

<u>Cities of:</u> Buena Vista, Harrisonburg, Lexington, Staunton, Waynesboro, & Winchester <u>Counties of:</u> Augusta, Bath, Clarke, Frederick, Highland, Page, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Shenandoah, & Warren

GO Virginia Region 8 Regional Council Agenda

Mountain Gateway Community College: Buena Vista Campus Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 10:00 AM

Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/94484065876?pwd=UGOXguATs6mxwHjSa0bhomfVaLaqIW.1

1. Call to Order and Welcome Dr. Yolanda Shields, Chair

2. Introductions / Roll Call / Special Guests Alison Varner-Denbigh, ED

3. Welcome to Mountain Gateway Community College Dr. John Rainine, President

4. Approval of July 22, 2025 Council Minutes (Attached)* Dr. Yolanda Shields, Chair

5. Grant Review Committee Report*

a. Shenandoah Valley Commercial Kitchen Planning Grant (attached)

i. Marguerite Landenburger & Kelly Nemzek, Applicants
 b. Page County Meat Processing Cooperative – Cancellation Request (attached)

i. Alison Varner-Denbigh, ED

6. Growth & Diversification Plan Presentation (Attached)*

Jeremy Crute, CSPDC

Ashley Driver, GRC Chair

7. Financial Update (Attached)

Brandon Davis, NSVRC Director

8. Executive Director's Report

Alison Varner-Denbigh, ED

- a. FY2025 Annual Report
- b. CY2026 Dates & Deadlines Calendar

9. Council Chairman's Report

Dr. Yolanda Shields, Chair

- a. Council Member Candidate Request for Recommendations
- 10. Public Comments

11. Closing Comments / Adjournment

Dr. Yolanda Shields, Chair

Next Council Meeting: January 27, 2026 at 10am – ALL VIRTUAL

Legend: FYI Only, For Review & Feedback, For Review & Vote*



Region 8

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GO VIRGINIA REGION 8 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 22, 2025, 10:00 am to 11:54 am Blue Ridge Community College – Plecker Building

FIRST	LAST	AFFILIATION	ATTENDED
Hobey	Bauhan	Virginia Poultry Federation	✓
Emily	Marlow Beck	Marlow Auto Group	absent
Kim	Blosser	Laurel Ridge Community College	✓
Eric	Bond	Augusta County Schools	Virtual
Lisa	Botkin	Shenandoah Regional Airport	✓
Janet	Clarke	Clarke Consulting LLC.	√
Ed	Daley	Interim Warren County Administrator	✓
Dottie	Day	Navy Federal Credit Union	✓
Randy	Doyle	Shenandoah Valley Workforce Development Board	Absent
Ashley	Driver	AD Engineering, LLC	✓
John	Graves	Luray Caverns Corporation	Absent
Conrad	Helsley	NSVRC Board	✓ 10:23a
Greg	Hitchen	Waynesboro Economic Development Director	✓
Bobby	Hobbs	Senior VP, Cornerstone Bank	Virtual
Lai	Lee	High Meadow Strategies	✓
Tracey	Luellen	Senior HR Manager, Toray Plastics	Virtual
Mary	McDermott	Shenandoah Valley Angel Investors	Virtual
Mitch	Moorel	Shenandoah University	Absent
Doug	Moyer	Sentara RMH Medical Center	✓
Cary	Nelson	President, H.N.Funkhouser & Co.	Absent
Shawn	Pellington	McKee Foods	✓
Yolanda	Shields*	YesBuilds	Absent
Bruce	Simms	Virginia Regional Transit	Virtual
Mike	Stolarz	UTS Systems	Virtual
Anthony	Tongen	James Madison University	✓
Dave	Urso	Blue Ridge Community College	✓

Support staff attending included: Alison Varner-Denbigh (Region 8 Executive Director), Brandon Davis (NSVRC)), Ann Cundy (CSPDC), Jay Langston (SVP-ExOfficio), Cody Anderson (DHCD), and Jack Honig (DHCD)

In person guests included: Jeremy Crute (CSPDC), Elizabeth Goodloe (CSPDC), Brandy Flint (Applicant: Rockbridge Co), Paige Owens & Robyn Sherman (Rockbridge CTE & WBL), Sharon Johnson (SVWDB), Mason Bishop (WorkED

Consulting), Mary Sullivan (VTop), Kristina Ramsey (Buena Vista), Michele Edwards (Staunton Mayor), Alice Woods (Staunton City Council), and Delegate Chris Runion (11:14am arrival).

Virtual guests included: Joel Hensley, Liz Salvage (SVWDB member), Julie Shafferl (Ben Cline's Aid), Jessica Blythe (Staunton ED), Lisa (Valley Health)

Call to Order and Welcome

The July 22, 2025 Council meeting for GO Virginia Region 8 was called to order by Vice Chair Janet Clarke at 10:00 a.m. Denbigh asked those in attendance virtually and in person to introduce themselves. Clarke reminded the attendees of the public nature of the meeting, thus the need to follow state laws and regulations.

Roll Call

Alison Varner-Denbigh called the Council roll, and a quorum was confirmed.

Welcome to Blue Ridge Community College (BRCC)

Clarke introduced Dave Urso, Vice-President of BRCC and GoVaR8 Council Member.

Consent Agenda

The April 22, 2025 Regional Council Meeting Minutes was motioned for approval by Ed Daley, followed by a second from Greg Hitchen, and was approved by unanimous vote.

Grant Review Committee Report

Committee Chair Ashley Driver introduced the two grant applications totaling \$170,000 from Rockbridge County Economic Development. He explained the process the GRC follows and asked the applicant to provide a brief presentation on their project.

Rockbridge Co Dual Enrollment Cybersecurity Program

Applicant explained this application is requesting \$39,826.60 to purchase essential equipment to support the cybersecurity program, including 26 Dell OptiPlex computers, 26 Raspberry Pi Microcomputers, a Cisco switch, a wireless access point, and grant administration costs. The local match of \$20,000 covers a portion of the instructor's salary, funded by Rockbridge County and City of Lexington. The program will introduce a structured, progressive curriculum in cybersecurity in partnership with Mountain Gateway Community College offering dual enrollment, which includes Computer Information Systems (DE), Cybersecurity I Fundamentals (DE), and Cybersecurity II Operations (DE), Cybersecurity III Operations Advanced (DE). Students will be eligible to earn industry-standard certifications that are highly sought after by employers in IT field such as CompTIA A+, CompTIA Network + (NET+), CompTIA Security+, and Security Pro Certification. If approved by the state, the program will be implemented immediately after purchased equipment arrives. This program forecasts 20 students trained, 16 credentials awarded, and 10 job placements per year.

Rockbridge Co Advanced Manufacturing Workforce Development

The grant project is requesting \$131,128 which will support the purchase of equipment and curriculum for welding, fabrication, and manufacturing training, including a forklift, plasma table, welders, toolboxes, software, and safety equipment. The matching funds of \$71,000 will cover part of the forklift cost and installation of permanent gas lines in the welding lab. The investment modernizes the CTE programs and supports credential attainment aligned with the local workforce needs. Manufacturing Program participants will receive Manufacturing Technician Level 1 (MT1) and OSHA Forklift Operator Certification. The Welding Lab participants will earn NCCER Core – Introduction to Basic Construction Skills with the Dual Enrollment Welding Certifications of Flux Core Arc Welding (FCAW), Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW), Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (GTAW), and Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW). The program forecasts 30 students trained, 30 credentials awarded, and 20 job placements per year.

Alison stated to the council that these grant proposals will use up the remaining FY25 unallocated funds totaling \$120,881.21 as of June 30, 2025.

Lai Lee made a motion to support the Rockbridge Co Dual Enrollment Cybersecurity implementation grant for \$39,826.60 and seconded by Dave Urso. A roll call vote to approve was unanimous. Lisa Botkin made a motion to support the Rockbridge Co Advanced Manufacturing Workforce Development Program for \$131,128 and seconded by Conrad Helsley. A roll call vote to approve was unanimous.

Financial Status Report

Brandon Davis of the Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission presented the Comprehensive Financial Dashboard. It was indicated that GoVaR8 has two current grant projects with project extensions – The Capacitor Incubator Program has been extended to 12/31/25 and the Winchester AAM Pipeline Study has been extended to 11/1/2025 (both approved by DHCD). After taking into account the approval of the two current grant proposal above (presented today), the cumulative FY26 per capita available balance is \$1,061,800.90. It is anticipated to have the Ag Innovation Center – BV project and SHD Technology Park project formally closed out prior to next quarter.

Talent Pathways Initiative Update

Sharon Johnson (SVWDB) gave an update on the progress of the TPI project, next steps, and final report due to DHCD in July. Mason Bishop (WorkED Consulting) gave a presentation on findings of the FINAL study (PowerPoint Presentation Attached) and explained the proposed solutions for the Manufacturing and Transportation & Logistics Industry Workforce Issues. The Final TPI report will be distributed to Region 8 via email (using Hubspot CRM database), posting on new GoVaR8 social media channels, SVWDB will distribute, and Alison will arrange a follow-up virtual meeting for anyone interested in attending for Q&A session.

Growth & Diversification Plan Update

Jeremy Crute (CSVDC) gave an update on the progress of the G&D Plan in regard to the completion of the regional SWOT analysis. The plan review timeline and next steps were explained via the Power Point Slide (attached) which showed the 9/15/25 G&D Plan Draft Deadline to DHCD, GoVaR8 Plan approval on 10/28/25, and final plan submission to DHCD by 10/31/25.

Director's Report

Alison showed a slide on Upcoming Events, Quarter 3 objectives, links to Statewide Al initiatives, and links to GoVaR8 forms of connectivity (website, email, LinkedIn, Facebook, and Instagram).

Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

Next Council Meeting

October 28, 2025 at Mountain Gateway Community Collete—Joe Wilson Workforce Center starting at 10:00am.

Adjournment

With no further business before the council, Vice-Chair Clarke adjourned the meeting at 11:54 a.m.



October 1, 2025

Ms. Sara Dunnigan, Deputy Director Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development 600 East Main Street, Suite 300 Richmond, VA

Dear Ms. Dunnigan,

The Shenandoah Valley Meat Processing Cooperative Planning Grant was approved by GO Virginia State Board and entered into the Per Capita Allocation Grant Contract between DHCD and Page County (applicant) on June 4, 2025. The approved allocation of \$87,450 was matched by \$43,725 of locality funds. The Grant Project was to develop a business plan for the creation of a meat processing facility and cooperative. The business plan shall include, at minimum, the following:

- 1. Research and development of the most effective structure and governance for the cooperative.
- 2. Identification of key partner relationships for services that would not be handled by the facility, including but not limited to harvesting and live receiving
- 3. Development of, and execution of, legal agreements between the public and private partnering entities, including outlining roles and responsibilities, commitments, and the governance structure of the entity.
- 4. Research and development of generic facility designs, including defining necessary components of the facility designs, including defining necessary components of the family such as cooler areas, cold storage, and cattle receiving, and
- 5. Development of a sustainability strategy, including identification of additional funding partners and fundraising strategies for private investment.

Flora Pettit (legal services) is of the opinion that the Shenandoah Valley Meat Processing Facility should pursue a private entity structure versus a cooperative structure. Per the attached letter of opinion, Flora Pettit states "this is to inform you that a proposed beef processing facility will not be organized as a cooperative due to some of the financial and organizational constraints related to agriculture cooperatives in Virginia. These include limitations on membership for non-producer investors, limitations on returns that non-member investors can earn, and long-term management challenges." Due to a change in the cooperative's legal structure and project scope, the Shenandoah Valley Meat Processing Facility is no longer eligible for GO Virginia funding. On October 28, 2025, the Region 8 Regional Council formally approved the cancellation of the per-capita allocation contract with Page County Economic Development for this project. No reimbursement requests were submitted; therefore, no funds were disbursed. The full \$87,450 previously allocated to this project will be returned to the per-capita funding pool for reallocation to other eligible initiatives.

We extend our appreciation to you and your team for your collaboration throughout this process, and to the **GO Virginia State Board** for its continued leadership in supporting projects that positively impact the economic growth of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Sincerely,

Dr. Yolanda Shields

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August 22, 2025

Ms. Nina Fox Director of Economic Development & Tourism Page County 103 South Court Street, Suite F Luray, Virginia 22835

Dear Ms. Fox:

On behalf of Shenandoah Valley Foods, this is to inform you that a proposed beef processing facility will not be organized as a cooperative due to some of the financial and organizational constraints related to agricultural cooperatives in Virginia. These include limitations on membership for non-producer investors, limitations on returns that non-member investors can earn, and long-term management challenges. Therefore, my client cannot be involved in a project using the GOVirginia funding if it requires the business to be organized as a cooperative.

Once the first round of financing is complete and the property purchased, Jeff or I will circle back with you with more details as to the next steps.

I look forward to working with you on this matter.

Very truly yours,

John W. Flora

4902-1336-9694 cc: Jeff Noland



10/20/2025

Notes:

Closed projects show ACTUAL amounts
Active projects show CONTRACTED amounts
* Indicates Planning Grant
Red font indicates a closed-out project
Blue font indicates closeout submitted awaiting final review & approval

Green font indicates a pipeline project not yet under contract

Revenues by Funding Source	FY18-22 Funds	FY23 Funds	FY24 Funds	FY25 Funds	FY26 Funds	TOTAL
Per Capita Grant Funding	\$ 5,244,860.00	\$ 1,078,449.00	\$ 1,081,613.00	\$ 1,085,209.00	\$ 1,089,137.00	\$ 9,579,268.00
Funds Recaptured by General Assembly	\$ (966,925.00)	-	\$ (43,469.06)	-	-	\$ (1,010,394.06)
Talent Pathways Initiative Funding		-	\$ 250,000.00	-	-	\$ 250,000.00
ERR Progam (Completed)	<u>\$ 589,880.58</u>					\$ 589,880.58
Total Funding:	\$ 4,867,815.58	\$ 1,078,449.00	\$ 1,288,143.94	\$ 1,085,209.00	\$ 1,089,137.00	\$ 9,408,754.52
	FY18-22 Projects	FY23 Projects	FY24 Projects	FY25 Projects	FY26 Projects	
	20 Closed Projects \$ (4,426,980.32)	SHD Technology Park \$ (993,300.00)	GO2Work \$ (884,500.00)	Clarke County Site Development Planning \$ (170,625.00) Grant	Rockbridge Co Dual Enrollment \$ (39,826.60) Cybersecurity Program	
Expenditures by Project		Capacitor Incubator Program \$ (395,067.00) (Extended to 12/31/25)	Winchester Regional Airport Authority Land \$ (100,000.00) Planning Study*	Blue Mountain Site Extended Due \$ (348,810.00) Diligence	Rockbridge Co Advanced Mfg Modernization & Scale-up	
		Talent Pathways Initiative - Shenandoah Valley Workforce Development Board Talent Pathways (249,943.42)	Blue Mountain RIFA Site Feasibility Study* (55,892.70)	ShenValley Meat Processing \$ (87,450.00) Cooperative (Cancel)	Shenandoah University \$ (100,000.00) Commercial Kitchen Planning Study	
			Winchester Advanced Air Mobility Pipeline \$ (71,000.00) Study*	Expressways to Power - Lineworker Training \$ (401,374.00) Program		
Total Funds Allocated:	\$ (4,426,980.32)	\$ - \$ (1,638,310.42)	\$ - \$(1,111,392.70)	\$ - \$ (1,008,259.00)	\$ (270,954.60)	\$ (8,455,897.04)
Total Funds Unallocated:	\$ 440,835.26	\$ (559,861.42)	\$ 176,751.24	\$ 76,950.00	\$ 818,182.40	\$ 952,857.48
Planning Grant Subset Allocated:	\$ (208,065.33)	\$ -	\$ (226,892.70)	\$ (87,450.00)	\$ (100,000.00)	
Planning Grant Subset Unallocated:	\$ 427,018.55	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 23,107.30	\$ 162,550.00	\$ 150,000.00	

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PER CAPITA ALLOCATION GRANT FUNDS

Contract Term: 7/1//2023-12/31/2025

Capacitor Incubator

Budgeted Revenues & Expenditures Report Reporting Period: October 17, 2025

Accrual Basis Accounting

REVENUES		DHCD CAMS	MATCH			DHCD CAMS	<u>MATCH</u>	<u></u>	HCD CAMS	MATCH
Draw #1	8/21/2023	5,989.00	5,704.62	Draw #6	5/30/2024	42,680.11	22,145.94	Draw #12	41,013.49	12,664.28
Draw #2	9/12/2023	9,658.93	3,169.23	Draw #7	9/4/2024	13,738.81	7,983.31	Draw #13	30551.34	7604.64
Draw #3	2/5/2024	22,313.12	11,263.08	Draw #8	11/25/2024	45,128.68	44,777.35			
Draw #4	2/7/2024	8,968.09	4,107.31	Draw #9	2/19/2025	35,599.18	9,494.57			
Draw #5	4/11/2024	17,935.94	8,328.90	Draw #10	3/21/2025	28,118.57	9,665.48			
				Draw #11	5/20/2025	30,245.28	42,157.53			
	REVEN	NUE \$ 64,865.08	\$ 32,573.14	REVENUE	9	\$ 260,375.71 \$	168,797.32	REVENUE \$	331,940.54	189,066.24

		DHCD FUNDS			MATCH FUNDS		COMBINED FUNDS
EXPENDITURES							REMAINING
	<u>Budgeted</u>	Expended	Remaining	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Expended</u>	Remaining	
ADMINISTRATION							
Administration	22,362.00	22,362.00	<u>0.00</u>				-
SCCF Administration				19,500.00	17,337.45	2,162.55	2,162.55
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION BUDGET	22,362.00	22,362.00		19,500.00	17,337.45	2,162.55	2,162.55
Program Operations							-
Supplies	8,500.00	4,640.19	3,859.81				3,859.81
Contract Services	90.450.00	83,390.75	7,059.25	44,840.00	34,194.92	10,645.08	17,704.33
Legal Expenses	-	-	- ,000.20	1.975.00		1,975.00	1,975.00
Fees and Licenses	_	_	_	13,600.00	39,324.48	(25,724.48)	,
Rent/Lease	_	_	_	39.345.00	31,625.00	7,720.00	7,720.00
Salaries	232,300.00	196,465.39	35,834.61	72,000.00	66,584.38	5,415.62	41,250.23
Fringe	36,505.00	25,082.21	11,422.79	72,000.00	00,007.00	0,410.02	11,422.79
•	,	25,062.21	,	-	-	-	,
Professional Development	4,950.00		4,950.00				4,950.00
Outreach				10,142.00	-	10,142.00	10,142.00
TOTAL PROGRAM OPERATION EXPENSES	372,705.00	309,578.54	63,126.46	181,902.00	171,728.78	10,173.22	73,299.68
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 395,067.00	\$ 331,940.54	\$ 63,126.46	\$ 201,402.00	\$ 189,066.23	\$ 12,335.77	\$ 75,462.23
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BALANCE: \$ 75,462.23

Funds Drawdown History Capacitor Incubator

				FY20	24					FY202	25			FY2026		
Date Drawn		8/21/2023	9/12/2023	2/5/2024	2/7/2024	4/11/2024	5/30/2024	9/4/2024	11/25/2024	2/19/2025	3/21/2025	5/21/2025	6/30/2025			DHCD Funds
Budget Category	CAMS Budget	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	D8	D9	D10	D11	D12	D13	TOTAL	REMAINING
<u>ADMINISTRATON</u>																
Administration	22,362.00			2,308.74			6,305.15	3,692.78	6,826.01		-		3,229.32	-	22,362.00	\$ -
PROGRAM OPERATIONS															-	
Salaries	232,300.00	5,553.85	5,553.85	16,661.55	8,330.78	5,553.85	16,661.55	3,846.16	15,726.94	27,259.63	18,836.52	19,432.67	28,317.30	24,730.74	196,465.39	\$ 35,834.61
Fringe	36,505.00	435.15	424.88	1,274.60	637.31	432.09	1,280.91	574.87	2,198.73	5,180.31	3,530.78	2,900.11	3,916.87	2,295.60	25,082.21	\$ 11,422.79
Supplies	8,500.00		3,680.20	786.98						69.24	103.77				4,640.19	\$ 3,859.81
Other: Consulting Services	90,450.00			1,281.25		11,950.00	18,432.50	5,625.00	20,377.00	3,090.00	5,647.50	7,912.50	5,550.00	3,525.00	83,390.75	\$ 7,059.25
Professional Development	4,950.00														-	\$ 4,950.00
TOTAL	395,067.00	5,989.00	9,658.93	22,313.12	8,968.09	17,935.94	42,680.11	13,738.81	45,128.68	35,599.18	28,118.57	30,245.28	41,013.49	30,551.34	331,940.54	\$ 63,126.46
Budget Category	Matching Funds	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	D8	D9	D10	D11	D12	D13	TOTAL	MATCH REMAINING
<u>ADMINISTRATON</u>																
Administration	19,500.00		633.85	3,803.08	950.77	406.25	3,195.37	414.04	2,484.23	1,117.90	994.49	994.01	1,242.12	1,101.34	17,337.45	\$ 2,162.55
PROGRAM OPERATIONS															-	
Contract Services	44,840.00			3,075.00		5,400.00	9,626.34	2,833.58	5,560.00	1,247.50	2,465.00	1,262.50	1,875.00	850.00	34,194.92	\$ 10,645.08
Legal Expenses	1,975.00														-	\$ 1,975.00
Fees & Licenses	13,600.00			1,875.00					3,441.48	312.00		33,696.00			39,324.48	\$ (25,724.48)
Rent/Lease	39,345.00			2,510.00	1,255.00	1,255.00	3,765.00	2,075.00	7,555.00	2,090.00	2,090.00	2,090.00	4,820.00	2,120.00	31,625.00	\$ 7,720.00
Salaries	72,000.00	5,704.62	2,535.38		1,901.54	1,267.65	5,559.23	2,660.69	25,736.64	4,727.16	4,115.99	4,115.02	4,727.16	3,533.30	66,584.38	\$ 5,415.62
Other - Outreach (In-kind)	10,142.00															\$ 10,142.00
TOTAL	201,402.00	5,704.62	3,169.23	11,263.08	4,107.31	8,328.90	22,145.94	7,983.31	44,777.35	9,494.56	9,665.48	42,157.53	12,664.28	7,604.64	189,066.23	\$ 12,335.77
TOTAL EXPENSES PAID	\$ 596,469.00	\$ 11,693.62	\$ 12,828.16	\$ 33,576.20	\$ 13,075.40	\$ 26,264.84	\$ 64,826.05	\$ 21,722.12	\$ 89,906.03	\$ 45,093.74	\$37,784.05	\$72,402.81	\$53,677.77	\$38,155.98	521,006.77	\$ 75,462.23

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Contract Term 10/1/2023-10/1/2025

GO2Work-Manufacturing & Transportation in the Valley
Budgeted Revenues & Expenditures Report
Reporting Through: October 17, 2025

Accrual Basis Accounting

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Draw #1 9/4/2024 Draw #2 9/19/2024

Draw #3 3/17/2025 Draw #4 4/9/2025

TOTAL REVENUE

DHCD CAMS	<u>MATCH</u>		DHCD CAMS
73,558.83	442,250.00	Draw #5 5/13/2025	10,982.28
206,798.66	-	Draw #6 9/15/2025	201,403.01
95,164.61	-		
229,811.54			-
\$ 605.333.64	\$ 442.250.00		\$ 817.718.93

EXPENDITURES

ADMINISTRATION

Administration

TOTAL ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

Program Operations

Equipment

Construction

TOTAL PROGRAM OPERATION EXPENSES

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

		DHCD BUDGET		MA	ATCHING FUNDS	3	COMBINED FUNDS
	Budgeted	Expended	Remaining	Budgeted	Expended	Remaining	REMAINING
Ì	65,500.00 65,500.00	12,258.68 12,258.68	53,241.32 53,241.32				53,241.32 53,241.32
		12,200.00					
	819,000.00	806,736.65	12,263.35				12,263.35
	040 000 00	202 702 25	40.000.05	442,250.00	442,250.00		- 40,000,05
>	819,000.00	806,736.65	12,263.35	442,250.00	442,250.00	-	12,263.35
=	\$ 884,500.00	\$ 818,995.33	\$ 65,504.67	\$ 442,250.00	\$ 442,250.00	\$ -	65,504.67

BALANCE: \$ 65,504.67

MATCH

442,250.00

Funds Drawdown History

GO2 Work

Date Drawn		9/4/2024	9/19/2024		4/9/2025	5/13/2025				CAMS
Budget Category	CAMS Budget	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	TOTAL	REMAINING
<u>ADMINISTRATON</u>	65,500.00		-			10,982.28	1,276.40		12,258.68	53,241.3
									-	\$ -
PROGRAM OPERATIONS										
Equipment	819,000.00	73,558.83	206,798.66	95,164.61	229,811.54		201,403.01		806,736.65	\$ 12,263.3
TOTAL	884,500.00	73,558.83	206,798.66	95,164.61	229,811.54	10,982.28	202,679.41	-	818,995.33	\$ 65,504.6
										MATCH
Budget Category	Matching Funds	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	TOTAL	REMAINING
<u>ADMINISTRATON</u>										
									-	\$ -
PROGRAM OPERATIONS										
Construction	442,250.00	442,250.00	-	-	-				442,250.00	\$ -
TOTAL	442,250.00	442,250.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	442,250.00	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENSES PAID	\$ 1,326,750.00	\$ 515,808.83	\$ 206,798.66	\$ 95,164.61	\$ 229,811.54	\$ 10,982.28	\$ 202,679.41	\$ -	\$ 1,261,245.33	\$ 65,504.6

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GO Virginia Shenandoah Valley Region 8

Blue Mt. Extended Due Diligence Term 1/13/2025-7/13/2026

Budgeted Revenues & Expenditures Report

Reporting Through: October 17, 2025

Accrual Basis Accounting

REVENUES	DHCD CAMS	MATCH
Draw #1	95,002.66	161,472.37
Draw #2	76,030.00	-
Draw #3	53,507.82	

Draw #4 **TOTAL REVENUE**

\$ 224,540.48 \$ 161,472.37

		DHCD BUDGET		M	ATCHING FUNDS	3	COMBINED FUNDS
EXPENDITURES							REMAINING
	Budgeted	Expended	Remaining	Budgeted	Expended	Remaining	
ADMINISTRATION							
Administration	16,610.00	3,660.48	12,949.52				12,949.52
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION BUDGET	16,610.00	3,660.48	12,949.52				12,949.52
Program Operations							
Architecture & Engineering Fees	197,200.00	197,200.00	-	102,600.00	102,600.00	-	-
Planning & Assessment	135,000.00	23,680.00	111,320.00	71,805.00	58,872.37	12,932.63	124,252.63
TOTAL PROGRAM OPERATION EXPENSES	332,200.00	220,880.00	111,320.00	174,405.00	161,472.37	12,932.63	124,252.63
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 348.810.00	\$ 224.540.48	\$ 124.269.52	\$ 174,405,00	\$ 161,472,37	\$ 12,932,63	137.202.15

BALANCE FUNDS: \$ 137,202.15

Funds Drawdown History Blue Mt. Implementation

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		NSVRC FY2026	ſ	NSVRC FY2026					
Date Drawn Budget Category	CAMS Budget	6/30/2025 D1	9/2/2025 D2	10/16/2025 D3	D4	D5	D6	TOTAL	CAMS REMAINING
<u>ADMINISTRATON</u>	16,610.00	1,652.66	-	2,007.82				3,660.48	12,949.52
								-	-
PROGRAM OPERATIONS								-	-
Architecture & Engineering Fees	197,200.00	93,350.00	76,030.00	27,820.00				197,200.00	-
Planning & Assessment	135,000.00	-	-	23,680.00				23,680.00	111,320.00
TOTAL	348,810.00	95,002.66	76,030.00	53,507.82	-	-	-	224,540.48	\$ 124,269.52
									MATCH
Budget Category	Matching Funds	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	TOTAL	REMAINING
PROGRAM OPERATIONS									
Architecture & Engineering Fees	102,600.00	102,600.00	-	-					
Infrastructure	71,805.00	58,872.37	-	-				58,872.37	\$ 12,932.63
TOTAL	174,405.00	161,472.37	-	-	-	-	-	161,472.37	\$ 12,932.63
TOTAL EXPENSES PAID	\$ 523,215.00	\$ 256,475.03	\$ 76,030.00	\$ 53,507.82	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 386,012.85	\$ 137,202.15

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GO Virginia Shenandoah Valley Region 8
FY2024 PER CAPITA ALLOCATION GRANT FUNDS

Contract #25-GOVA-08B Camp 7 Planning Term 1/6/2025-1/6/2027

Budgeted Revenues & Expenditures Report

Reporting Through: October 17, 2025

Accrual Basis Accounting

REVENUES DHCD CAMS MATCH

Draw #1 9/3/2025 82,004.01 85,313.00

Draw #2

Draw #3

Draw #4

TOTAL REVENUE \$ 82,004.01 \$ 85,313.00

EXPENDITURES

ADMINISTRATION

Administration

TOTAL ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

Program Operations

Planning Assessment

Architectural & Engineering Fees

TOTAL PROGRAM OPERATION EXPENSES

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

	ı	DHCD BUDGET		N	IATCHING FUND	s	COMBINED FUNDS
							REMAINING
Budg	geted	<u>Expended</u>	Remaining	Budgeted	<u>Expended</u>	Remaining	
8.	,125.00	0.00	8,125.00				8,125.00
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162	,500.00	82,004.01	80,495.99			-	80,495.99
			-	85,313.00	85,313.00		-
162	,500.00	82,004.01	80,495.99	85,313.00	85,313.00		80,495.99
\$ 170	,625.00	\$ 82,004.01	\$ 88,620.99	\$ 85,313.00	\$ 85,313.00	\$ -	88,620.99

BALANCE: \$ 88,620.99

Funds Drawdown History

Clarke County Camp 7 Planning NSVRC FY2026

Date Drawn Budget Category ADMINISTRATON	CAMS Budget 8,125.00	9/5/2025 D1	D2		D3	D4		D5	TOTAL	R	CAMS EMAINING 8,125.00
ADMINISTRATOR	0,123.00									<u>.</u>	-
PROGRAM OPERATIONS									-	Ą	-
Contract Services	162,500.00	82,004.01							_	ć	
TOTAL	170,625.00	82,004.01		-	_		-	-	82,004.01	\$	88,620.99
											MATCH
Budget Category	Matching Funds	D1	D2		D3	D4		D5	TOTAL	R	EMAINING
PROGRAM OPERATIONS			·			· ·					
Architectural & Engineering	85,313.00	85,313.00							85,313.00	\$	-
TOTAL	85,313.00	85,313.00		-	-		-	-	85,313.00	\$	-
TOTAL EXPENSES PAID	\$ 255,938.00	\$ 167,317.01	\$	- \$	_	\$	- \$	_	\$ 167,317.01	\$	88,620.99



FY2025 Annual Report October 1, 2025

I: Introduction

GO Virginia Region 8 consists of the cities of Buena Vista, Harrisonburg, Lexington, Staunton, Waynesboro, and Winchester and the counties of Augusta, Bath, Clarke, Frederick, Highland, Page, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Shenandoah, and Warren.

The Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission serves as Region 8's leading support organization that provides administrative services and fiduciary oversite as our fiscal agent. The Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission produces the Region 8 Growth & Diversification Plan and assists with some administrative services for area grants. 5 Clover Consulting LLC is contracted to provide Executive Director leadership and the main point of contact for Region 8.

There are six target industry sectors in Region 8:

Region 8 Target Sectors
Agriculture and Value-Added Food
Manufacturing
Transportation and Logistics
IT & Emerging Technology
Life Sciences
Business & Professional Services

II. Growth & Diversification Plan

In early 2023, Region 8 Support Organizations undertook a Growth and Diversification Plan review. We surveyed council members, regional and local economic developers, and regional stakeholders, data was updated, and project summaries were completed. Support organization staff then reviewed goals and strategies for the region, and updated sections of the Growth & Diversification Plan. The Region 8 Council unanimously approved this Growth & Diversification Plan Review at the October 10, 2023 meeting. No update or review was required in 2024. The CSPDC has completed the 2025 G&D plan to meet DHCD update requirements in 2025, to be submitted October 31, 2025 upon R8 approval. The 2025 G&D Version recommends the removal of Business & Professional Services from the list of Region 8 Target Sectors. In the 8+ years of GO Virginia, Region 8 has NOT had an application request. It appears that this sector is more of a subsector of all the other five target sector industries and thus supported indirectly.

III: Summary of Projects

In FY2025, five projects were granted \$1,078,634 in GO Virginia funds.

Project	GO Virginia funds	Locality Match	Non- Locality Match	Other Leverage
Winchester Airport Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Pipeline Study	\$71,000	\$0	\$35,500	\$0
Clarke County Camp 7 Site				
Development Planning Study	\$170,000	\$85,313	\$0	\$0
Blue Mtn. Extended Due Diligence 2025	\$348,810	\$174,405	\$0	\$0
Shen Valley Meat Processing				
Cooperative	\$87,450	\$43,725	\$0	\$0
LRCC Powerline Worker Program				
	\$401,374	\$200,687	0	\$792,920

24-GOVA-027 Advanced Air Mobility (AAM)

Subgrantee(s): Winchester Regional Airport Authority

Participating Localities: Clarke, Frederick, Shenandoah, and Warren Counties

and Winchester City

Description: According to the report commissioned by the Virginia Innovation Partnership Corporation (VIPC), "Virgina's Advanced Air Mobility Future" (2023), AAM alone will require 17,000 new employees by 2045. To sustain our role as a leader in this space, we must prepare a skilled and adept workforce to support Virginia's AAM future. This grant project will help inform stakeholders of the investment required to develop a site to support AAM activity at the Winchester Regional Airport. The development would generate direct, indirect, and induce benefits by drawing supporting industries, employers, and job seekers to Region 8.

Performance Metrics: Regional Market Study, AAM Workforce Playbook, and Environmental Assessment

25-GOVA-08B Clarke County Camp 7 Site Development Planning

Subgrantee(s): Clarke County Economic Development

Participating Localities: Site Planning Study and Recommendations

Description: This project consists of performing assessments and due diligence on the 40-acre Camp 7 parcel being purchased by Clarke County. This property is part of a larger effort being conducted by Clarke County to bring water/sewer to the Double Tollgate area for economic development. VEDP verified data for Camp 7's potential for job creation, higher salaries, and capital investment. Double Tollgate's location is a strong candidate for multiple core sector industries because of its transportation connectivity.

Performance Metrics: Site Planning Study and Recommendations

25-GOVA-08A Blue Mtn. Extended Due Diligence

Subgrantee(s): Shenandoah Valley Partnership

Participating Localities: Cities of Buena Vista, Harrisonburg, Lexington, Staunton and Waynesboro, and the Counties of Bath, Highland, Rockbridge, Augusta, Rockingham, Page and Shenandoah.

Description: This application for the extended due diligence on the Blue Mountain property is similar to the previous Site Enhancement Project in that we are adding 297 acres to that of the existing 199 acres with a Tier 4 ranking. This study includes park design and engineering, the marketing approach and the recommendation of the RIFA. Future construction will be guided by the results of this grant's due diligence activities – as these studies will inform the grading and layout for potential businesses and the location of the first tenants in what is designated a Phase A.

Performance Metrics: Site Planning Study and Recommendations

24-GOVA-08C Shen Valley Meat Processing Cooperative

Subgrantee(s): Page County Economic Development

Participating Localities: Augusta, Page, Shenandoah, and Rockingham Counties

Description: The overall project will develop a new regional state-of-the-art processing facility that will focus on the aging/storage and fabrication process steps that are bottlenecks for existing regional facilities. In addition, the project will invest in local grain processing infrastructure to support higher levels of local cattle finishing

Performance Metrics:

Five deliverables: 1) Research & Develop the most effective structure & governance for the cooperative, 2) Identify & Develop partner relationships for uncompleted processing steps, 3) Develop legal agreements for public-private partnership, 4) Research & Develop facility design specifications, and 5) Develop a sustainability strategy for future funding & growth.

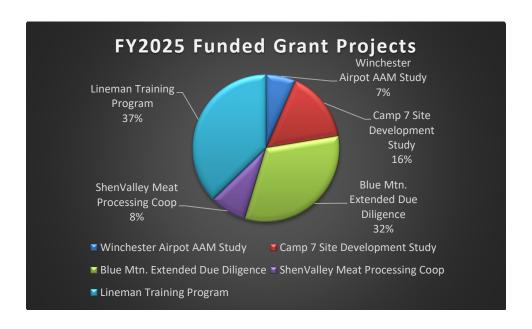
25-GOVA-08D Expressways to Power

Subgrantee(s): Laurel Ridge Community College

Participating Localities: Clarke, Frederick, Page, Shenandoah, and Warren Counties and Winchester City

Description: This project will prepare students for positions in the power and energy workforce through a short-term training and credentialing program. Over the 2-year grant term, the project will offer training to a total of 4 cohorts – each lasting approximately 13 weeks. During that time, participants will be exposed to comprehensive curricula, coursework, and experiential learning that will position them for 7 industry credentials, transition to a 4-year journeyman apprenticeship program, and work in the field.

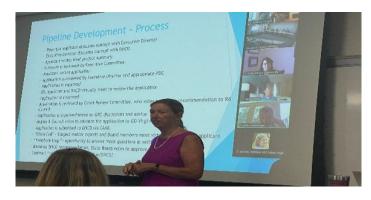
Performance Metrics: Number of people trained, Number of job placements, Number of businesses served, Number of new apprenticeships created, Number of new programs implemented, and Number of credentials awarded



Section IV: Regional Collaboration & Partner Support

Historically, the in-person quarterly meetings were held at GoVaR8 funding project locations. There was increased attendance and participation with this process implementation. The regional council members and attendees were able to see successfully funded GO Virginia Region 8 projects firsthand. However, we exhausted our funded project locations in 2024. In 2025, we partnered with a couple institutions and one airport to host.

July 2024 – Laurel Ridge Community College







October 2024 – James Madison University (Deborah Flippo's last meeting)

January 2025 – Virtually (annually) Alison Varner-Denbigh (New GoVaR8's executive director's first meeting)





April 2025 – Winchester Regional Airport's New Terminal (Presented appreciation awards to the last of GoVaR8's original founding council members)

In March 2025, GoVaR8 facilitated a brainstorming roadshow to four locations throughout the valley. The attendees included economic development, chambers, industry leaders, support organizations, and community leaders. The goal was to stimulate project ideas for potential grant applications and create an opportunity to ask questions regarding GO Virginia initiatives. The events were successful and highly attended.

BRAINSTORMING

Active Partner Organizations Include:

Winchester City

- Economic Development
- City Manager
- Shenandoah University
- HIVE
- Top of Virginia Chamber
- Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

Frederick County

- Economic Development
- Laurel Ridge Community College
- Winchester Regional Airport

Clarke County

- Economic Development
- Clarke County Education Foundation

Warren County

- Economic Development/Administration
- Front Royal Town Manager
- EDA chair
- Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Council: (NSVRC)
- Blue Ridge Technical Center
- Warran County Public Schools Superintendent

Page County

• Economic Development

Shenandoah County

- Economic Development
- Community Resources for Education & Wellness (CREW)
- Chamber of Commerce

Rockingham County

- Economic Development
- Virginia Poultry Growers (Industry leader)

Harrisonburg City

- Economic Development
- Chamber of Commerce
- James Madison University
- Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

Augusta County

- Economic Development
- County Administrator
- Blue Ridge Community College
- Chamber of Commerce
- Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport
- Valley Career & Technical Center
- Wilson Workforce Rehabilitation Center

Waynesboro City

Economic Development

Staunton City

- Economic Development
- City Manager
- Central Valley Planning District Commission (CSPDC)

Highland County

- County Administrator
- Highland County Public Schools
- Highland Center
- Chamber of Commerce

Highland County EDA Chair

Rockbridge County

- Economic Development
- Rockbridge County Public Schools

Buena Vista City

- Economic Development
- Mountain Gateway Community College
- Virginia Innovation Accelerator (VIA)
- Southern Virginia University
- Main Street Program Director

Lexington City

- Virginia Military Institute (VMI)
- Chamber of Commerce

Statewide Organizations

- Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP)
- Virginia Chamber of Commerce
- Virginia Economic Development Association
- The Port of Virginia
- Department of Agriculture (VDACS)
- Virginia Works
- SHINE (Workforce)
- DARS (Workforce)
- GENEDGE
- GoTec Program Director
- Virginia Cooperative Extension
- Virginia Poultry Federation

Many business/Industry Leaders

FY26 will work towards listing

Regional Organizations

- Shenandoah Valley Partnership (SVP)
- Shenandoah Valley Workforce Development Board (SVWDB)
- Shenandoah Community Creative Fund (SCCF)
- VIEW/VTOP Program
- BRCC Career Pathways Consortium
- Shenandoah Valley Technical Center (SVTC)
- Carver Food Enterprise (In R9)
- Senator Warner (Federal)
- Senator Timmy French (State)
- Delegate Bill Wiley
- Delegate Chris Runion
- Delegate Deloras Oates
- Christopher Lloyd (McGuire Woods)

FY2026 Strategic Initiatives:

- Bath County Locality
- Academic Institutions Christendom College (Front Royal), Eastern Mennonite University (H'burg), Bridgewater College, Mary Baldwin University (Staunton), and Washington & Lee (Lexington). Plus, schedule 1-on-1 w/ JMU's new president
- Chambers Bath County, Front Royal-Warren County, and Luray-Page County Chambers
- CTE/Technical Centers Massanutten Technical Center (Rockingham Co), Page County Technical Center, Triplett Technical Center (Shenandoah Co), Mertz Career & Technical Center (Bath County)
- Target Cluster Trade Associations Manufacturing Association for example
- Inventory Businesses within R8 by locality

V: Outcomes & Impact

Region 8 Open Projects are provided below:

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Project	Participant(s)	Framework	Target Industry	GG	OVA Funds	Total Ma	ntch	Start/Completion Date	Performance Metrics	Business Served - Target	Business Served - Actual	Jobs Created -	Jobs Created - Actual	Students Trained - Target	Students Trained - Actual	Credentials awarded - Target	Credentials awarded - Actual	Notes	
Virginia Innovaton Accelerator Center	The Advancement Foundation Rockbridge, Buena Vista	Entrepreneurial Ecosystem	Value-Added Food Manufacturing, Light Manufacturing, Business Services	\$	550,000	\$ 2	92,275	January 2022 - June 2024	Businesses Served Jobs Created/Filled New Products Completed	16	58	28	21					10 New Products-Ta 19 New Products - A	
Shenandoah Valley Aviation Technology Park	Shenandoah Valley Airport Commission	Site Development	Transportation/Logistics	\$	993,300	\$ 1,3	68,637	January 2023 - January 2025	Linear feet of sewer line Linear feet of water line									Site Developme	ent
SCCF Capacitor Incubator	Shenandoah Community Capital Fund Augusta, Harrisonburg, Shenandoah, Staunton, Warren, Waynesboro, Winchester	Entrepreneurial Ecosystem	Value-Added Food Manufacturing, Transportation/Logistics, IT	\$	395,067	\$ 2	201,402	July 2023 - 2025	Entrepreneurs served Jobs created New products released	24	29	54	2					9 New Product: 7 business expansi 147 entrepreneurs s 34 Mentors, 13 businesses cre \$334,000 Capital R	sions, served,
SVCAL GO2Work	Shenandoah Valley Center for Advanced Learning Augusta, Staunton, Waynesboro	Workforce Development	Advanced Manufacturing	\$	884,500	\$ 4	142,250	October 2023 - 2026	Students trained Businesses served Apprenticeships created Credentials awarded	60	90			420	526	420	498	64 Apprenticeships C	Created
Shenandoah Valley Partnership - Blue Mountain Extended Due Diligence	All SVP member localities	Site Development	Advanced Manufacturing	\$	348,810	\$ 1	174,405	January 2025 - 2026	Advance 297 acres to VBRS Tier 4 Status									Site Developme	ent
LRCC Powerline Worker Training Program	Clarke, Frederick, Page, Shenandoah, Warren Counties & Winchesster City	Workforce Development	IT & Emerging Technology	\$	401,374	\$ 2	200,687	July 2025-2027	Students Trained Businesses Served Job Placements Apprenticeships created New Programs Implemented Credentials awarded	6		56		60		392		3 New Programs Imple 56 New Apprenticeship	
			Implementation	\$	3,573,051	\$ 2,6	79,656		Totals	106	177	82	23	420	526	420	498	*Based on 2 years	
Shenandoah Valley Talent Pathways Initiative	Shenandoah Valley Workforce Development Board and all Region 8 localities and community colleges	Workforce Development	Advanced Manufacuring, Transportation/Logistics	\$	250,000	\$ 1	25,000	July 2024 - 2025	TPI Study and Roadmap										
			Talent Pathways Initiative (TPI)	\$	250,000	\$ 1	25,000	TPI is 1-time DHCD allo	ocation to all regions										
Winchester Regional Airport Advanced Air Mobility Talent Development Plan	Winchester Regional Airport Authority Shenandoah University and Laurel Ridge CC OKV Advisory localities	Cluster Scale-Up	Manufacturing, IT, Transportation/Logistics	\$	71,000	\$	35,500	August 2024 - 2025	Planning Grant Completed										
Clarke County - Double	Clarke County	Site Development	All target industry sectors	\$	170,625	\$	85,313	January 2025 - 2026	Advance 40 acres to VBRS Ties										
									2 Status	1									
Tollgate Site Development Shenandoah Valley Meat Processing Cooperative	Page, Shenandoah, Rockingham, and Augusta Counties	Cluster Scale-up	Agriculture	\$	87,450	\$	43,725	June 2025 - 2026	Planning Grant Completed										
Tollgate Site Development Shenandoah Valley Meat	Page, Shenandoah, Rockingham,	Cluster Scale-up		\$	87,450 329,075		43,725 164,538	June 2025 - 2026											

Closed Projects Update

22-GOVA-08A Accelerating Advanced Manufacturing

Laurel Ridge Community College partnered with the National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3) to offer Mechatronics Program. LRCC completed Mechatronics Labs fully equipped for Level 1 and Level 2 Courses. Training and Certifications available in Product ID Fundamentals, Applied Fluid Power, Applied Mechanical Systems, Applied PLC, Applied Robotics, and Applied Industry 4.0 (all new programs with this grant).

Businesses Served: 110 New Jobs Created: 50

24-GOVA-08B Winchester Airport Planning

The Winchester Regional Airport has valuable land assets that are suitable for aeronautical development. The purpose of the study was to study the land and perform limited pre-engineering to understand the magnitude of development that could be accommodated on the site (i.e., aircraft manufacturing facilities, corporate hangers, etc.). The project is a precursor to a program to develop this approximately 30-acre parcel. A project is already tentatively programmed for site clearing activities in 2026.

24-GOVA-08C Blue Mt. RIFA

The RIFA Feasibility Study confirmed that the work on the Blue Mountain site was both appropriate for the region's target industries as outlined in the G&D plan and could have a very high fiscal impact for the economic development project. The study recommended moving forward with the creation of the RIFA. Per the closeout report, the potential economic impact from the Regional Commerce Park Site is estimated to be more than \$2 billion in investment and 4,000 jobs. SVP is currently working with the localities to form the RIFA (Extended Due Diligence Grant) then seek grant funding from the Virginia Business Ready Sites Program for Construction.

23-GOVA-08A SHD Tech Park

Contract ended 1/18/2025-Fiscal Performance Accepted/Performance closeout not submitted

21-GOVA-08A Ag Innovation Center

All Close out reports submitted-Performance Closeout not yet accepted by DHCD

Section VI: Communication and Outreach

With Region 8 leadership transition, we switched from Constant Contact CRM to HubSpot CRM that can be integrated into our website (www.govirginiaregion8.org) seamlessly. Our website administrator is a HubSpot partner thus can problem solve needs and assist with future leadership transitions. Starting in March 2025, our CRM was at ~250 contacts with many needing to be removed due to inactive email addresses/accounts. As of June 30, 2025, HubSpot CRM has ~450 active contacts. Of these contacts, we did an audit to ensure we have proper representation of Region 8 stakeholders. It has been identified that there is a very low inventory of industry leaders' contacts (those we serve) in our database. FY26 goal will be to grow industry leaders' engagement and collection of contact information to keep them informed.

HubSpot has the capabilities of distributing newsletters and flyers. We tested the software by distributing two newsletters with the anticipation of implementing them monthly or every two months (based on workload). To help bridge the gap in more current communication efforts is the creation of GoVaR8's social media platforms. As of June 2025, GoVaR8 now has a LinkedIn Page, Facebook Page, and Instagram Page. Please follow, like, and share to help us grow the outreach efforts and to keep you better informed. FY26 goal is to grow our reach, educate on GoVaR8, highlight past and current projects, share resources, promote industry opportunities, notify of GoVaR8 meetings/events/initiatives, and so on. We want these channels to be a resource and not an obligation – bring value.

Region 8 has dedicated time towards in-person visits. After new director's onboarding, she visited all localities except one (Bath County) which has been scheduled for October 2025. FY26 goal is to visit each locality at least twice, in person annually.

VII: Project Pipeline

Region 8's new executive director (as of 1/1/2025) has taken an active approach in the regional economic development strategy efforts by the below.

Educate, Build Optimism, and Stimulate Brainstorming

She led four project pipeline brainstorming sessions throughout the region in March 2025, followed by a virtual meeting to showcase all the feedback and ideas. Cody Anderson (DHCD Program Manager) attended and shared his expertise in all four sessions. Two grant applications approved in July 2025 were the product of these sessions along with four additional in the project pipeline chart below. Region 8 will implement the brainstorming session roadshow as an annual initiative.

Strategic Workforce Development Efforts

Region 8's Talent Pathways Initiative Final Report (completed 8/30/25) produced many implementation project suggestions for the target industry clusters of Manufacturing and Transportation & Logistics. The SVWDB hosted a strategic planning meeting in September to review the TPI report and identify some immediate grant application opportunities to present in January 2026.

Project Name	Applicant	Industry Sector	Application Anticipated
Commercial Kitchen w/ Entrepreneurial	Shenandoah	Ag & Value-	
Support Feasibility Study	University	added Food	October '25
Engineering Implementation & Scale-up Program	Blue Ridge Technical Center	Manufacturing	January '26
Create Regional Manufacturing Industry Consortium	SVWDB	Manufacturing	January '26
Camp 7 Extended Due Diligence	Clarke Co.	Site Planning	January '26
AAM Workforce Implementation Project	Winchester Regional Airport	T&L (Aviation)	January '26
Vet Tech Dual Enrollment Program (Livestock Program) & Partner w/ Bath County	Highland County High School	Agriculture	January '26
Create an Essential Skills Certification/Badge Program for R8	SVWDB	Manufacturing or T&L	Jan/April '26
Shenandoah Valley Regional Commercialization Hub	JMU	IT & Emerging Technology	April '26
Go Tec Implementation	Augusta, Highland, Shenandoah, & Rockingham Counties	All Industries	April '26
Build CTE (Trades Program) TBD Program & Partner w/ Highland County	Bath County High School	Manufacturing	April '26
AVTEX Site Planning Study	Front Royal/Warren Co	Site Development	April '26
Commercial Kitchen Equipment (Scale-up Implementation Project)	Highland Center	Agriculture	April '26
Virginia Innovation Accelerator Broadband Infrastructure	VIA/Buena Vista	Agriculture	April '26
Create Regional Transportation & Logistics Industry Consortium	SVWDB	T&L	October '26
Ag Innovation BioHub	JMU	Agriculture & Life Sciences	TBD
Advanced Air Mobility Training Campus	Frederick/Augusta Co.	T&L (Aviation)	~2027
BRCC AMT Expansion Project	BRCC	T&L (Aviation)	~2027
Blue Mountain Flight Testing Campus	Augusta Co.	Transportation	~2028
Career Pathways/Talent Solutions Asset Creation	SVWDB or TBD	All Industries	TBD

VIII: Council Members

Council Member	Organization
Hobey Bauhan	President, Virginia Poultry Federation
Emily Marlow Beck	President, Marlow Auto Group
Dr. Kim Blosser	President Laurel Ridge Community College
Dr. Eric Bond	Superintendent, Augusta County Schools
Lisa Botkin	Executive Director, Shenandoah Valley Airport (SHD)
Janet Clarke	CEO, Clarke Consulting, LLC.
Ed Daley	Administrator, Warren County
Dottie Day	VP, Winchester & Contact Center Operations, Navy Federal Credit Union
Randy Doyle	Business Development, Holtzman Corp.
Ashley Driver	President, AD Engineering
John Graves	President & CEO, Luray Caverns Corporation
Conrad Helsley	Commissioner, NSVRC Board of Directors
Greg Hitchin	Director, Waynesboro Economic Development
Bobby Hobbs	Senior VP, CornerStone Bank
Lai Lee	Co-Founder & Partner, High Meadow Strategies
Tracey Luellen	Senior HR Manager, Toray Plastics
Mary McDermott	Shenandoah Valley Angel Investors
Mitch Moore	Vice President, Shenandoah University
Doug Moyer	President, Sentara RMH
Cary C. Nelson	President, H.N.Funkhouser & Co.
Shawn Pellington	Vice President, McKee Foods
Yolanda Shields, Chair	CEO and Founder, Yesbuilds
Bruce Simms	CEO, Virginia Regional Transit
Michael Stolarz	VP, UTS Systems
Dr. Anthony Tongen	VP, Research, Economic Development & Innovation, JMU
Dr. Dave Urso	VP of Academic Affairs, Blue Ridge Community College

IX: Support Organizations

Organization	Name	Contact
Northern Shenandoah Valley	Brandon Davis, Executive	bdavis@nsvregion.org
Regional Commission*	Director	
Central Shenandoah Planning	Ann Cundy, Executive	ann@cspdc.org
District Commission	Director	
5 Clover Consulting, LLC	Alison Varner-Denbigh,	alison@govirginiaregion8.org
	Principal	

^{*}Support organization contracted with DHCD and subcontracting to others.



Key Dates & Deadlines

CY2026	Meeting/Event/Goal	Location
1/6/2026	Executive Committee Meeting	Virtual (8:30am-10ma)
1/13/2026	Grants Review Committee Meeting	In-Person @ JMU 11am
1/15/2026	Monthly Support Org Call w/ DHCD	Virtual @ 1p
	Planning, Feasibility, & Small-Scale Pilot Grant	
1/16/2026	Applications due to DHCD	CAMS Submission
1/27/2026	Regional Council Meeting	ALL Virtual
1/31/2026	Quarterly Project Reporting Due	CAMS (Last day of Month)
2/3/2026	Executive Committee Meeting	Virtual (8:30am-10am)
2/13/2026	Per Capita Implementation & Competitive Applications Due to DHCD	CAMS Submission
2/19/2026	Monthly Support Org Call w/ DHCD	Virtual @ 1pm
Week of 2/16/2026	"Pitch Calls' to DHCD/State Board Workgroup	Virtual
Week of 2/23/2026	Application Feedback Loop	E-Mail
3/3/2026	Executive Committee Meeting	Virtual (8:30am-10am)
3/10/2026	Brainstorming Session – The Port of Virginia	In-Person: 9am-11am
3/11/2026	Brainstorming Session - Central SV Location (TBD)	In-Person: 9am-11am
3/12/2026	Brainstorming Session - Southern SV Location (TBD)	In-Person: 9am-11am
3/20/2026	All Grant Applications due to Executive Director	E-Mail
3/24/2026	GO VA State Board Meeting	Richmond @ 1pm
3/26/2026	Monthly Support Org Call w/ DHCD	Virtual @ 1pm
3/27/2026	Planning, Feasibility, & Small-Scale Pilot Grant Applications due to DHCD	CAMS Submission
4/7/2026	Executive Committee Meeting - Approve FY27 Budget	Virtual (8:30am-10am)
4/14/2026	Grants Review Committee Meeting	In-Person @ JMU 11am
4/16/2026	Monthly Support Org Call w/ DHCD	Virtual @ 1pm
4/17/2026	Planning, Feasibility, & Small-Scale Pilot Grant Applications due to DHCD	CAMS Submission
4/21/2026	Brainstorming Follow-up Q&A Session	Virtual @ 9am
4/28/2026	Regional Council Meeting - Approve FY27 Budget	HIVE, Winchester (10a-noon)
5/1/2026	Capacity Building FY27 Budget Due to DHCD	E-Mail by NOON
5/1/2026	Per Capita Implementation & Competitive Applications Due to DHCD	CAMS Submission
5/5/2026	Executive Committee Meeting	Virtual (8:30am-10am)
Week of 5/11/2026	"Pitch Calls' to DHCD/State Board Workgroup	Virtual
Week of 5/18/2026	Application Feedback Loop	E-Mail
5/21/2026	Monthly Support Org Call w/ DHCD	Virtual @1pm
6/9/2026	Executive Committee Meeting	Virtual (8:30am-10am)
6/9/2026	GO VA State Board Meeting	Virtual @ 1pm
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7/16/2026	Monthly Support Org Call w/ DHCD	Virtual @ 1pm
	Planning, Feasibility, & Small-Scale Pilot Grant	
7/17/2026	Applications due to DHCD	CAMS Submission
7/28/2026	Regional Council Meeting – Hosted by McKee Foods	Stuarts Draft (10am-noon)
8/4/2026	Executive Committee Meeting	Virtual (8:30am-10am)
8/7/2026	Per Capita Implementation & Competitive Applications Due to DHCD	CAMS by NOON
Week of 8/17/2026	"Pitch Calls' to DHCD/State Board Workgroup	Virtual
Week of 8/24/2026	Application Feedback Loop	E-Mail
8/20/2026	Monthly Support Org Call w/ DHCD	Virtual @ 1pm
9/1/2026	Executive Committee Meeting	Virtual (8:30am-10am)
9/15/2026	Annual Leadership Retreat	Richmond (TBD)
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9/22/2026	Applications due to DHCD	CAMS Submission
9/22/2026	All Grant Applications due to Executive Director	E-Mail
9/30/2026	Region 8 Annual Reports Due to DHCD	E-Mail
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10/27/2026	Regional Council Meeting	(10a-noon) TBD - Southern Valley
10/30/2026	Per Capita Implementation & Competitive Applications Due to DHCD	CAMS by NOON
11/3/2026	Executive Committee Meeting	Virtual (8:30am-10am)
Week of 11/9/2026	"Pitch Calls' to DHCD/State Board Workgroup	Virtual
Week of 11/16/2026	Application Feedback Loop	E-Mail
11/19/2026	Monthly Support Org Call w/ DHCD	Virtual @ 1pm
12/1/2026	Executive Committee Meeting	Virtual (8:30am-10am)
12/3/2026-12/4/2026	Legislative Efforts	Richmond
12/8/2026	GO VA State Board Meeting	Richmond @ 1pm
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