

FY2023 Congressionally Designated Spending Dollars in the FY2023 Government Funding Bill

Southwest & Southside Virginia



U.S. Senators Mark R. Warner and Tim Kaine

- **The Senators successfully secured \$7,000,000** to aid the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) in the design and construction stages of a project to widen a 2.21 mile section of U.S. 121/U.S. 460—the Coalfields Expressway—to a four-lane highway in order to better promote economic development in **Buchanan County**.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$2,500,000** for the Virginia Department of Transportation’s (VDOT) efforts to replace the Wiley Drive Bridge in **Roanoke**, which is prone to flooding.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$2,000,000** for the **Town of South Boston** in Halifax County to complete repairs and replace storm sewer lines in the area.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$2,000,000** to aid Virginia Passenger Rail Authority in their plans to advance rail into the New River Valley by funding a study to decide where new platforms should be constructed in **Montgomery County**.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$1,500,000** to assist Energy DELTA (Discovery, Education, Learning, and Technology Accelerator) Lab in their efforts to deploy a geothermal cooling system and related infrastructure improvements on site that meets the criteria for a hyperscale data center in **Wise County**.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$1,204,000** for the Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens to aid its construction of a PACE Center that will expand access to care for older adults in **Bristol**.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$1,201,000** to support Tri-Area Community Health in the renovation of the Laurel Fork Clinic and Pharmacy to provide medical and behavioral health services to residents of **Carroll, Floyd, and Patrick Counties and the City of Galax**.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$1,000,000** for the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board in their efforts to grow sector partnerships in skilled industrial, construction, and service trades in the **New River Valley and Mount Rogers region**.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$1,000,000** to support the **Marion Economic Development Authority** in their efforts to rehabilitate blighted, abandoned and

underutilized properties to provide more affordable homeownership opportunities for low to moderate income households.

- **The Senators successfully secured \$1,000,000** for the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Area's growing sector partnerships to develop industry-certified middle skills for low-skilled jobseekers and workers in **Bland, Carroll, Floyd, Giles, Grayson, Montgomery, Pulaski, Smyth, Washington and Wythe Counties and the Cities of Bristol, Galax, and Radford**. Specifically, the project focuses on skills within the skilled industrial, construction, and service trades.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$1,000,000** for Advanced Separation Technologies Research in **Blacksburg**. This project would fund research and development within the Office of Fossil Energy for technology to enhance the ability to extract rare earth minerals and harmful materials from coal. Researchers at Virginia Tech have developed a novel separation process to recover ultrafine coal and remove the water simultaneously. This funding will support Virginia Tech researchers in the process of developing second-generation technology that can be built and operated at low cost. If successful, the new technology may be used by many coal companies in the eastern U.S. to recover valuable natural resources while at the same time cleaning up the environment.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$750,000** for the Southwest Virginia Workforce Development Board in their efforts to expand the ROPES (Recovery Opportunities and Pathways to Employment Success) program, which supports individuals in recovery by connecting them with intensive recovery and therapy opportunities and addressing other barriers to employment. **Tazewell, Russell, Dickenson, Buchanan, Wise, Lee, and Scott Counties and the City of Norton** will benefit from the project.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$650,000** to aid Appalachian Center for Hope's efforts to provide residential treatment for individuals experiencing substance use disorders in **Smyth County**.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$617,000** for **the Town of Tazewell** for the development of a fire station.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$605,000** for the Ridgeview Pavilion Behavioral Health Hospital in **Bristol** to convert a small wing and patient rooms into a secure, high-risk behavioral health unit.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$505,000** to purchase upgraded technology and scientific instruments to replace aging, unserviceable equipment that is central to the undergraduate teaching and research missions of Roanoke College in **Salem**. It would also support the development of new and improved curricula and research that the new instruments would support.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$500,000** for **the Town of Pulaski** in order to complete architectural and engineering design and conduct preservation construction

activities for the Calfee Training School, to turn the historic African-American school into a childcare, community, and cultural memory center.

- **The Senators successfully secured \$500,000** to aid St. Mary's Health Wagon's efforts to increase access to and utilization of prevention, treatment, and recovery services in **Lee, Scott, Wise, Dickenson, Buchanan, and Russell Counties** for individuals with behavioral health conditions, including substance use disorders.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$440,000** to support the Local Office on Aging's (LOA) Critical Transportation program in **Roanoke**. The funding will support the LOA's efforts to transition their transportation services from contract-based to a more sustainable in-house model that will allow for expanded local transportation services to help seniors age in their communities.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$428,000** to assist Hollins University in their efforts to offer access to continuing education for teachers that will qualify them to teach dual enrollment courses to students in the **Roanoke Valley**.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$375,000** for the Virginia Community Telehealth Access Network Pilot Program at the Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association Foundation, which seeks to create a network of telehealth pods located next to U.S. Post Offices, providing clinical care in rural communities that lack adequate broadband and proximity to medical providers. Virginians in **Lebanon, Keeling, Bumpass, and Palmyra** will benefit from the project.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$300,000** to assist the Community Housing Partners Corporation in their efforts to construct energy efficient single-family affordable housing in **Blacksburg**.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$210,000** to assist the Appalachia Service Project in **Lee, Wise, and Dickenson Counties** with the purchasing of construction materials and supplies for emergency home repair and new construction for individuals below the federal poverty line in Southwest Virginia.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$188,000** for the Theatre Guild of **Buchanan County** to purchase indoor and outdoor equipment that will improve the overall audience experience and operational efficiency at the Community Arts Mainstage.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$83,000** for the **Town of Marion**. The funding will allow the Town of Marion Police Department to provide a leadership and training program that would serve law enforcement.