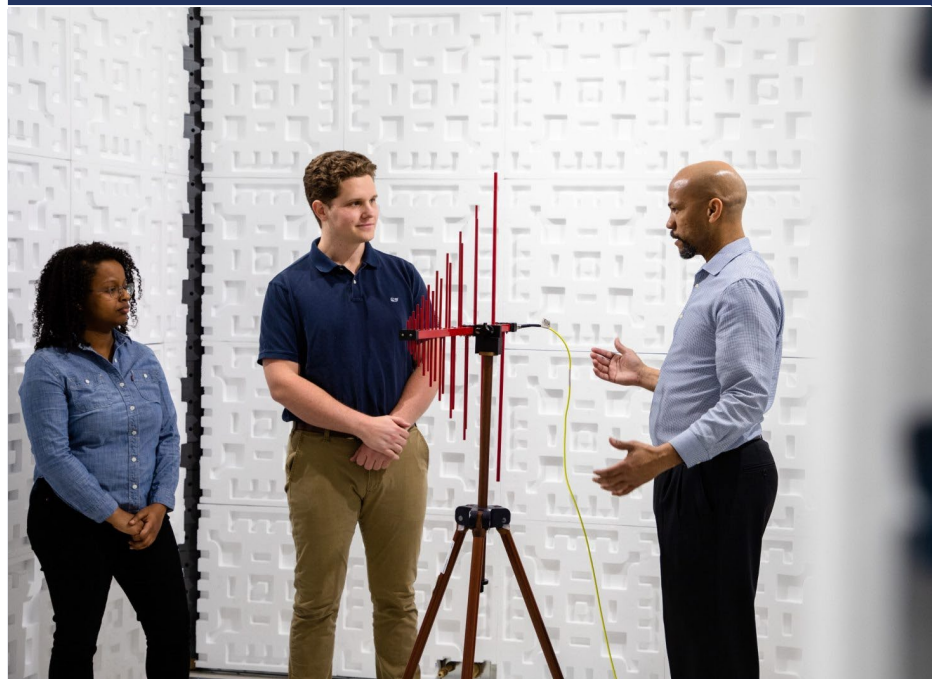




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Virginia Growth and Opportunity Board

Business Meeting
June 10, 2025



Center for Energy Research and Education Industry Lab offers students the opportunities to observe and assist with research in fields of science and engineering. *(Photo courtesy of GO Virginia Region 2 Website)*



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Agenda

- I. Opening
- II. Consent Agenda
- III. Deputy Director's Report
- IV. Governance and Policy Committee Report
- V. Regional Council Committee Report
- VI. Information Items
- VII. Adjournment



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COgro Labs at Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center *(Source: GO Virginia Region 2 Annual Report)*



I. Opening

- a. Call to Order
- b. Introduction of New Members
- c. Roll Call
- d. Public Comment



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II. Consent Agenda – *Action Items*

- a. March 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes
- b. FY26 Regional Per Capita and Competitive Allocation
- c. FY26 Regional Capacity Building Allocation
- d. FY26 Regional Capacity Building Budget Approvals
- e. Board Bylaws



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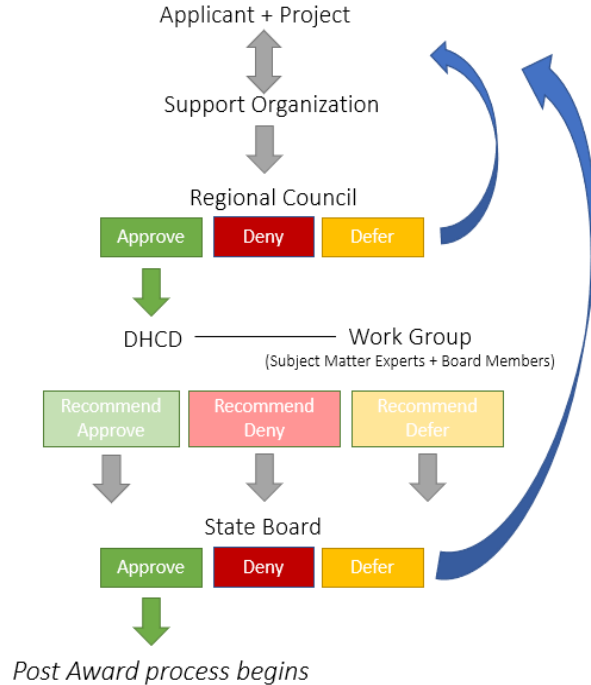
III. Deputy Director's Report

- a. **Action Item:**
 - I. Per Capita Applications (8)
- b. Maximum Regional Per Capita Carryover Allowance (Board Policy #14)



Application Process

GO Virginia Application Review



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- Applications are submitted to Regional Councils
- Approved applications are advanced to DHCD
- Technical review by DHCD staff
- Workgroup review and project pitch calls
- Staff prepares recommendations for Board
- Presented for Board consideration
 - *Approve*
 - *Defer*
 - *Not Approve*
- Approved projects go to contract



Evaluation Criteria

- **Economic Impact**

- Metrics and outcomes program aligned and defined
- Demonstration of economic impact

- **Regional Collaboration**

- Regional Plan Alignment
- Meaningful participation of 2 or more localities
- Collaboration with industry and other partners

- **Project Readiness**

- Partner Commitments, Match Resources, and Milestones

- **Sustainability**

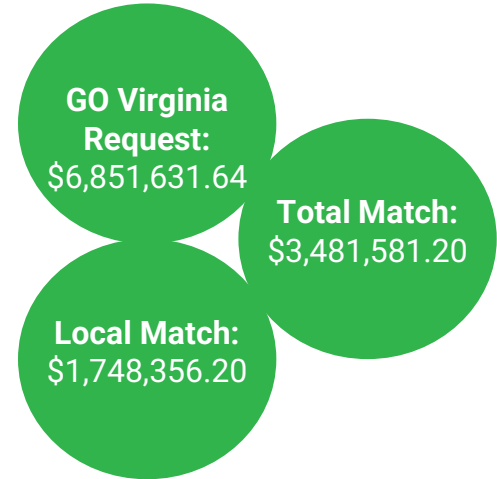
- Clean and Executable Plan, Sustained Demand for the project



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a. Per Capita Applications

- 8 Proposals to Take Action On
- 6 out of 9 Regions Participated
- **Industry Cluster Targets:** Life Sciences/Biotechnology; Information and Emerging Technologies; Advanced Manufacturing; Energy; Transportation and Logistics
- **Investment Strategies:** 6 Workforce Development Projects, 1 Cluster Scaleup, and 2 Startup Ecosystem Projects





Region 7: Innovation District



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Participating Localities: *Prince William County (cash, in-kind, and steering committee) and the City of Manassas (cash and steering committee)*

Applicant: *George Mason University (GMU)*

Targeted Industry Cluster(s): Cybersecurity and Data Infrastructure, Life Sciences/Biotechnology Emerging Technologies (includes Semiconductors and Electronics) and Aerospace and Defense

Investment Strategy: Cluster Scaleup

Goal: To support the accelerated growth of life sciences, biotechnology, and emerging technologies within the region

Outcomes:

- 216 people trained (includes participants from the life science certification course, senior capstone projects, and the programming of the young professional's network)
- 4 new businesses created
- 50 businesses served
- \$25M raised by businesses served
- 20 patents filed
- 117 jobs created
- 8 businesses attracted
- 12 existing businesses expanded

**GOVA
Request:**
\$2,604,410

Total Match:
\$1,302,598
Local Match:
\$475,000

Project Budget:
\$3,907,008

**Additional
Leverage:**
\$-

Staff Recommendation:
Approve

Region 3: SOVA Fab Lab at the SOVA Innovation Campus

Participating Localities: *Charlotte County (advisory), Halifax County (advisory), Mecklenburg County (advisory), Town of South Boston (advisory), Town of Halifax (advisory)*

Applicant: *SOVA Innovation Hub Corporation*

Targeted Industry Cluster(s): Advanced Manufacturing, Information Technology

Investment Strategy: Startup Ecosystem

Goal: Establish a digital fabrication laboratory to support entrepreneurship and workforce development, in order to grow high growth sectors in the region

Outcomes:

- 100 businesses served
- 20 mentors engaged
- 84 jobs created



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**GOVA
Request:**
\$510,000

Total Match:
\$260,000
Local Match:
\$-

Project Budget:
\$770,000

**Additional
Leverage:**
\$-

Staff Recommendation:
Approve



Region 6: Virginia Tidewater Aquaculture & Maritime Innovation Incubator Program

Participating Localities: *Lancaster County (advisory board) and Northumberland County (cash and advisory board)*

Applicant: *Greater Reedville Association (GRA)*

Targeted Industry Cluster(s): Aquaculture

Investment Strategy: Startup Ecosystem

Goal: To grow and expand regional entrepreneurship activity focused on the waterman industry.

Outcomes:

- 27 jobs created
- 10 existing businesses expanded
- 20 businesses served
- \$190,000 total funds raised by businesses served



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**GOVA
Request:**
\$280,800

Total Match:
\$140,400
Local Match:
\$25,660

Project Budget:
\$524,386

**Additional
Leverage:**
\$103,186

Staff Recommendation:
Approve

Region 2: GO TEC Launch In the New River Valley and Roanoke County

Participating Localities: Montgomery County (cash and in-kind), Roanoke County (cash and in-kind), Giles County (cash and in-kind), Pulaski County (cash and in-kind), City of Radford (cash and in-kind)

Applicant: *Montgomery County Public Schools*

Targeted Industry Cluster(s): Transportation and Autonomy Manufacturing, Materials and Machinery Manufacturing, Life Sciences and Biotechnology, and IT, Engineering, and Emerging Technologies

Investment Strategy: Workforce Development

Goal: To increase the pool of qualified workers supporting the Transportation and Autonomy Manufacturing, Materials and Machinery Manufacturing, Life Sciences and Biotechnology, and IT, Engineering, and Emerging Technologies industry clusters.

Outcomes:

- 1,135 people trained
- 1 new program/credential implemented



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**GOVA
Request:**
\$994,212.64

Total Match:
\$518,956.20
Local Match:
\$518,956.20

Project Budget:
\$1,513,168.84

**Additional
Leverage:**
\$-

Staff Recommendation:
Approve

Region 3: SVCC Occupational Training Facility Expansion

Participating Localities: Nottoway County (in kind and regional workgroup), Town of Blackstone (regional workgroup) and Commonwealth Regional Council (regional workgroup on behalf of its member localities)

Applicant: *Southern Virginia Community College (SVCC) Foundation*

Targeted Industry Cluster(s): Energy-dependent sectors, including Information Technology & Communications and Manufacturing; Logistics & Transportation

Investment Strategy: Workforce Development

Goal: To increase the pool of a qualified workforce and help meet the unmet demand for commercial truck drivers and power line workers in the region.

Outcomes:

- 50 people trained
- 200 credentials awarded



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**GOVA
Request:**
\$570,000

Total Match:
\$285,000
Local Match:
\$151,800

Project Budget:
\$3,991,457

**Additional
Leverage:**
\$3,136,457

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Region 4: Advanced Engineering and Manufacturing Technician Program

Participating Localities: *Dinwiddie County Public Schools (cash), Prince George County Schools (cash), Sussex County Public Schools (cash)*

Applicant: *Rowanty Technical Center (with Prince George County Public Schools as the fiscal agent)*

Targeted Industry Cluster(s): Advanced Manufacturing

Investment Strategy: Workforce Development

Goal: To grow the pool of qualified workers in the advanced manufacturing industry by establishing new workforce credential programming.

Outcomes:

- 40 people trained
- 20 job placements
- 20 businesses served
- 20 new interns placed
- 1 new apprenticeship created
- 1 new program implemented
- 120 credentials awarded
- 15 students completing dual enrollment programs



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**GOVA
Request:**
\$520,000

Total Match:
\$260,000
Local Match:
\$79,000

Project Budget:
\$780,000

**Additional
Leverage:**
\$-

Staff Recommendation:
Approve



Region 4: GO TEC Expansion



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Participating Localities: *City of Richmond Public Schools (cash), Charles City County Public Schools (cash and in-kind), Prince George County Public Schools (cash)*

Applicant: *The Commonwealth Center for Advanced Manufacturing (CCAM)*

Targeted Industry Cluster(s): Advanced Manufacturing, Information Technology, Bioscience, Logistics

Investment Strategy: Workforce Development

Goal: To create career exploration opportunities in targeted industries in GO Virginia Region 4 by creating Career Connection labs as a part of the GO TEC hub-and-spoke model.

Outcomes:

- 1,200 people trained

**GOVA
Request:**
\$970,835

Total Match:
\$513,940
Local Match:
\$497,940

Project Budget:
\$1,589,436

**Additional
Leverage:**
\$104,661

Staff Recommendation:
Approve

Region 8: Expressway to Power

Participating Localities: *Clarke County (advisory), Frederick county (advisory), Page County (advisory), Shenandoah County (advisory), Warren County (advisory), City of Winchester (advisory), City of Front Royal (advisory)*

Applicant: *Laurel Ridge Community College*

Targeted Industry Cluster(s): IT and Emerging Technologies

Investment Strategy: Workforce Development

Goal: To increase the pool of qualified workers supporting the IT and Emerging Technologies industry cluster.

Outcomes:

- 60 people trained
- 56 job placements
- 6 businesses served
- 56 apprenticeships created
- 3 new programs created
- 392 credentials awarded



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**GOVA
Request:**
\$401,374

Total Match:
\$200,687
Local Match:
\$-

Project Budget:
\$1,394,981

**Additional
Leverage:**
\$792,920

Staff Recommendation:
Approve



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V. Regional Council Committee Report



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VI. Information Items

- *DHCD Administratively Approved Projects*
 - *Regions 2 & 3 – Artificial Intelligence Statewide Landscape Assessment*
 - *Region 3 – Co-locating Data Centers and CEA Greenhouses Feasibility Project*
 - *Region 5 – Advancing Commercialization and Innovation Opportunities for Jefferson Lab*
 - *Region 6 –Cyber Titans VIP*
 - *Region 6 – RIVERE Impact Analysis*
 - *Region 9 – Food and Beverage Business Accelerator*



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Future Meeting Schedule

- September 9th Board Meeting and Retreat (In-Person in Richmond)
- December 9th Board Meeting (Virtual)