



VIRGINIA TOBACCO Indemnification and Community Revitalization COMMISSION REGION



140 Industrial Parks
78 Publicly Owned Industrial Parks

Community Colleges

Danville Community College
Mountain Empire Community College
Patrick Henry Community College
Southside Virginia Community College – Alberta-Christanna
Southside Virginia Community College – Keysville-Daniel
Southwest Virginia Community College
Virginia Highlands Community College
Wytheville Community College
Southern Virginia Higher Education Center
Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center

Colleges and Universities

Appalachian School of Law
Averett University
Bluefield College
Emory and Henry College
Ferrum College
Hampden-Sydney College
National College of Business & Technology-
Bluefield, Danville, Martinsville Campuses
Saint Pauls College
Virginia Intermont College
Longwood University
New College Institute
University of Virginia's College at Wise
University of Appalachia College of
Pharmacy

Research and Development Centers

- 1 R&D Center for Advanced Manufacturing and Energy Efficiency
- 2 Riverstone Energy Centre
- 3 Center for Advanced Engineering and Research
- 4 Sustainable Energy Technology Center -
Institute for Advanced Learning & Research
- 5 Southwest Virginia Clean Energy R&D Center
- 6 Appalachia America Energy Research Center



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| | Research and Development Center | | Airport |
| | Community College | | Interstate Highway |
| | College/University | | Proposed Interstate |
| | Workforce Development Center | | US Highway |
| | Commercial Airport | | Railroad |



Virginia Tobacco Commission Grant Programs

Agribusiness:

These funds are awarded to assist tobacco producers and the tobacco region's agricultural community in diversifying into new production opportunities and developing value added enterprises.

Education:

These funds are awarded for various projects that will create a world-class workforce in the tobacco region, including scholarships, community college programs, workforce training, and vocational and adult education programs.

Research and Development:

In 2010, the Commission created the Research and Development (R&D) grant fund to encourage collaboration between private investors and Virginia's educational institutions to conduct research and development in the tobacco region in an effort to support technology-based economic development. These funds are intended to attract entities who propose to: engage in applied research that is post proof-of-concept; pursue commercialization within 36 months; invent and/or improve products, processes, or services that originate and remain in the region (highest priority); or whose value is substantially increased in the region (lower priority); provide to the Commission, or its designee, intellectual property rights ("IP") commensurate with the Commission's contribution to the project; conduct research and development in the following areas: Energy (of primary interest to the Commission), Biomedical and Health Care, Information Technology, Chemical and Materials, and Environmental.

Southside and Southwest Economic Development:

These funds are used to develop industrial sites and business/technology parks, improve water, sewer and other utility infrastructure, and develop tourism infrastructure. Economic Development funds are allocated to each county in southside Virginia by a formula that takes into account tobacco production, job losses, economic development impact and warehouse designations. These funds are available to all southwest counties, cities, towns and non-profits without regard to specific tobacco-related criteria.

Special Projects:

These funds are awarded for projects that benefit several localities within one region or have the potential to have a significant impact on the economy of the tobacco region as a whole such as research facilities and regional business development that impact multiple localities.

Reserve Fund:

This fund was established in 2009 to provide commitment of funds needed to attract non-Commission project funding, including federal ARRA stimulus funds. The initial projects approved by the Commission include funds to match federal requests for new construction projects in broadband deployment, sustainable energy production, workforce training facilities, and utility/site development for business parks.

Tobacco Region Opportunity Fund (TROF):

The Tobacco Region Opportunity Fund (TROF) provides performance-based monetary grants to localities in Virginia's tobacco producing regions to assist in the creation of new jobs and investments, whether through new business attraction or existing business expansion. Evaluation of award amount is consistent throughout the region and based on the following criteria: local unemployment rates, prevailing wage rates, number of new jobs, capital investment levels, industry type and the possibility of related economic multiplier effect.

Our Mission – Section 3.2-3101, Code of Virginia

"The Commission is established for the purposes of determining the appropriate recipients of moneys in the Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Fund and causing distribution of such moneys for the purposes provided in this chapter, including using moneys in the Fund to (i) provide payments to tobacco farmers as compensation for the adverse economic effects resulting from loss of investment in specialized tobacco equipment and barns and lost tobacco production opportunities associated with a decline in quota and (ii) revitalize tobacco dependent communities."

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