

Commonwealth Regional Council

March 2025 Items of Interest

Upcoming Funding Opportunities:

- Centra Community Grant
 - Opens 4/1/2025
 - Closes 5/15/2025
- DHCD, Industrial Revitalization Fund
 - Opens 4/1/2025
- VA Housing, Accessibility Grant FY 25
 - Closes 5/31/2025
- VA Housing, Community Impact Planning Grant
 - Closes 5/31/2025
- VA Housing, Community Impact Stabilization & Deconstruction
 - Closes 5/31/2025
- VA Housing, Capacity Building Grant
 - Closes 5/31/2025

Grant Assistance:

- Applications were submitted to the Sentara grant program for Crossroads Services to purchase generators and for Charlotte County Meals on Wheels to expand service and provide five meals a week to all clients.
- A regional grant was submitted to the Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission to help towns pursue historic designations and catalog vacant buildings in the BOOMS database.
- The CRC applied for funding through the Virginia Housing Regional Housing Program to build 10 homes across Buckingham County, Farmville, Keysville, and Crewe, through a partnership with Piedmont Habitat for Humanity
- A TRRC grant application was submitted to support branding and communications for Virginia's Heartland Regional Economic Development Alliance.
- An application to the Virginia Outdoor Foundation's Preservation Trust Fund was submitted to support restoration work at the Keysville Reservoir, including a regreaved parking lot and new boat landing.

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

Connected America Conference

CRC's Ethan Bowman attended the Connected America Conference in Dallas, Texas, which focused on broadband expansion, digital equity, and emerging infrastructure technologies. The event provided valuable insights that will help guide CRC's work on broadband access across the region.



CRC Hosts Regional Water Supply Plan Meeting

The CRC hosted the kickoff meeting for the Roanoke River 3 Regional Water Supply Plan on March 20th. DEQ staff presented updates on regulatory changes, planning elements, and the long-term coordination needed to ensure sustainable water resources in the region.

Affordable Workforce Housing – Homes Set in Keysville

All five homes along Ashley Way in Keysville have been set and are now being completed by contractors. This milestone is part of CRC's ongoing partnership with Piedmont Habitat for Humanity and Virginia Housing to expand affordable housing in the region.



Crewe Downtown Revitalization Planning Grant

The Town of Crewe held its first public hearing on March 3rd in preparation for the CBDG Downtown Revitalization grant application process. A second public hearing is scheduled for April 14th. CRC continues to support the Town in its revitalization efforts.

Lunenburg/Kenbridge/Victoria Joint Comprehensive Plan Approved

The final draft of the Joint Comprehensive Plan was officially approved Town Councils of Victoria & Kenbridge, and the Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors.