

CRC'S APRIL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Grant Assistance:

- **Congratulations to the Town of Blackstone** on being awarded \$247,000 through DHCD's Industrial Revitalization Fund for additional funds for the renovation and rehabilitation of Harris Memorial Armory.
- **VDACS, AFID Infrastructure Grant:** The CRC is assisting Virginia Food Works with a grant application to purchase a variety of equipment for the Prince Edward County Cannery.
- **FEMA, FP & S Grant:** The CRC assisted the Charlotte County Department of Public Safety with an application to purchase smoke detectors, medical equipment for fire personal, and accountability system for firefighters.
- **FEMA, SAFER Grant:** The CRC assisted Farmville Fire Department with an application to hire additional paid fire staff.
- **Congressional Directed Spending (CPS):** The CRC assisted Prince Edward County with an application for the build out of Sandy River Reservoir as a public water source.
- **DCR, Recreational Trails Grant:** The CRC is assisting Lunenburg County and the Towns of Victoria and Kenbridge with an application to DCR's Recreational Trails Grant Program to expand the Tobacco Heritage Trail. The Town of Victoria will serve as the applicant.

Lunenburg/Kenbridge/Victoria Comprehensive Plan Update



The CRC held a working committee meeting on Thursday, April 4, 2024. During the meeting, the committee discussed the plan for the upcoming community meetings and the citizen survey. CRC staff lead two community meetings at the Kenbridge Town Hall and Victoria Public Library. For the citizen survey, there was a request for a Spanish version of the survey. The CRC is working with Centra staff to translate the survey into Spanish. The survey is planned to be released by mid-May.

CRC Affordable Workforce Housing Development Program



The CRC has a remaining \$225,357.46 in grant funding that has not been obligated to a housing partner or CRC staff time. The CRC released a third round of grant funding to seek funding applications from experienced housing partners to establish affordable workforce housing units throughout the CRC region by June 30, 2025. Applications were due on April 8th. The CRC received five applications and are currently reviewing the applications for award determination.



Charlotte County Comprehensive Plan Update

On April 10th, the Charlotte County Board of Supervisor held a public hearing for the Charlotte County Comprehensive Plan. After the public hearing, the Board passed a resolution adopting the Comprehensive Plan.

Standing Up the New REDO - Virginia's Heartland Regional Economic Development Alliance



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The CRC signed the agreement with Convergent to begin the Fundraising campaign for VHREDA on April 1, 2024. The VHREDA Private Investment Campaign Kick-Off Meeting was held the first week of April. The County Administrators and Longwood University participated in this meeting. VHREDA Public Investment requests to all seven counties and Longwood University have been sent out. CRC staff, at the request of Amelia, Charlotte, Lunenburg, and Prince Edward Counties, made presentations regarding this request to either the Counties Budget Committee or in the case of Amelia to the Economic Authority.

CRC Staff Announcement

The CRC would like to welcome the newest members to our team. Wenday Newton serves as the Council's Financial Director. Wendy started with the Council on April 1st. The CRC Executive Director Search Committee also announced that Christin Jackson was selected for the Executive Director position. Christin has accepted and started with the Council on May 1st and will serve as the Interim Director until Melody's retirement that will begin on July 1st. Monica Hazelwood-Frisby will also be joining the CRC on June 3, 2024 as our new Regional Planner. Welcome to the team, Wendy, Christin, and Monica!

As a result of Todd Fortune, Deputy Director leaving the CRC on April 24, 2024 to join Fluvanna County as Planning Director, the CRC promoted Lauren Jones to CRC Planning Director.

Upcoming Funding Opportunities:

VDACS AFID Planning Grant: Open; Rolling Basis

VDOF, Virginia Trees for Clean Water: Open - Rolling Basis

VDACS, AFID Infrastructure Grant: Opens 3/25/24, Closes 5/6/24

DHCD Industrial Revitalization Fund: Opens 4/1/24, Closes 6/1/24

DHCD CBDG Planning Grant: Opens 6/15/24

DHCD CBDG Grant: Closes 6/12/24

VOF, Preservation Trust Fund: Summer 2024

VEDP, Site Remediation Grant: Fall 2024

Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Grants: Summer 2024

DEQ, Litter Prevention and Recycling Fund: Closes 6/17/24

The CRC provides free grant writing services for member localities and local 501C3 non-profits.