14,000	0	11,250	2,750	80.36%
VDH New River Health District	345,000	53,086	106,450	238,550	30.85%
VOF SwVA Natives Campaign Project Match	0	0	8,250	(8,250)	0.00%
VDH Office of Drinking Water	80,000	36,426	75,545	4,455	94.43%
PemTel	0	4,250	8,500	(8,500)	0.00%
NRV Passenger Rail Authority	67,500	20,523	43,486	24,014	64.42%
Revolving Loan - Interest	0	132	1,293	(1,293)	0.00%
Grant income (anticipated)	12,723	0	0	12,723	0.00%
Direct Charge Reimbursement	0	0	346	(346)	0.00%
<b>Sub Total Revenues</b>	<b>2,631,980</b>	<b>397,604</b>	<b>3,193,456</b>	<b>(561,476)</b>	<b>75.92%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Salaries	1,325,877	128,883	1,009,664	316,213	76.15%
Fringe Benefits	340,515	41,478	302,030	38,485	88.70%
Travel	33,283	3,115	11,965	21,318	35.95%
Office Space	68,730	5,727	51,547	17,183	75.00%
Communications	20,832	1,681	14,753	6,079	70.82%
Office Supplies	66,892	4,471	64,521	2,371	96.46%
Postage	900	70	990	(90)	109.99%
Printing	8,285	0	60,260	(51,975)	727.34%
Copier Usage/Maintenance	1,100	119	936	164	85.13%
Outreach/Media Adv	11,110	642	21,454	(10,344)	193.11%
Equipment Rent/Copier	3,000	223	2,011	989	67.02%
Fleet Vehicles	2,000	205	1,090	910	54.49%
Dues/Publications	20,395	59	15,692	4,703	76.94%
Training/Staff Development	26,170	468	27,808	(1,638)	106.26%
Insurance	4,700	1,139	4,642	58	98.77%
Meeting Costs	13,573	958	11,634	1,939	85.71%
Contractual Services	588,441	52,060	1,586,855	(998,414)	269.67%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	6,000	0	6,415	(415)	106.91%
Miscellaneous/Fees	49,700	267	2,420	47,280	4.87%
Reimbursed Expenses	0	6,136	(387)	387	0.00%
<b>Sub Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,591,503</b>	<b>247,701</b>	<b>3,196,299</b>	<b>(604,796)</b>	<b>77.21%</b>
<b>NRVRC Balance</b>	<b>40,477</b>	<b>149,903</b>	<b>(2,843)</b>		

**New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board  
Revenue and Expenditures - March 2024**

(75% of FY)

NR/MR WDB Anticipated Revenues		March 2024	YTD	Under/Over	% Budget
Workforce Development Area	4,564,775	170,668	1,708,286	2,856,489	37.42%
<b>Sub Total Revenues</b>	<b>4,564,775</b>	<b>170,668</b>	<b>1,708,286</b>	<b>2,856,489</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>					
Salaries	614,994	65,603	521,024	93,970	84.72%
Fringe Benefits	215,248	18,129	140,475	74,773	65.26%
Travel	26,000	5,075	25,782	218	99.16%
Office Space	37,000	1,943	25,516	11,484	68.96%
Communications	16,000	2,229	15,117	883	94.48%
Office Supplies	35,000	1,561	21,694	13,306	61.98%
Postage	250	0	14	236	5.78%
Printing	1,500	0	578	922	38.54%
Copier Usage/Maintenance	0	999	1,501	(1,501)	0.00%
Outreach/Media Adv	30,000	6,167	11,061	18,939	36.87%
Equipment Rent/Copier	1,700	209	1,204	496	70.85%
Dues/Publications	5,000	50	2,347	2,653	46.94%
Training/Staff Development	7,000	216	3,586	3,414	51.23%
Insurance	5,000	1,218	14,906	(9,906)	298.12%
Meeting Costs	7,000	1,885	17,259	(10,259)	246.56%
Capital Outlay	0	0	34,000	(34,000)	0.00%
Contractual Services	3,536,171	65,386	863,543	2,672,628	24.42%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	15,000	0	8,719	6,282	58.12%
Miscellaneous/Fees	11,912	0	0	11,912	0.00%
Workforce Grants Admin	0	0	(39)	39	0.00%
<b>Sub Total Expenses</b>	<b>4,564,775</b>	<b>170,668</b>	<b>1,708,286</b>	<b>2,856,450</b>	<b>37.42%</b>
<b>NR/MR WDB Balance</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		

Total Agency R&E		March 2024	YTD	
<b>Anticipated Revenue</b>	<b>7,196,755</b>	<b>568,272</b>	<b>4,901,742</b>	<b>68.11%</b>
<b>Anticipated Expense</b>	<b>7,156,278</b>	<b>418,370</b>	<b>4,904,585</b>	<b>68.54%</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>40,477</b>	<b>149,903</b>	<b>(2,843)</b>	



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As of month-end April 2024 (83% of the fiscal year), Commission year to date revenues are 81% and expenses are 85% of adopted budget. Salary, the largest expense line, is in line with the budget at 86%. Fringe Benefits are currently 100% of the budget expense line, which is higher than budgeted due to additional health insurance enrollments.

Looking at the balance sheet, Accounts Receivable is \$718,969. Of this total, Workforce receivables are \$157,611 (22%) and current. The Executive Committee reviews all aged receivables over 60 days and no receivables are deemed uncollectible. Net Projects (\$211,173) represents project expenses, primarily benchmark projects, that cannot be invoiced yet and posted to receivables.

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**Balance Sheet**  
**4/30/2024**

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Operating Account	145,179	195,678
First Bank & Trust - Bland/Montgomery Broadband	1,923,712	1,930,590
First Bank & Trust - Pulaski County Broadband	2,016,727	2,023,938
Money Market	113,766	114,214
Accounts Receivable	910,321	718,969
Loans Receivable - Revolving Loan Fund	39,056	38,504
Restricted Cash - Revolving Loan Fund	68,006	68,688
Commission Vehicles	32,365	32,365
Total Assets:	<u>5,249,133</u>	<u>5,122,946</u>
<u>Liabilities:</u>		
Accounts Payable	140,741	68,402
Accrued Annual Leave	98,150	98,150
Accrued Unemployment	33,460	33,615
Expense Reimbursement	4,992	4,423
Funds on Hand - Montgomery County Broadband	1,884,505	1,884,505
Funds on hand - Pulaski County Broadband	2,000,000	2,000,000
Funds on Hand - Montgomery County OAA	121,828	121,828
Unearned Revenue - FY25 Dues	31,272	31,272
Total Liabilities:	<u>4,314,949</u>	<u>4,242,195</u>
<u>Projects:</u> (Equity Accounts)		
Net Projects	(137,405)	(211,173)
Current Year Unrestricted	132,849	150,578
Unrestricted Net Assets	815,690	815,690
Restricted Net Assets - Revolving Loan Fund	105,790	105,790
Total Projects (Equity)	<u>916,924</u>	<u>860,884</u>
Total Liabilities and Projects	<u>5,231,872</u>	<u>5,103,079</u>
Net Difference to be Reconciled	<u>17,261</u>	<u>19,867</u>
Total Adjustments to Post*	17,261	19,867
Unreconciled Balance (after adjustment)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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Revenue and Expenditures - April 2024**

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ARC Passenger Rail Station Development	574,000	0	0	574,000	0.00%
Local Assessment	238,220	0	238,220	0	100.00%
DHCD - Administrative Grant	89,971	22,493	89,971	0	100.00%
DHCD VATI 2022	90,000	0	1,195,374	(1,105,374)	0.00%
DRPT RIDE Solutions NRV	91,526	0	62,290	29,236	68.06%
DRPT NRVCAP RideSolutions Strategic Plan	15,000	0	11,489	3,511	76.59%
Department of Energy	37,500	0	0	37,500	0.00%
EDA	70,000	0	52,500	17,500	75.00%
EDA Tech Hub	0	6,510	6,510	(6,510)	0.00%
Workforce Fiscal Agent	75,000	15,000	75,000	0	100.00%
Workforce Power Fiscal Agent	12,500	0	12,500	0	100.00%
Workforce YouthBuild Fiscal Agent	25,000	0	18,750	6,250	75.00%
Workforce Ready SWVA Fiscal agent	21,500	0	21,500	0	0.00%
Workforce WORC Fiscal agent	25,000	0	25,000	0	0.00%
Workforce Innovation Fiscal Agent	0	0	10,000	(10,000)	0.00%
Workforce WIOA Soft Skills Fiscal Agent	0	0	6,000	(6,000)	0.00%
Workforce WIOA Supplemental Fiscal Agent	0	0	6,000	(6,000)	0.00%
Workforce WIOA Technical Skills Fiscal Agent	0	0	8,000	(8,000)	0.00%
Workforce Trades Gap Fiscal Agent	0	0	15,000	(15,000)	0.00%
VDOT	58,000	0	48,777	9,223	84.10%
VDOT - Rocky Knob	0	15,152	65,612	(65,612)	0.00%
Floyd County	38,000	0	3,866	34,134	10.17%
Floyd Town	7,000	0	3,500	3,500	50.00%
Narrows Town	11,000	0	9,037	1,963	82.16%
Rich Creek Town	17,000	274	13,981	3,019	82.24%
Montgomery County	8,000	0	125,995	(117,995)	1574.94%
Montgomery County Opiod Abatement	0	41,532	340,734	(340,734)	0.00%
Blacksburg Town	25,500	4,000	21,500	4,000	84.31%
Christiansburg Town	54,250	0	30,076	24,174	55.44%
Pulaski County	10,000	0	10,271	(271)	102.71%
Radford City	66,370	0	47,802	18,569	72.02%
MM Interest	0	448	3,174	(3,174)	0.00%
Interest Income - VATI	0	14,088	70,033	(70,033)	0.00%
Miscellaneous Income	0	516	4,870	(4,870)	0.00%
Virginia's First	14,960	0	15,000	(40)	100.27%
NRV MPO	95,500	0	17,927	77,573	18.77%
Pembroke	17,000	0	7,890	9,110	46.41%
Dept of Environmental Quality	14,500	0	78,494	(63,994)	541.34%
VDEM	25,000	0	14,527	10,473	58.11%
Virginia Outdoors Foundation	42,241	0	83,081	(40,839)	196.68%
VHDA	50,375	0	30,486	19,889	60.52%
Southwest Virginia SWMA	7,000	0	7,000	0	100.00%
Virginia Recycling Association	14,000	3,750	15,000	(1,000)	107.14%
VDH New River Health District	345,000	15,881	122,331	222,669	35.46%
VOF SwVA Natives Campaign Project Match	0	0	8,250	(8,250)	0.00%
VDH Office of Drinking Water	80,000	0	75,545	4,455	94.43%
PemTel	0	0	8,500	(8,500)	0.00%
NRV Passenger Rail Authority	67,500	0	43,486	24,014	64.42%
Revolving Loan - Interest	0	130	1,423	(1,423)	0.00%
Grant income (anticipated)	12,723	0	0	12,723	0.00%
Direct Charge Reimbursement	0	1,146	1,492	(1,492)	0.00%
<b>Sub Total Revenues</b>	<b>2,631,980</b>	<b>143,403</b>	<b>3,336,860</b>	<b>(704,880)</b>	<b>81.36%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Salaries	1,325,877	133,380	1,143,044	182,833	86.21%
Fringe Benefits	340,515	39,148	341,178	(663)	100.19%
Travel	33,283	1,968	13,933	19,350	41.86%
Office Space	68,730	5,727	57,274	11,456	83.33%
Communications	20,832	1,332	16,085	4,747	77.21%
Office Supplies	66,892	10,184	74,705	(7,813)	111.68%
Postage	900	13	1,003	(103)	111.44%
Printing	8,285	0	60,260	(51,975)	727.34%
Copier Usage/Maintenance	1,100	65	1,002	98	91.06%
Outreach/Media Adv	11,110	588	22,042	(10,932)	198.40%
Equipment Rent/Copier	3,000	223	2,234	766	74.46%
Fleet Vehicles	2,000	0	1,090	910	54.49%
Dues/Publications	20,395	684	16,376	4,019	80.29%
Training/Staff Development	26,170	568	28,376	(2,206)	108.43%
Insurance	4,700	0	4,642	58	98.77%
Meeting Costs	13,573	3,020	14,654	(1,081)	107.96%
Contractual Services	588,441	862	1,587,717	(999,276)	269.82%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	6,000	1,457	7,872	(1,872)	131.19%
Miscellaneous/Fees	49,700	224	2,643	47,057	5.32%
Reimbursed Expenses	0	0	(387)	387	0.00%
<b>Sub Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,591,503</b>	<b>199,443</b>	<b>3,395,742</b>	<b>(804,239)</b>	<b>84.91%</b>
<b>NRVRC Balance</b>	<b>40,477</b>	<b>(56,040)</b>	<b>(58,883)</b>		



**New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board  
Revenue and Expenditures - April 2024**

		April 2024	YTD	Under/Over	(83% of FY) % Budget
<b>NR/MR WDB Anticipated Revenues</b>					
Workforce Development Area	4,564,775	142,607	1,850,893	2,713,882	40.55%
<b>Sub Total Revenues</b>	<b>4,564,775</b>	<b>142,607</b>	<b>1,850,893</b>	<b>2,713,882</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>					
Salaries	614,994	68,789	589,813	25,181	95.91%
Fringe Benefits	215,248	17,042	157,517	57,731	73.18%
Travel	26,000	2,922	28,704	(2,704)	110.40%
Office Space	37,000	4,865	30,380	6,620	82.11%
Communications	16,000	2,599	17,715	(1,715)	110.72%
Office Supplies	35,000	2,671	24,365	10,635	69.61%
Postage	250	7	21	229	8.57%
Printing	1,500	0	578	922	38.54%
Copier Usage/Maintenance	0	208	1,709	(1,709)	0.00%
Outreach/Media Adv	30,000	6,865	17,926	12,074	59.75%
Equipment Rent/Copier	1,700	0	1,204	496	70.85%
Dues/Publications	5,000	0	2,347	2,653	46.94%
Training/Staff Development	7,000	0	3,586	3,414	51.23%
Insurance	5,000	1,218	16,124	(11,124)	322.48%
Meeting Costs	7,000	360	17,620	(10,620)	251.71%
Capital Outlay	0	0	34,000	(34,000)	0.00%
Contractual Services	3,536,171	32,391	895,933	2,640,238	25.34%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	15,000	2,670	11,388	3,612	75.92%
Miscellaneous/Fees	11,912	0	0	11,912	0.00%
Workforce Grants Admin	0	0	(39)	39	0.00%
<b>Sub Total Expenses</b>	<b>4,564,775</b>	<b>142,607</b>	<b>1,850,893</b>	<b>2,713,843</b>	<b>40.55%</b>
<b>NR/MR WDB Balance</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		

		April 2024	YTD	
<b>Total Agency R&amp;E</b>				
<b>Anticipated Revenue</b>	<b>7,196,755</b>	<b>286,010</b>	<b>5,187,752</b>	<b>72.08%</b>
<b>Anticipated Expense</b>	<b>7,156,278</b>	<b>342,050</b>	<b>5,246,635</b>	<b>73.32%</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>40,477</b>	<b>(56,040)</b>	<b>(58,883)</b>	



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## COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Regional Commission Board Members

**FROM:** Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

**AGENDA ITEM:** III. Intergovernmental Review Process, B. Regular Project Review, Item #1

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CIRP Review

May 17, 2024

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**PROJECT:** US EPA Brownfields Grant - 2024 EPA Brownfields Multipurpose Grant for the Dublin Industrial Park

**SUBMITTED BY:** Town of Dublin

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Town of Dublin is requesting comments on an application to US EPA Brownfields Grant - 2024 EPA Brownfields Multipurpose Grant for the Dublin Industrial Park

**PROJECT SENT FOR REVIEW TO:** Commission Board Members

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May 9, 2024

### **NEW RIVER VALLEY RC**

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Kevin,

The Town of Dublin was recently selected for funding under the US EPA Brownfields Grant program for the 2024 EPA Brownfields Multipurpose Grant for a total of \$1,000,000 and slated our Industrial Park. The purpose of this letter is to meet intergovernmental coordination in compliance with Executive Order 12372 and EPA regulations.

We are presently in the process of completing an application for federal assistance, which we anticipate completing in the coming weeks. When completed, we would be happy to provide the full application to you for your reference should you desire. However, due to the rapid timeline associated with the grant award process, we have enclosed a copy of the proposal that was selected for funding at this time. Please review the enclosed information and respond in writing within 60 days with any recommendations you might have concerning this action. If you do not have any recommendations or comments, please also let us know in writing. Please send this reply to our office at the address identified in the letterhead.

We are honored to be selected for the opportunity and we look forward to celebrating with our total community at the proper time. Please be advised that until the announcement is made in the next two weeks, this information is embargoed and should not be announced until the day of the announcement.

Thank you in advance for your review of the enclosed material. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or comments you may have.

Sincerely,

Tyler Kirkner  
Town Manager

Enclosures: Copy of proposal selected for Federal Assistance

## 1. PROJECT AREA DESCRIPTION AND PLANS FOR REVITALIZATION

### 1.a. Target Area and Brownfields

#### 1.a.i. Overview of Brownfields Challenges and Description of Target Area:

The Town of Dublin, Virginia proposes to conduct eligible brownfields assessment, cleanup and planning activities within the Target Area, in the Town of Dublin (2,680 pop) within Pulaski County (33,800 pop) utilizing funding from a FY2024 Multipurpose grant. The Target Area is The Dublin Industrial Park, a 271-acre site in the Dublin town limits and US census tract (CT) 51155210600, a large Census Tract covering areas within the Town of Dublin town limits and Pulaski County. Given that the town of Dublin covers only 832 acres, the subject site represents over 30% of the town's land mass. Dublin is located in southern Virginia, just north of I-81, and south of Jefferson National Forest. Roanoke is the closest city, 53.7 miles to the east.

The Dublin Industrial Park was originally part of the Radford Armory Ammunition New River Ordinance Unit during the pre-war efforts beginning in the late 1930s, and as a bag manufacturing and loading plant until 1945. The site operated as a self-sufficient facility, with its boiler house, water filtration, and sewage treatment facility. Much of the infrastructure remains from the manufacturing area of the New River Ordinance Unit. After WWII, the site was considered to be surplus property and federal ownership was relinquished. Burlington Industries purchased the property in 1947 and utilized it as a fabric processing plant where textiles were cured, dyed, and treated to produce multiple types of fabrics and materials. The town acquired the Dublin Industrial Park in 1993 through purchase of 101 acres and 1994 through donation of an addition 170 acres from Burlington Industries.

These former uses left multiple contaminants at the site, including identified asbestos-containing materials (ACMs), lead paint, lead piping, lead, copper, PCBs, and other potential contaminants including PFAS from historic fabric processing operations. In 1989, there was a release of petroleum products from underground storage tanks on the Burlington Industries property, which the Virginia DEQ oversaw the completion of the closure report in 2014 and abandonment of wells associated with monitoring the release. In addition, Burlington Industries completed ACM sampling, completed limited abatement including securing and marking the remaining asbestos insulation so that structures could be utilized for warehouse storage and logistics for area manufacturing facilities. Other permits associated with the property (wastewater permit, hazardous waste permit, air permit) have been terminated or closed.

The Dublin Industrial Park contains multiple buildings or features including: the main processing plant, the boiler house building, an abandoned kerosene oil tank, several warehouses, and an old water and sewage treatment facility with sludge requiring cleanup. A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, conducted in July 2023 on the main processing plant and boiler house building, confirmed the presence of ACMs throughout the building. Further, the report identified the potential for PCB transformers in areas that were inaccessible during the inspection.

The Brownfield challenges presented by the Target Area's history include the multiple sites needing environmental assessment, asbestos abatement, remediation, and reuse plans due to the past industrial uses of the site. Dublin has moved away from industries like fabric processing which have been largely moved overseas, and many buildings have been left vacant with multiple issues and blight. According to the Climate and Environmental Justice Screening Tool (CEJST), the amount of low-income households is in the 61<sup>st</sup> percentile and unemployment is in the 81<sup>st</sup> percentile, which limits the tax base in Dublin. **The lack of town funds and tax revenue is an impediment to performing the assessments and abatement/remediation needed to develop an accurate cleanup and revitalization plan.** The town code limits revenue generation to specific taxes and user fees. Currently the Dublin Industrial Park generates rental income to support the Town's Enterprise Fund



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## COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Regional Commission Board Members

**FROM:** Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

**AGENDA ITEM:** III. Intergovernmental Review Process, B. Regular Project Review, Item #2

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CIRP Review

May 17, 2024

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**PROJECT:** EPA PWSS Grant: Drinking Water Program

**SUBMITTED BY:** Virginia Department of Health

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Virginia Department of Health is requesting comments on an application to US EPA.

**PROJECT SENT FOR REVIEW TO:** Commission Board Members

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
* 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application	* 2. Type of Application: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision	* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <input type="text"/> * Other (Specify): <input type="text"/>
* 3. Date Received: <input type="text" value="Completed by Grants.gov upon submission."/>	4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="text"/>	5b. Federal Award Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
<b>State Use Only:</b>		
6. Date Received by State: <input type="text" value="04/30/2021"/>	7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
<b>8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:</b>		
* a. Legal Name: <input type="text" value="Virginia Department of Health"/>		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text" value="54-6001775"/>	* c. UEI: <input type="text" value="VM5ALKM87BC1"/>	
<b>d. Address:</b>		
* Street1: <input type="text" value="109 Governor Street"/>	Street2: <input type="text"/>	
* City: <input type="text" value="Richmond"/>	County/Parish: <input type="text"/>	
* State: <input type="text" value="VA: Virginia"/>	Province: <input type="text"/>	
* Country: <input type="text" value="USA: UNITED STATES"/>	* Zip / Postal Code: <input type="text" value="23219-3623"/>	
<b>e. Organizational Unit:</b>		
Department Name: <input type="text" value="Virginia Department of Health"/>	Division Name: <input type="text" value="Office of Drinking Water"/>	
<b>f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:</b>		
Prefix: <input type="text" value="Mrs."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Hema"/>	
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>	* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Lee"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	Title: <input type="text" value="Grants and Accounting Manager"/>	
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text" value="Public Health Preparedness"/>		
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="804-864-7663"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text"/>	
* Email: <input type="text" value="Hema.Lee@vdh.virginia.gov"/>		

**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**

**\* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

A: State Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

\* Other (specify):

**\* 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

Environmental Protection Agency

**11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:**

66.432

CFDA Title:

State Public Water System Supervision

**\* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

EPA-CEP-01

\* Title:

EPA Mandatory Grant Programs

**13. Competition Identification Number:**

Title:

**14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):**

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**\* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

Public Water System Supervision Program FY2025

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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**DRINKING WATER PROGRAM WORK PLAN**

<p><b>Work plan Component/ Program:</b> PWSS <b>Work years:</b> July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025</p>	<p><b>EPA Contacts:</b> <b>Project Officer/State Program Manager:</b> Michelle Hoover <b>Team Leader:</b> Anthony D. Meadows</p>	<p><b>State Contacts:</b> Dwayne Roadcap, Director, Office of Drinking Water Robert D. Edelman, PE, Director, Technical Services Division Rebecca Bliley, Business Manager</p>	<p><b>PRC:</b> 102B03</p>
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<p><b>Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities</b></p>
<p><b>Objective 5.1: Ensure Safe Drinking Water and Reliable Infrastructure</b></p>
<p><b>Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds</b></p>

<p align="center"><b>PWSS Program Highlights</b></p>
<p><b><u>FOCUS ACTIVITIES:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Waterworks Regulations</b> - ODW will take follow-up actions following the periodic review of the <i>Waterworks Regulations</i>.</li> <li>• <b>SDWIS</b> – ODW will transition the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services’ laboratories to use the Compliance Monitoring Data Portal (CMDP) to submit compliance data electronically in compliance with the Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Rule (CROMERR). ODW has transitioned all private laboratories to CMDP.</li> <li>• <b>Operation Fee Billing</b> - ODW intends to research options to replace waterworks operation fee billing software to replace an unsecure Access database, and to support changes to fee calculation methodology.</li> <li>• <b>Policy Documents</b> – ODW is reorganizing our policy documents from individual working memos, which typically address a single, narrow issue, into a series of manuals that compile guidance into broader subject areas. This will bring our policy documents current, make them consistent in language and format, and facilitate future updates by allowing revisions to individual chapters.</li> <li>• <b>Operation Permits</b> – ODW is emphasizing issuance of operation permits to waterworks and is updating operation permits that are out of date, to include enforceable permit conditions. ODW has implemented streamlined procedures to identify and permit existing water systems that meet the definition of a waterworks, but do not have an operation permit.</li> <li>• <b>Lead and Copper Rule Revisions and Lead and Copper Rule Improvements</b>– ODW will implement the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions in accordance with the Primacy Extension Agreement. ODW will deliver guidance, training, and outreach to stakeholders on early implementation requirements, including Lead Service Line Inventories, consumer notification requirements for lead, galvanized requiring replacement and unknown material service lines and requirements for public notification following and action level exceedance. ODW will review service line inventory submittals and notices to consumers with lead, galvanized requiring replacement, and unknown service line materials. Following publication of the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements, ODW will draft the required amendments to the <i>Virginia Waterworks Regulations</i> and will complete a primacy application.</li> </ul>



- **Emerging Contaminants** – ODW is studying emerging contaminants in drinking water, particularly, per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) pursuant to three bills passed by the Virginia General Assembly (HB586 and HB1257 in 2020 and HB919 in 2022). These bills allow, and in some cases direct, ODW to study the occurrence of PFAS, hexavalent chromium and 1,4-dioxane in drinking water, and require the adoption of requirements for state-specific Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs). ODW will continue implementing Phase 3 of the PFAS occurrence study, with a goal of monitoring all community and NTNC waterworks for PFAS.
- **Waterworks Operation Fee Regulation** – ODW is continuing a rulemaking process and will complete the administrative process to amend the regulation. ODW’s intent is to ensure that fees waterworks pay more accurately reflect the benefit they receive from the drinking water program through training, operator certification, and technical and regulatory assistance.
- **Sampling Verification Program** – ODW is implementing a new Sampling Verification Program, funded, in part, by the General Fund and includes six sampling verification positions in our six field offices and a data analyst position in the Central Office. This program provides training to ODW staff on sampling requirements and establishes policy and procedures for monitoring the water quality sampling process and water quality data. The program deploys ODW field staff to observe waterworks staff sample collection locations and procedures, collects and analyses various types of samples, and provides technical assistance and training related to sampling.
- **Lead Testing in Schools and Child Care Facilities** – The Virginia General Assembly tasked VDH to implement a new program with an objective of further reducing lead exposure in drinking water. The program assists in implementing programs at schools and child care facilities to test for lead levels in drinking water and remediate plumbing system materials that contain lead by utilizing the 2105 and 2107 WIIN Grants. In addition, the program will reduce lead exposure in schools and child care facilities through lead service line replacement and treatment improvement projects for affiliated public water systems. This new program is funded by the General Assembly and supports three FTEs.

#### **ORGANIZATION & OPERATIONS:**

ODW is realigning the staff to meet changing business needs and processes. ODW is moving from paper-based business processes to paperless. ODW is scanning our paper files and moving them into an electronic records management system. ODW has implemented electronic sanitary survey software. We have moved from business communications via mail and hard copy to email and PDF copy. We have replaced mail notification of sample results with posting on Drinking Water Viewer. ODW transitioned all staff to laptop and tablet computers to facilitate electronic sanitary surveys and telework. Our Central Office staff continues with a hybrid schedule of 2 days per week in the office, with the balance of the time teleworking.

#### **Grantee Environmental Competency**

A continuing environmental program (CEP) relationship exists between EPA and the Virginia Department of Health. The scope of work for the generation and use of data for 2024-2025 is similar to that in the previous CEP award. The Virginia Department of Health submitted an updated Quality Management Plan (QMP) on March 8, 2022, received comments from EPA dated December 23, 2022, on April 27, 2023, and VDH ODW senior management is considering how to address EPA’s comments. The Virginia Department of Health received final approval for the initial Quality Assurance Program Plan (QAPrP) from EPA on March 1, 2024. The Virginia Department of Health generates and uses environmental data in accordance with the submitted QMP. The Virginia Department of Health has maintained its accreditation and certification requirements.

**Joint Evaluation Process**

The joint evaluation process will include at a minimum **annual progress reports** by the state, including the elements of 40 CFR § 35.115. VDH will use the grant work plan as the template for reporting. EPA will meet with the state, typically planned for mid-year timeframe, to discuss progress under the grant, any obstacles, or shortcomings, and make recommendations to the state for corrective action. EPA will provide all findings in writing to the state and may require the submission of a corrective plan by the state. If resources do not allow EPA to meet with the state, e-mail and telephone discussions will take place to complete this evaluation.

**ODW STAFFING**

The Office of Drinking Water has 133 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staff, plus five wage positions, allocated between the state headquarters (Central Office) and six Field Offices, as of 4/15/24. Additionally, ODW has three ARPA contractors supported by the ARPA grant. Refer to Addendum 1 – ODW Staff Roster, and Addendum 2 – ODW Organization Charts. The roster and organization charts identify the staff positions and funding sources.



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## **Executive Director's Report**

### **Economic Development:**

- The NRV Recovery Ecosystem Program issued the first monthly newsletter earlier this week. It was distributed to all elected officials in the region, chief administrative officials for local governments, partner organizations and Regional Commission board members. Each newsletter will have dashboard data regarding participation numbers and will feature a deeper dive on a project within the overall program. It will also have quick facts on progress for each technical team. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, please contact Holly Lesko.
- Broadband: The first connections for the Montgomery/Bland project are taking place in Eastern Montgomery County area. Staff is working with all four counties and the city on making an application to the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program for Digital Opportunity to develop a plan to enhance broadband use in communities.
- The NRV/Danville Tech Hub Consortium held a very successful two part meeting in April. The next quarterly meeting will also be a two part format with a webinar followed by an in-person site visit. Scheduling is underway for a July meeting focused on partners in Danville.
- The Regional Economic Strategy (RES) project list will come to the board for review at the May meeting with the full RES document presented at the June meeting.

### **Transportation:**

- VDOT held their annual public input meeting earlier this month in Salem. Several NRV representatives spoke on behalf of the passenger rail extension project and support for continued improvements on Interstate 81. The I-81 improvement program budget was recently amended to include a third lane southbound between Wildwood Road and Ironto. This was an item the Regional Commission provided a resolution of support. To keep up to date with I-81 projects please visit the website [www.improve81.org](http://www.improve81.org)

### **Housing:**

- The Regional Housing Trust Fund is preparing to be official in July, 2024 based on local government budget adoptions taking place this spring. Non-governmental partner requests are underway. This will be the first Regional Housing Trust Fund in the Commonwealth.

### **Natural Resources:**

- The New River Water Trail Expansion project will host a second facilitated work session in June to identify the preferred management strategy for the trail since it will incorporate multiple local governments. A planning grant will be submitted by the end of May to the Appalachian Regional Commission ARISE program for funds to plan the water trail expansion from the headwaters in North Carolina through Virginia into West Virginia.

**Regional:**

- Congratulations to Giles County on the recent ribbon cutting for the Giles County Trail Center located at Mountain Lake. The facility provides parking, restrooms, and a changing area for people accessing the trails and recreation assets in the area. The project was funded by the Appalachian Regional Commission by a grant made to the Friends of Southwest Virginia. The Regional Commission provided environmental review services and wage compliance during construction.

**Commission:**

- Next month Regional Commission staff will be bringing a the FY25 budget to the board for consideration. The draft budget reflects a strong revenue position with several multi-year projects along with numerous smaller projects that help advance community opportunities across the region.
- The annual staff retreat will take place on May 29<sup>th</sup> at Mountain Lake Lodge. Shelley Fortier will be facilitating. Since we have several new team members this year it will be focused on the theme, "Getting to know you and our communities." Following the retreat content, the team will be engaged in a service project in Pembroke at the Kiwanis Park in coordination with ACCE student volunteers. Activities will include indoor painting, outdoor clean-up, and technical expertise will be volunteered by NRVRC staff for a playground redesign.



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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Regional Commission Board Members  
**From:** Elijah Sharp, Deputy Executive Director  
**Date:** April 16, 2024  
**Re:** FY25 Transportation Planning Work Program

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The Virginia Department of Transportation allocates State Planning and Research (SPR) funding to provide annual transportation planning 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.

The FY25 Regional Commission Rural Transportation Work Program will have a total project budget of \$72,500. Key program deliverables will include:

- Regional Park & Ride Lot – Annual Existing Use & Conditions Assessment
- NRV Cycling Guide Update
- Local rural roads study
- Coordinating local meetings with Salem District Commonwealth Transportation Board Representative
- Assist local partners with Title VI compliance
- Assist local partners with SMART Portal Applications

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

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***New River Valley  
Regional Commission***

***April 25, 2024***

***Resolution of support for FY 2025 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 2025 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 2024-2025 fiscal year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the New River Valley Regional Commission that this Commission adopts and supports the FY 2025 Transportation Planning Work Program - Rural Planning Organization Staff Budget.

Adopted this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024

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Hil Johnson, Chair



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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** NRVRC Board Members  
**From:** Leo Priddy, Economic Development Specialist  
**Date:** May 23, 2024  
**Re:** Regional Economic Strategy Update

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Each year, the New River Valley Regional Commission reviews and updates the region's Regional Economic Strategy (RES). The purpose of the RES is to continue federal and local partnerships to address economic development in the region. The RES also documents the planning efforts to identify economic development needs in the region and the creation of the strategy document.

Two RES committee meetings have been held, on February 23 and April 26, to review the Local Project List, discuss ranking criteria, and review our Top Projects. An additional committee meeting will be held May 24 to review the draft RES document and discuss ways to provide support around top projects.

Attached please find the "Top 10+ Projects and Consumer RES" one-pager. A Local Projects List, sharing over 120 projects identified, will be provided during the meeting.

### Next Steps & Updating the RES

A request for approval of the final report will be brought before the board in June.

Should you have any questions or wish to review information related to the RES, please contact me at [lpriddy@nrvc.org](mailto:lpriddy@nrvc.org).

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# RES

Regional Economic Strategy

2024

The New River Valley Regional Economic Strategy (RES), also known as, the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), is the main focus of the Commission's economic development planning efforts. The RES is outlined in an annual planning document that is used to broadly inform economic development activities and desires in the region.

## REGIONAL ECONOMIC PRIORITIES

1.

Support Business Development & Entrepreneurship

2.

Preparation & Continued Support of Qualified, Available Workforce

3.

Utilize Available Land & Expand Quality Infrastructure

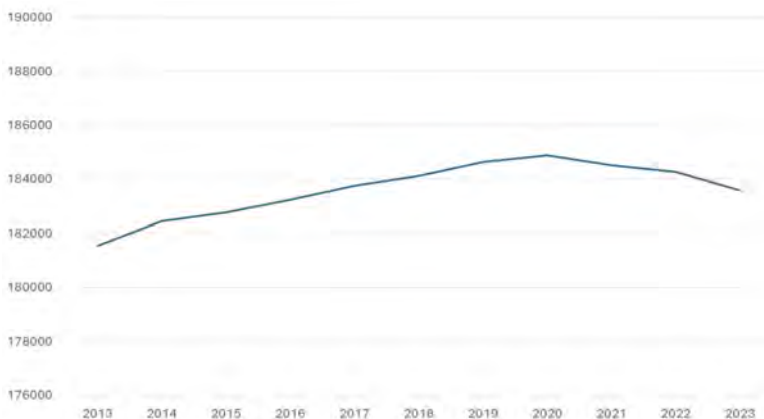
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Preserve & Promote the Natural and Cultural Resources in the Region

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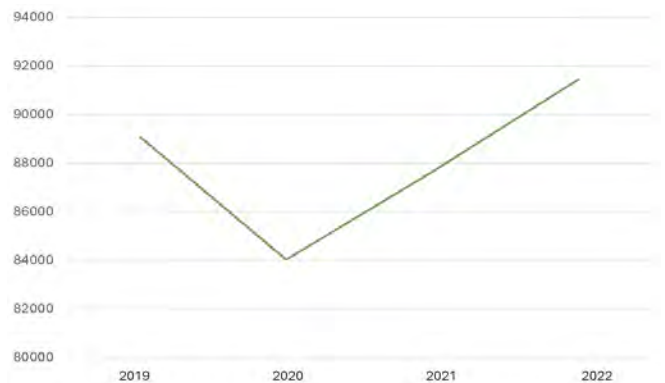
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**Total Population of the New River Valley 2013-2023**



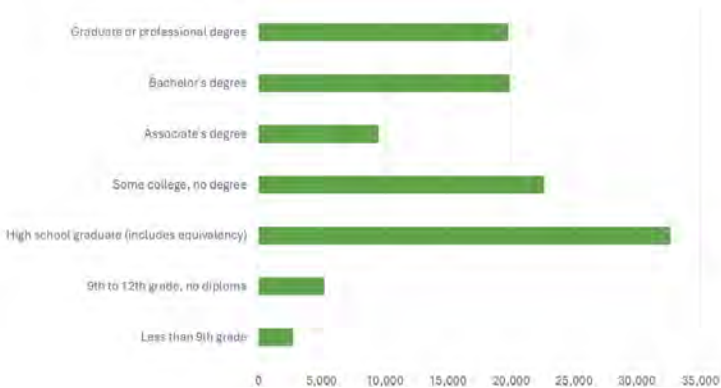
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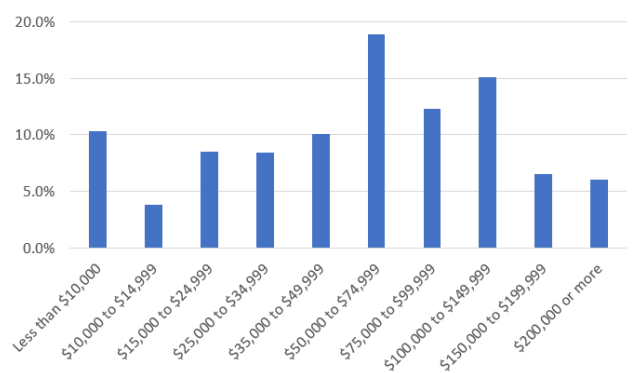
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# TOP PROJECTS

Target Period: 2022-2026

## 1 Develop Broadband Infrastructure and Internet Availability.

Estimated Funding: \$68,000,000  
Responsible Agency: Private Internet Service Providers and NRV localities

## 2 Lead regional coalitions that aim to support additive manufacturing and applied materials.

Estimated Funding: \$500,000  
Responsible Agency: NRVRC, Virginia Tech, Onward NRV, local industries, and NRV localities

## 3 Provide technical assistance services to regional manufacturers.

Estimated Funding: \$6,000,000  
Responsible Agency: Onward NRV, Virginia Tech, local economic development, private business

## 4 Implement "sector strategies" focus for workforce development programs to meet needs in target industry sectors.

Estimated Funding: \$25,000,000  
Responsible Agency: NRMWR WDB, Education providers, local industries

## 5 Manage, promote and expand local and regional revolving loan fund programs.

Estimated Funding: \$100,000  
Responsible Agency: NRVRC, local economic development

## 6 Encourage micro and small business success in downtown and commercial districts.

Estimated Funding: \$10,000,000  
Responsible Agency: NRVRC, NRV localities, local economic development, Radford University, SBDC

## 7 Support local agriculture, growers, and producers.

Estimated Funding: \$100,000  
Responsible Agency: Cooperative Extension office, local economic developers, Thrive network, farmers markets, SBDC



Full project descriptions and RES document can be found at:  
[nrvc.org/economy](http://nrvc.org/economy).



## 8 Promote and coordinate the development of a New River Valley passenger rail station.

Estimated Funding: \$4,500,000  
Responsible Agency: NRV localities, Higher Ed, State Agencies, Public/Private Railroad Companies, NRVRC

## 9 Support regional and local efforts to develop outdoor recreation tourism amenities related to the New River Water Trail.

Estimated Funding: \$2,500,000  
Responsible Agency: NRVRC, NRV localities, New River Watershed Roundtable, National Park Service, VA Dept of Wildlife Resources, Friends of New River, local DMOs, Radford, SBDC

## 10 Industrial Site development and upgrades.

Estimated Funding: \$15,000,000  
Responsible Agency: Virginia's First RIFA, local economic development

## 11 Develop a wider range of homeowner and rental opportunities.

Estimated Funding: \$100,000,000  
Responsible Agency: Private and non-profit developers, NRV localities, NRV HOME Consortium

## 12 Bio-Tech, Digital Health & Life Science Cluster

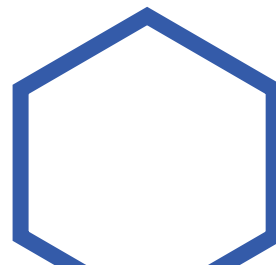
Estimated Funding: \$600,000  
Responsible Agency: Virginia Tech, Radford University, private industry, Montgomery County, SBDC

## 13 Perform analysis combined with consensus building to result in a recommended alignment of the Valley to Valley Trail.

Estimated Funding: \$100,000  
Responsible Agency: VDOT, NRVRC, NRVMPD



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# Local Project List



Description	RES Goal	Area	Estimated Cost	Responsible Agency	Estimated Construction Date
Preparation of newly graded building sites at NRV Commerce Park. Site readiness to move Lot J (120 acres) from Tier 4 to Tier 5.	Goal 3	NRV	\$728,000.00	Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facilities Authority	2023
Development of Broadband Infrastructure and Internet Availability Implement recommendations of studies in local jurisdictions (Montgomery, Pulaski). NRV will continue to pursue additional funds for underserved areas.	Goal 3	NRV	\$68,000,000.00	Private Internet Service Providers, APCD, and NRV Localities	2022-2024
Implement sector strategies focused on workforce development programs to meet needs in target industry sectors. Develop relationships between regional businesses and education, economic development, and related stakeholder organizations to provide services that ensure success of these industries in the region. Enhance integrated 'career pathways' workforce curriculum to develop workforce skills that address needs of targeted industry sectors, especially manufacturing, IT and healthcare.	Goal 2	NRV	\$25,000,000.00	NRMR-WDB, Educational Providers, Local Industry, SBDC	2022-2024
Manage, promote, and expand the NRV Revolving Loan Fund deploy funds to small businesses and entrepreneurs across the region. Secure funds to recapitalize the loan fund to target scale up opportunities and emergent business sectors.	Goal 1	NRV	\$100,000.00	NRVRC, NRV RLF Committee, SBDC	Ongoing
Promote and coordinate the development of a New River Valley passenger rail station. In conjunction with the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority and the New River Valley Passenger Rail Station Authority, coordinate state and private stakeholders to pursue development of this service.	Goal 3	NRV	\$4,500,000.00	NRV Localities, Higher ED, State Agencies, Public/Private Railroad Companies, NRVRC	2028-2030
Coordinate Regional Destination Marketing Organizations (DMO). Explore options to increase coordination of regional DMOs and tourism promotion initiatives, and support local tourism marketing campaigns to promote New River Valley communities as a tourist destination, and increase visitor spending. Upgrade regional tourism website.	Goal 4	NRV	\$100,000.00	NRV Localities, Tourism Offices, NRVRC	2024
New River Watershed Roundtable. Convene regional partners and act as a forum for information and knowledge of the New River. Coordinate environmental stewardship related to the New River as an identity, source of outdoor recreation and economic opportunity, as well as a public health amenity. Continue regional coordination of river clean-up events to preserve the water quality and condition of the New River.	Goal 4	NRV	\$25,000.00	NRVRC, local governments, VA Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Tourism Offices, Radford University	Ongoing
New River Water Trail Expansion Project. Support regional and local efforts to develop outdoor recreation tourism amenities related to the New River and other natural resources, such as boat ramps and access, signage, marketing, education, safety, stewardship and other recreation supportive projects.	Goal 4	NRV	\$2,500,000.00	NRVRC, local governments, Norfolk Southern, Tourism Offices, Radford University	2025

Coordinate marketing and business support efforts for arts and cultural amenities in the New River Valley. Promote and support the development of arts and cultural-related events and institutions through targeted incentives and support for arts-related development. Coordinate with Friends of Southwest Virginia, Crooked Road, 'Round the Mountain and local arts-based non-profits.	Goal 4	NRV	\$300,000.00	Localities, civic groups, business groups, Tourism Offices, SBDC	Ongoing
Commercial District Revitalization efforts. Encourage micro and small business success in downtown and commercial districts, through revitalization and promotions of community individuality, redevelopment of blighted properties, and small business support services.	Goal 1	NRV	\$100,000.00	NRVRC, Participating Towns, SBDC	Ongoing
Provide technical assistance services to regional manufacturers. Engage university experts and industrial consultants to provide product testing/prototyping, market analysis, process improvement, and other technical assistance services to support the competitiveness of suppliers to large regional manufacturers.	Goal 1	NRV	\$1,000,000.00	US EDA, VT, Onward NRV, Local Economic Developers, Private Business, SBDC	Ongoing
Target Industry Business Development Program. Develop educational programs through the community college and universities that support the development and/or recruitment of small businesses/industries in regional target sectors, including advanced manufacturing, IT/cybersecurity, life sciences, and food and beverage processing.	Goal 1	NRV		Virginia Tech, Radford University, NRCC, School Divisions, Onward NRV, SBDC	
Maintain updated Regional Housing Study. Assess regional housing market annually and update local and regional strategies to address housing market needs.	Goal 3	NRV		NRVRC	Ongoing
Develop regional 'small scale manufacturing' capability. Creation of a regional maker space and coordination of regional fabricators to support prototyping and small-run manufacturing for entrepreneurs.	Goal 1	NRV	\$1,000,000.00	SBDC	
Create utility standards for service providers to follow while coordinating digging between localities and service providers to install conduits or other utilities.	Goal 3	NRV		APCO, PSAs, Internet Service Providers, Local Governments	
Explore the creation of a Regional Recreation Authority to oversee and manage multi-jurisdiction trails, including water trails.	Goal 4	NRV		Localities, Civic Groups, NRVRC, Educational Institutes	2025
Valley to Valley Trail Study. Perform analysis combined with consensus building to result in a recommended alignment that will connect the Roanoke River Greenway to the New River Trail while connecting to other recreational facilities in the region such as the Huckleberry Trail in Christiansburg.	Goal 2	NRV		VDOT, NRVRC, NRVMPD	2022
Interstate-81 interchange improvements Exits 89,94,98,105,114.	Goal 3	NRV		VDOT	2020
Route 100 widening between Pulaski County and Giles County.	Goal 3	NRV		VDOT, Delegate's Office	2022-2025
Create Regional Revolving Loan Fund for Energy Audits and Retrofits Fund for NRV businesses and residents.	Goal 3	NRV		NRVRC	
Support Carpooling Efforts/Initiatives throughout the New River Valley Support the expansion and marketing of Ride Solutions while exploring potential for carpooling app.	Goal 3	NRV			Ongoing

Create Network of Growers and Producers in the region linking NRV farmers to markets to increase profitability.	Goal 1	NRV		Thrive Network, Farmers Markets, Eat Work Grow, VA Cooperative Extension Offices, SBDC	
Support for local craft brewery, winery, and distillery business growth. Marketing and business development support for these businesses' growth.	Goal 1	NRV		NRV Economic Developers, Local DMOs (Tourism Offices), SBDC	2024
Centralize marketing of energy efficiency options create a "one-stop-shop" where people can evaluate typical "payback" on upgrades, find a qualified energy auditor/retrofitter, navigate various financing options.	Goal 3	NRV		NRVRC, Localities	
Multi-Jurisdictional Trails: used as both a tourism asset and an alternative/green method of transportation.	Goal 3	NRV	\$10,000,000.00	NRVRC, Localities, Education Institutions, civic groups, Tourism Offices	2018
Develop and implement a program to support small family farms using a trade collective and professional development model similar to "Cultivating Success".	Goal 1	NRV		Local Economic Developers, Cooperative Extension, Sustain Floyd, Work Eat Grow, Blue to New	2026
Scenic Byway Designation study- Look at Route 8 (Floyd) and Route 460 (Elliston) (Pre-concept Phase).	Goal 4	NRV			
Establish initiatives that help connect educational institutions with local employers, fostering a pipeline that guides students into relevant careers through internships and collaborative projects, while also raising student awareness of local career opportunities in key industry sectors such as transportation/automated vehicles, materials/machinery, life sciences/healthcare, and information technology.	Goal 2	NRV		Onward NRV, NR-MR WDB, Regional Public School Systems, NRCC, Radford University, Virginia Tech	
Target Technologies: automated vehicles, additive manufacturing, sustainable materials. Virginia Tech leads a coalition in the Southern and Southwest Virginia region that aims to support the local transportation and logistics cluster and accelerate the adoption of electric and automated vehicles. The coalition plans to build upon its existing strengths in vehicle manufacturing, digital technology R&D, and vehicle test and evaluation. The coalition proposes to support this cluster through three distinct projects providing more accessible technology testbeds and networks for tech transfer, business development support, and talent development services. If provided an implementation grant, the coalition aims to catalyze regional economic growth by aligning regional assets, accelerating the adoption of critical vehicle technologies, and achieving global prominence in automated electric delivery.	Goal 1	NRV	\$24,000,000.00	Virginia Tech	Ongoing
Develop a comprehensive workforce training strategy for industrialized construction, aiming to reduce costs, waste, and emissions while addressing housing affordability challenges.	Goal 2	NRV		Virginia Tech, Local Industry	
NRV Recovery Ecosystem. New and expanded programs with agencies in the New River Valley will be tapped to address the impacts of opioid addiction and associated concerns such as transportation, housing, prevention and treatment strategies, recovery and harm reduction, as well as delivering education in schools and to the general public.	Goal 2	NRV	\$3,300,000	NRV Localities, NRVRC,	Ongoing

Virginia's Additive Manufacturing and Applied Materials Tech Hub Strategic Planning Grant.	Goal 1	NRV + City of Danville	\$555,000	NRVRC, Virginia Tech, Onward NRV, Radford University, NRCC, Local Industry	Ongoing
Huckleberry Trail Extension. Assist in the construction of the Huckleberry Trail extension from Prices Fork to Glade Road. Grading, site amenities, and surfacing are needed.	Goal 4	Blacksburg	\$100,000.00	Town of Blacksburg, Friend of the Huckleberry Trail	2018
Housing Development - affordable multi-tenant development.	Goal 3	Blacksburg		Private industry, NRV HOME Consortium	ongoing
Retail Cooperative and Small Business Incubator.	Goal 1	Blacksburg		Town of Blacksburg, Local Economic Developers, SBDC	2026
Business Relations Manager will serve as the primary liaison to the business community promoting the economic vitality of the Town and assisting new small business owners as they open businesses in town. This position will coordinate the 414 N. Main Street project, the future location of a retail cooperative, in partnership with Downtown Blacksburg, Inc.	Goal 1	Blacksburg		Town of Blacksburg, Local Economic Developers, SBDC	2024
Signature Park: Development Phase I includes four full-sized rectangular fields, two picnic pavilions, a splash pad, a small and large dog park, an inclusive playground, an adult fitness zone, a challenge course, nearly two miles of trails, and green space for passive recreation.	Goal 2	Christiansburg	\$18,000,000.00	Town of Christiansburg	2024. Funded, Work Ongoing
Farmers' Market Structures - New permanent structure, ARC funded.	Goal 1	Christiansburg	\$275,000.00	Town of Christiansburg	2024
Phase III of the Downtown Enhancement Project N. Franklin Street-new sidewalks, planting, paving, Main to Depot intersection improvements.	Goal 1	Christiansburg		Town of Christiansburg	2025
Christiansburg Institute - Cultural Experience, Cultural Learning Curriculum, Oral History, and Site Preservation.	Goal 4	Christiansburg		Christiansburg Institute	2027
N. Franklin St. - Peppers Ferry Road Connector Route Phase I Not in draft SYIP - Smart Scale project.	Goal 3	Christiansburg	\$12,000,000.00	VDOT, Town of Christiansburg	2027
N. Franklin St. - Peppers Ferry Road Connector Route Phase II Not in draft SYIP - Smart Scale project.	Goal 3	Christiansburg	\$12,000,000.00	VDOT, Town of Christiansburg	2029
Public Works Complex. Moving current complex out of the floodplain.	Goal 3	Christiansburg	\$10,000,000.00	Town Christiansburg	2027
Upgrade of Wastewater Plant to accommodate 2 million gallons more per day.	Goal 3	Christiansburg		Town of Christiansburg	
Future Emergency Services Station (location TBD).	Goal 2	Christiansburg	\$6,000,000.00	Town of Christiansburg	2026
Drain improvement - College St. area.	Goal 3	Christiansburg		Christiansburg Public Works	
Marketplace redevelopment-housing.	Goal 3	Christiansburg		Private industry, Town of Christiansburg	
Clifton Town Center - mix of commercial and residential along Peppers Ferry Road.	Goal 3	Christiansburg		Private industry, Town of Christiansburg	

Phase II Development of Floyd Regional Commerce Center. Develop building pads on Lots 1 and 2 (51 acres); have funds to do road access and utility extension.	Goal 3	Floyd	\$4,000,000.00	Floyd County, Floyd County EDA	2027
Developing Lots 4 and Lot 8 at the Floyd Regional Commerce Center. Site pad/grading work to get these sites ready for business location.	Goal 3	Floyd	\$1,500,000.00	Floyd County, Floyd County EDA	2022. Funded, Work Ongoing
Constructing Shell building on Lot 8. Construction of a building in the Floyd Regional Commerce Center. The building will be designed to be able to serve more than one tenant.	Goal 3	Floyd	\$6,050,000.00	Floyd County, Floyd County EDA	2023. Funded, Work Ongoing
Marketing Floyd Growth Center Phase 2 of Regional Commerce Center.	Goal 1	Floyd	\$100,000.00	Floyd County	Ongoing
Route 8 Improvements. Road Improvements on Route 8 between I-81 and Floyd Town.	Goal 3	Floyd	\$10,000,000.00	VDOT	2026
Floyd County EDA Revolving Loan Fund. Expand revolving loan pool.	Goal 1	Floyd	\$80,000.00	Floyd County EDA, SBDC	Ongoing
Add parks and trails (pedestrian, biking, and hiking). Extension of trail corridors from the town to the county as outlined in the comprehensive plan. More sports fields are needed.	Goal 4	Floyd	\$2,000,000.00	Floyd County, Floyd County EDA, Floyd County Tourism	2024-2026
Stream Gauge and Rain Gauges for Hazard Mitigation. Floyd County's Little River Watershed experienced a significant flash flood in 2015 with more than 25 houses destroyed or significantly damaged. There are no stream gauges in this area and no real-time rain gauges. These are needed to protect lives during flash flooding.	Goal 3	Floyd	\$110,000.00	Floyd County	2025
Extending Water and Sewer to areas of Floyd Co. Also need to protect recharge and well-head areas.	Goal 3	Floyd	\$5,000,000.00	Floyd County	2025
Improving Access to the Floyd Regional Commerce Center from Route 8 and 221. Remove sharp turns to improve truck access.	Goal 3	Floyd	\$800,000.00	Floyd County, Floyd County EDA, VDOT	2026
Expansion of the Floyd Innovation Center.	Goal 1	Floyd	\$7,000,000.00	Floyd County EDA	2026
Loan funding for farming, food and beverage (concept).	Goal 1	Floyd			
Building renovation and mixed development utilizing brownfields funding, historic tax credits to encourage private investment.	Goal 3	Floyd		Floyd Town, and Floyd County	2024-2026
Floyd County-Solid waste & recycling (convenience).	Goal 3	Floyd			2024-2026
Housing Projects- development of a wider range of homeowners opportunities and rental, development of greenfield site for housing.	Goal 3	Floyd		County, Town, EDA, Private Industry	2024-2028
Scattered Site Housing Rehabilitation- improvements to 15 homes in the county.	Goal 3	Floyd	\$1,000,000.00	Floyd County	2024
Floyd County Scattered Site Efficiency Planning Grant & Housing Rehab Round 2.	Goal 3	Floyd	\$1,250,000	Floyd County, DHCD, SERCAP, NRVRC, etc.	2024
Floyd County Transportation Plan.	Goal 3	Floyd	\$150,000.00	Floyd County, Floyd Town	2024-26

Phlegar House Restoration Facility in great disrepair. If restored, it could be the trail head in the Floyd Regional Commerce Center Greenway. (concept phase).	Goal 4	Floyd	\$1,000,000.00	Floyd County Historical Preservation Trust, Floyd County EDA	2026
Ongoing public improvements streetscape, trails, building improvements, parking improvements, wayfinding study.	Goal 3	Floyd (town)		Floyd Town	Ongoing
Digital Opportunities: capitalize on completed fiber deployment to fully benefit residents and businesses, including training programs and/or equipment purchases. Planning funds and implementation funds.	Goal 2	Floyd	\$500,000	Floyd County, Citizens Telephone Cooperative, Floyd County EDA	2024-2026
Eggleston Water Extension Phase 2-Extend water service to 160 residencies.	Goal 3	Giles	\$1,400,000.00	Giles County	2026
Route 635 Water-Extension provide public water to approximately 150 residents in the Big Stoney Community of Giles County.	Goal 3	Giles	\$3,000,000.00	Giles County	2026
Clendennin Water Extension-provide public water to approximately 50 residents in the Clendennin community of Giles County.	Goal 3	Giles	\$2,000,000.00	Giles County	2024
Creation of industrial shell building- 30,000 Sq Ft.	Goal 1	Giles	\$11,000,000.00	Giles County IDA	2024
Giles County Trails Center - at Mountain Lake Lodge and connection to the Appalachian Trail.	Goal 4	Giles		Giles County, Mountain Lake Lodge	2024
Housing Production- development of 240 houses and house lots.	Goal 3	Giles		Giles County, Private Developer	2022
Public Transportation Connections to Blacksburg, Virginia Tech, and other major employment centers. Specific projects in local transit plans and 2016 Regional Transit Study.	Goal 2	Giles	\$2,000,000.00	Giles County, NRV MPD (data hub)	2018
Wheatland EcoPark Site Development.	Goal 1	Giles	\$400,000.00	Giles County,	2024
Glen Lyn Power Plant: Industrial site reuse planning grant.	Goal 3	Giles	\$250,000	Giles County	2025
Route 8 Widening Project -widening Route 8 from the Montgomery and Floyd County line to the Town of Christiansburg.	Goal 3	Montgomery		VDOT	
Expansion of Falling Branch Industrial Park Phase II, Lot 2 -Land is ready for water, sewer, and road improvements.	Goal 1	Montgomery		Montgomery County EDA	2022
Trail Around Falling Branch Corporate Park Phase I - Status Conceptual To develop a walking trail around Falling Branch Corporate Park.	Goal 2	Montgomery		Town of Christiansburg	2023
Housing Development significant housing construction (up to 1000 plots) along Prices Fork Road - private development. Will need an update on road and traffic study from MPD.	Goal 3	Montgomery		Montgomery County, Blacksburg, VDOT	
Project Eagle. The Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center (VTCRC), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Virginia Tech Foundation (VTF), in partnership with the city of Roanoke, Montgomery County, and Johnson & Johnson JLABS, will support a three-prong approach to grow the region's health and life science cluster. Project Eagle+ will pilot a shared lab facility in Blacksburg at the VTCRC to meet the demand from small, early-stage companies, many of which are spinoffs from Virginia Tech and/or alumni of the Regional Accelerator & Mentoring Program (RAMP).	Goal 1	Montgomery	\$600,000.00	Virginia Tech	
Upgrades and improvements at Mill Creek Nature Park - improve access, upgrades to parking area, restroom facility (water/sewer). Additional support from Virginia Outdoor Foundation.	Goal 4	Narrows	\$15,000.00	Town of Narrows	2022-2025

Architectural study for upgrade/replacement of Narrows Volunteer Fire Department equipment building (continuing).	Goal 5	Narrows	\$15,000.00	Town of Narrows, Fire Department	2022-2024
Downtown improvements. Façade and infrastructure improvements to encourage visitors and business development.	Goal 1	Narrows	\$1,000,000.00	Town of Narrows, Giles County, NRVRC	2018-2024
Replace existing collection system piping and upgrade wastewater plan and RBC system.	Goal 3	Narrows	\$1,500,000.00	Narrows, Giles County, NRVRC	2018-2024
Sewer repair and replacement.	Goal 3	Narrows	\$700,000.00	Town of Narrows	2022-2024
Water Meter Replacement.	Goal 3	Narrows	\$500,000.00	Town of Narrows	2022-2024
Water Line PER for upgrades.	Goal 3	Narrows		Town of Narrows	2023-2025
Upgrades to HVAC at Community Center and library.	Goal 2	Narrows		Town of Narrows	2022
EMS/Ambulance Service offered by Narrows Fire Department.	Goal 2	Narrows		Narrows Fire Department	2023-2025
Pearisburg Wastewater Treatment Plant UVA Project – Replace chlorine gas disinfection with UVA disinfection to eliminate safety concern with current treatment method.	Goal 3	Pearisburg	\$150,000.00	Town of Pearisburg	2018
Old Town Shop Property Redevelopment-Adaptive reuse of former public works building and property.	Goal 1	Pearisburg		Town of Pearisburg	2018
Community Center Renovation of Old School for Community Center - Including new electrical, mechanical and plumbing.	Goal 2	Pearisburg	\$2,000,000.00	Town of Pearisburg	2020
Claremont School Redevelopment-housing 52 units (affordable units Landmark Development).	Goal 3	Pulaski		Private Developer, Pulaski County	2023
Pulaski Middle-150 apartments market rate (Eschelon Development).	Goal 3	Pulaski		Pulaski County, Private Developer	2024
Green Government approach- Sol Smart gold standard, development of 3rd largest solar farm on the East Coast- 3000 acres; hydro dam; wind farm; methane conversion at landfill.	Goal 3	Pulaski		Pulaski County, Sol Smart, Private Developer	2024
Launch small business solutions department at the County – Pulaski County Innovation Center – transition to an incubator – properties manager which is to support small business and entrepreneurship.	Goal 1	Pulaski		Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facilities Authority, Pulaski County, SBDC	2021 Funded.
Expansion of County Tourism Department- assistance to tourism related/hospitality business.	Goal 1	Pulaski		Pulaski County Tourism	2021
State Trail Welcome Center-Draper Cottage.	Goal 4	Pulaski		VTC/State Park Collaboration	
Transition County Welcome Center into Sale Center.	Goal 1	Pulaski		Pulaski County	
Housing Development 498 units Countryside Landing – behind the middle school (near Dublin) already building homes; High Bridge (152 units – near innovation center – start soon).	Goal 3	Pulaski		Pulaski County , Private Developer	ongoing
New River Trail Extension.	Goal 4	Pulaski	\$5,000,000.00	VDOT, Pulaski County	



Rt. 99 Water/Sewer Extension Extend water and sewer lines to Exit 94, to encourage commercial development.	Goal 3	Pulaski	\$1,500,000.00	Pulaski County, Town of Pulaski	
Housing Rehabilitation and Blight Remediation - address housing concerns for low to moderate income residents as well as remove slum & blight issues in residential neighborhoods.	Goal 3	Pulaski (town)	\$1,250,000.00	Town of Pulaski	2020
Continue Blight Elimination Program - The Town reenacted vacant building registry and enforcing building maintenance codes.	Goal 3	Pulaski (town)	\$200,000.00	Town of Pulaski	ongoing
Bicycle Lane and Trail Improvements - Improving bike accessibility for critical pathways throughout the Town.	Goal 2	Pulaski (town)	\$1,000,000.00	Town of Pulaski	2023
Recreational Amenities- Skate Park.	Goal 2	Pulaski (town)	\$221,000.00	Town of Pulaski	2023
Recreation Amenities - Mountain Bike Park (8 acres of variety of skills – right off I-81 & New River Trail).	Goal 2	Pulaski (town)		Town of Pulaski	2022
Recreation amenities – Municipal splash pad.	Goal 2	Pulaski (town)		Town of Pulaski	2023
Derelict Building Redevelopment – Downtown Brewery in old Foundry Building.	Goal 1	Pulaski (town)	\$2,000,000.00	Pulaski Town Redevelopment & Housing Authority	2023
Planning and Imagining the redevelopment of Pulaski Furniture (pre-concept phase).	Goal 1	Pulaski (town)			Ongoing
Convert Main Street into Two-Way Street.	Goal 3	Pulaski (town)		Pulaski Town, VDOT	
Hotel Study-Looking at a building Downtown as possibility.	Goal 1	Pulaski (town)			
Radford Village Water Line Replacement - 3,225 linear feet of 6" main water line would be replaced with an 8" service throughout the Radford Village residential area improving service reliability and water flow to forty homes.	Goal 3	Radford	\$117,500.00	City of Radford	2023
Wildwood Park Entrance Improvement- Improve Park entrance with parking facilities, a kiosk, pergola, new gate, and interpretive exhibits.	Goal 4	Radford	\$150,000.00	City of Radford	2023
University Drive Bridge - Improvements and repairs needed to the 25-year-old University Drive Bridge which includes deck repairs, waterproofing, painting, fencing, and sidewalk repairs and corrosion maintenance.	Goal 3	Radford	\$531,000.00	City of Radford	2022
Amphitheater Planning, design & construction, 200 seats & stage.	Goal 2	Radford		City of Radford, Radford University	2023
High Meadows Development-Improve the water system to include line work and a water tank.	Goal 3	Radford	\$806,000.00	City of Radford	2025
East Main Street – improvements sidewalks, lights, 3rd avenue parking lot Implement recommendations from the planning study.	Goal 1	Radford	\$3,000,000.00	City of Radford, Radford University, NRVRC	2023
Enhancing the talent pool of future global professionals graduating from Radford City Public Schools (RCPS) provides high leverage learning opportunities to inspire and strengthen students' self-efficacy in an effort to better their lives and others through STEM experiences and occupations. The emphasis on science, technology, engineering and math begins in kindergarten where all children have access to authentic STEM experiences and remains a focus through 12th grade. This pipeline reaches its pinnacle with the Project Lead The Way engineering classes and ITS program participation in high school.	Goal 2	Radford		City of Radford, Radford City Public Schools	Ongoing



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**MEMORANDUM**

**To: NRVRC Board Members**  
**From: Kevin Byrd, Executive Director**  
**Date: May 23, 2024**  
**Re: Amended Budget for FY24**

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The board is being presented with an amended budget for FY24 due significant revenue coming into the organization since the budget was initially adopted in May 2023. Adoption of the amended budget helps the agency present more accurate financial operations and will greatly assist in the forthcoming auditing process after the FY24 year closes on June 30, 2024.

Attached to this memo are two items, an Agencywide Budget focused on expenditures, and Anticipated Revenue for FY 2023-2024. This table illustrates each revenue source and the change observed throughout the fiscal year. The first column identifies the revenue source, the second is the adopted budget from May 2024, and the third is the projected amount for FY24.

The Local Assessments, State Grants, and Federal Grants, in the first three categories remains mostly unchanged except for ARC Passenger Rail Station Development being reduced due to timing of the project, and EDA Tech Hubs being added since the proposal was awarded, now under contract, with staff hired.

Substantive adjustments are found in the Local Project Revenue category. There are several minor project adjustments attributed to projects that did not materialize this fiscal year and numerous workforce development related projects added. The projects with the highest financial impact that truly drove the need for this amendment are the broadband projects (ie-DHCD VATI 2022 at \$1.5M) with that being broken out into multiple distinct projects whereas it was lumped into one project previously, and the NRV Recovery Ecosystem labeled Montgomery County – NRV Opioid Abatement. The revenue for that project remains unchanged; however, the expense side of the budget reflects increased personnel since the proposal had 1.5 full time equivalent (FTE) positions and it resulted in four FTEs being hired.

Lastly, the amended anticipated revenue captures interest earned from the broadband matching funds held for others that is utilized in project reimbursements.

Overall, the amended budget reflects an increase of \$1,359,223 in anticipated revenue from the adopted budget with approximately \$40,000 unobligated going toward cash reserves.

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Anticipated Revenue Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024

Member Assessment	FY24 Adopted	FY24 Amended (Proposed)
Floyd County	\$20,428.32	\$20,428.32
Town of Floyd	\$591.36	\$591.36
Giles County	\$13,046.88	\$13,046.88
Pearisburg	\$3,839.88	\$3,839.88
Narrows	\$2,762.76	\$2,762.76
Rich Creek	\$988.68	\$988.68
Pembroke	\$1,520.64	\$1,520.64
Pulaski County	\$29,344.92	\$29,344.92
Town of Pulaski	\$11,860.20	\$11,860.20
Montgomery County	\$40,982.04	\$40,982.04
Blacksburg	\$47,290.32	\$47,290.32
Christiansburg	\$30,819.36	\$30,819.36
City of Radford	\$17,318.40	\$17,318.40
New River Community College	\$992.64	\$992.64
Radford University	\$3,894.00	\$3,894.00
Virginia Tech	\$12,540.00	\$12,540.00
<b>Local Assessments Total</b>	<b>\$238,220.40</b>	<b>\$238,220.40</b>
<b>State Grants</b>		
Dept of Housing and Community Development	\$89,971.00	\$89,971.00
Dept of Transportation	\$58,000.00	\$58,000.00
RIDE Solutions NRV	\$91,526.40	\$91,526.40
DRPT NRV CAP RIDE Solutions Strategic Plan	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
<b>State</b>	<b>\$254,497.40</b>	<b>\$254,497.40</b>
<b>Federal Grants</b>		
EDA	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00
EDA Tech Hubs	\$0.00	\$50,000.00
ARC LDD Technical Assistance	\$60,000.00	\$47,500.00
ARC Jul 23-Dec 23	\$43,851.00	\$43,851.00
ARC Jan 24 - Jun 24 (est)	\$46,990.93	\$46,990.43
ARC POWER Water Trail Implementation	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
ARC Passenger Rail Station Development	\$574,000.00	\$0.00
Hazard Mitigation Plan Update	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Workforce Development Area	\$4,564,775.00	\$4,564,775.00
<b>Federal</b>	<b>\$5,419,616.93</b>	<b>\$4,883,116.43</b>
<b>Local Project Revenue</b>		
HOME	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00
NRVMPO Valley to Valley Community Engagement	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
NRVMPO Passenger Rail Ownership & Operations Update	\$23,000.00	\$7,352.52
NRVMPO NRV CAP RIDE Solutions Strategic Plan Match	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
NRVMPO LRTP	\$47,500.00	\$42,500.00
Workforce Fiscal Agent	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
Workforce YouthBuild Fiscal Agent	\$25,000.00	\$18,750.00
Workforce ARC POWER Fiscal Agent	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
Workforce Ready SwVa Fiscal Agent	\$21,500.00	\$21,500.00
Workforce WORC Fiscal Agent	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Workforce Innovations Fiscal Agent	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Workforce WIOA Soft Skills Fiscal Agent	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
Workforce WIOA Supplemental Fiscal Agent	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
Workforce WIOA Technical Skills Fiscal Agent	\$0.00	\$8,000.00
Workforce Trades Gap Fiscal Agent	\$0.00	\$15,000.00
ARC Christiansburg Downtown Grant Admin	\$9,250.00	\$1,500.00
ARC Floyd Housing Scatter-Site #2 Planning Grant	\$17,500.00	\$0.00
Montgomery County - NRV Opioid Abatement	\$160,000.00	\$160,000.00
VDH Drinking Water Admin	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00
NRHD Mapping & Public Health	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
DEQ New River Watershed Roundtable	\$10,000.00	\$13,250.00
DEQ Town of Christiansburg Crab Creek Beautification	\$4,500.00	\$67,272.00
Floyd CDBG Housing Rehab Grant Admin	\$5,500.00	\$3,755.51
Floyd Town VBAF	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
VHDA Housing Education	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
VHDA Housing Study Implementation	\$37,875.00	\$37,875.00
DHCD VATI 2022	\$0.00	\$1,500,000.00
Montgomery, Pulaski, Bland Broadband Grant Admin	\$90,000.00	\$0.00
Montgomery Co Broadband Grant Admin (VATI 2022)	\$0.00	\$175,495.00
Montgomery Co Broadband Grant Admin (VATI 2021)	\$8,000.00	\$15,500.00
Pulaski Co Broadband Grant Admin (VATI 2022)	\$0.00	\$30,000.00
ARC Giles/Pembroke Schoolhouse Road Broadband	\$0.00	\$68,395.00
CDBG Narrows Downtown BDR	\$0.00	\$4,167.48
VDOT Rocky Knob Grant Admin	\$0.00	\$65,612.00
VOF - Plant SwVA Natives	\$42,241.28	\$83,081.00
VOF - Plant SwVA Natives- Match	\$0.00	\$8,250.00
VDH Community Health Support	\$160,000.00	\$160,000.00
ARPA Grant Admin - Town of Pembroke	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
ARPA Grant Admin - Town of Rich Creek	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
ARPA Grant Admin - Town of Narrows	\$8,500.00	\$0.00
ARPA Grant Admin - City of Radford	\$15,000.00	\$12,876.32
City of Radford East Main Technical Assistance	\$30,028.55	\$21,000.00
Blacksburg Habitat State Home Grant Application	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
Department of Wind Energy Multi-State Study	\$37,500.00	\$0.00
Pemtel Broadband Application	\$0.00	\$8,500.00
Anticipated Grant Admin	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
NRV Passenger Rail Station Authority	\$67,500.00	\$67,500.00
SVSWMA Admin Support	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Virginia Recycling Association Admin Support	\$14,000.00	\$15,000.00
Virginia's First Admin Assistance	\$14,960.00	\$15,000.00
Interest Income - Money market	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Interest Income - VATI	\$0.00	\$98,000.00
Interest Income - Revolving Loan (Restricted)	\$0.00	\$1,678.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Direct Charge Reimbursements	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
<b>ARC Matched Projects</b>		
Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00
Town of Floyd General Technical Assistance	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Pembroke Comprehensive Plan Update	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Radford Zoning Ordinance	\$21,341.93	\$21,341.93
Narrows Comprehensive Plan	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Narrows Parks and Rec	\$0.00	\$3,750.00
Rich Creek Comprehensive Plan	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Pulaski County Parks Master Planning	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Floyd County Comprehensive Plan Update	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
ARC Community Development/CYU matched (Total)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Unprogrammed ARC Jul - Dec 23	\$0.00	\$0.00
Unprogrammed ARC Jan - Jul 24	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Local + ARC Projects Total</b>	<b>\$1,284,420.12</b>	<b>\$3,180,143.19</b>
<b>Total Agency Revenue</b>	<b>\$7,196,754.85</b>	<b>\$8,555,977.42</b>
<b>Total Agency Budget</b>	<b>\$7,156,277.95</b>	<b>\$8,515,500.52</b>
<b>Matching/Cash Obligations Unbudgeted</b>	<b>\$40,476.90</b>	<b>\$40,476.90</b>
<b>Local</b>	<b>\$765,050.88</b>	<b>\$839,616.65</b>
<b>State</b>	<b>\$756,863.68</b>	<b>\$2,575,400.39</b>
<b>Federal</b>	<b>\$5,692,116.93</b>	<b>\$5,158,718.95</b>
<b>Other (indirect ineligible projects)</b>	<b>-\$17,276.64</b>	<b>-\$17,758.57</b>
<b>Total Anticipated Revenue</b>	<b>\$7,196,754.85</b>	<b>\$8,555,977.42</b>

# New River Valley Regional Commission

July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

Agencywide Budget

expense code / category		NRVRC Direct	Common Indirect	NRVRC	Workforce	Agency
		Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
	Salary	1,085,800	324,200	1,410,000	614,994	2,024,994
	Fringe	324,928	95,072	420,000	215,248	635,248
	<b>Total Salaries &amp; Fringe</b>	<b>1,351,389</b>	<b>419,272</b>	<b>1,770,661</b>	<b>830,242</b>	<b>2,660,242</b>
		-				
51000	Travel	28,583	4,700	33,283	26,000	59,283
51100	Office Space	-	68,730	68,730	37,000	105,730
51200	Communications	1,895	22,015	23,911	16,000	39,911
51300	Office Supplies	59,241	19,461	78,702	35,000	113,702
51400	Postage	-	1,400	1,400	250	1,650
51500	Printing	58,000	7,000	65,000	1,500	66,500
51600	Copier Usage/Maintenance	200	1,100	1,300	-	1,300
51700	Outreach/Media Ad	35,850	150	36,000	30,000	66,000
51800	Equipment Rent/Copier	-	3,000	3,000	1,700	4,700
51900	Fleet Vehicles	-	2,000	2,000	-	2,000
52000	Dues/Publications	7,495	12,900	20,395	5,000	25,395
52200	Training /Staff Developmen	44,509	2,000	46,509	7,000	53,509
52300	Meeting Costs	17,416	2,300	19,716	7,000	26,716
	Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-
52210	Insurance	-	4,700	4,700	5,000	9,700
52600	Contractual Service	1,735,269	27,450	1,762,719	3,491,171	5,253,890
52700	Professional Services	2,000	6,000	8,000	15,000	23,000
52800	Miscellaneous/Fees	2,300	2,400	4,700	56,912	61,612
52850	Workforce Grants Admin	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total Non-Personnel Costs</b>	<b>1,992,758</b>	<b>187,306</b>	<b>2,180,065</b>	<b>3,734,533</b>	<b>5,914,598</b>
	<b>Program Costs</b>	<b>3,344,147</b>	<b>606,578</b>	<b>3,950,726</b>	<b>4,564,775</b>	<b>8,515,501</b>
	<b>Common Costs</b>	<b>606,578</b>			-	
	<b>Total Program Costs</b>	<b>3,950,726</b>			<b>4,564,775</b>	<b>8,515,501</b>



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**MEMORANDUM**

**To: Regional Commission Board Members**

**From: Kevin Byrd, Executive Director**

**Date: May 16, 2024**

**Re: Setting 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Priorities**

Each year the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) asks the Regional Commission to assist with identifying CDBG priorities for the region. A coordination memo was distributed to local governments and the lists below anticipates their input based on known projects. The Block Grant Priorities for 2023 are listed in the left column and suggestions for 2024 priorities based on identified projects are listed in the right column. Changes between 2023 and 2024 for Priority #1 pertain to potential projects related to housing redevelopment, water/sewer improvements and commercial structures in downtown areas. Also, DHCD requested a list of grant proposals which may be submitted by localities in the region for 2024. Potential projects which staff is aware of are listed below.

2023 Priorities

**Priority #1**

Community Service Facility (Utilities/Physical Structure)  
Housing -Housing Rehabilitation  
Housing – Housing Production Assistance

**Priority #2**

Comprehensive Community Development

**Priority #3**

Economic Devel-Business District Revitalization

2024 Suggested Priorities

**Priority #1**

Community Service Facility (Utilities/Physical Structure)  
Housing -Housing Rehabilitation  
Comprehensive Community Development

**Priority #2**

Economic Devel-Business District Revitalization

**Priority #3**

Housing – Housing Production Assistance

Known potential projects are as follows:

Construction:

Last mile fiber – Regional  
Downtown Revitalization – Narrows  
Downtown Revitalization – Pulaski Town  
Calfee Community and Cultural Center – Pulaski Town  
Scattered Site Housing – Floyd Co  
Walton Road to Plum Creek– Mont Co (water)  
Lafayette – Montgomery Co (water)  
Police/Fire Facility - Narrows  
Waste Water Treatment Facility – Narrows  
Water/Sewer System Improvements - Narrows

Planning:

Housing Rehab – Floyd County  
Rt. 99 Utility Service – Pulaski Twn/Co  
Longshop/McCoy (water) – Mont. Co.  
Comprehensive Community Development – Floyd Town  
Mt. Zion/Brooksfield Rd (water) – Mont. Co.  
Firetower Rd (wate) – Mont. Co.  
Last Mile Fiber - Narrows  
Union Valley Area (water) – Mont. Co.  
Sewer Upgrade PER – Narrows

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** NRVRC Commissioners

**From:** Kevin Byrd, Executive Director

**Date:** May 16, 2024

**Re:** Annual Commission Awards Process and Criterial for Review/Discussion

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In 2014 the Commission initiated an awards program. The Commission identified three award categories, established criteria and solicits nominees each year. The previous award recipients are listed at the end of the memo. Below are the award criteria and the process anticipated for the 2024 awards for review and discussion before launching the call for nominees which will be due by August 13th.

**Champion of the Valley:** an elected or appointed official (past or present) from within or representing the New River Valley that has made significant contributions for the betterment of the region. Focus will be on candidates that have regional impact, improve communities through their dedication, and collaborative approach.

**Citizen of the Valley:** an individual or organization within the New River Valley that has made significant contributions toward the betterment of the region. Focus will be on candidates that improve communities through their dedication, collaborative approach, and overall impact.

**Friend of the Valley:** an individual or organization outside of the New River Valley that has made significant contributions to the betterment of the region. Focus will be on candidates that improve communities through their regional impact, dedication, and collaborative approach.

Please tell us why you think your nominee should be recognized as exemplifying one of the award categories in 750 words or less. This input will be the primary document used to select award recipients. Nominations should include examples of how the candidate contributes within the context of the proposed award category. In addition, you may want to include how the candidate impressed you or has influenced your work, what projects, positions and/or volunteer activities the candidate has been engaged with, and/or why the candidate stands out and should be recognized. Previous nominees may be resubmitted for consideration. The Regional Commission Board of Directors will select the 2024 award recipients by ballot at their meeting on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Process:**

May – Commission review award criteria and process

June – Release call for award nominees, due August 13<sup>th</sup>

August – Commission review and select award recipients

September – Contact award recipients to ensure schedule availability for October award presentation

October – Present awards at annual dinner event

**Past Award Winners****Champion of the Valley**

2014 – Joseph Sheffey (Pulaski County Board of Supervisors, retired)

2015 – Congressman Rick Boucher (9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, retired)

2016 – Delegate Joseph Yost and William Brown (12<sup>th</sup> House District in Virginia; Montgomery County Board of Supervisors, retired)

2017 – Chris McKlarney (Giles County Administrator)

2018 – Susan Kidd (Director of Strategic Development – Town of Narrows)

2019 – Delegate Nick Rush (7<sup>th</sup> House District in Virginia)

2020 – Chris Tuck (Montgomery County Board of Supervisors, retired)

2021 – Lydeana Martin (Floyd County) and Craig Meadows (Montgomery County Administrator)

2022 – Penny Franklin (Montgomery County School Board)

2023 – Delegate Jason Ballard (12<sup>th</sup> House District in Virginia)

2023 – Robert Graham (Superintendent Pulaski County Schools)

**Citizen of the Valley**

2014 – Dr. Charles Steger (Virginia Tech President, retired)

2015 – Mr. Ken Anderson (Anderson and Associates, retired)

2016 – Penelope Kyle, JD (Radford University President, 2005-2016)

2017 – Woody Crenshaw (Floyd Entrepreneur)

2018 – P. Buckley Moss (Artist/Philanthropist) and David Hagan (Business Owner/Community Investor)

2019 – Raymond Smoot (Community Leader)

2020 – Bill Ellenbogen (Community Advocate)

2021 – Shelley Fortier (Habitat for Humanity of the NRV, retired) and John Dooley (VT Foundation, retired)

2022 – Janaka Casper (Community Housing Partners)

2023 – Cathy Hanks (Friends of Peak Creek & New River Conservancy)

**Friend of the Valley**

2016 – Mary Moody Northen Foundation (Mountain Lake Lodge)

2017 – Bill Shelton (Director of the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development)

2019 – John Smolak, III (Appalachian Power)

2022 – New River Conservancy





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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** NRVRC Board Members  
**From:** Kevin Byrd, Executive Director  
**Date:** May 16, 2024  
**Re:** Appointment of FY25 Nominating Committee

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Each spring the Regional Commission board selects leadership to serve on the Executive Committee for the following fiscal year. The nominating committee is prescribed in the bylaws to consist of the Chair, Treasurer, and a Commission member at-large appointed by the Chair. Chair Johnson will be formalizing the committee to bring a slate to the June Commission meeting. The Executive Committee is comprised of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Past Chair, and at-large seats. The Executive Committee meets on the third Wednesday at Noon with the Executive Director to review financials, the upcoming meeting agenda, and discussion of timely regional issues.

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