

# Congressionally Directed Spending in FY2024 Government Funding Bill

## *Southwest and Southside Virginia*



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

- **The Senators successfully secured \$7,000,000** for the Virginia Department of Transportation to add additional lanes—an expansion from a two-lane highway to a four-lane highway—to the 2.74-mile Poplar Creek Phase A section and the 2.07-mile Poplar Creek Phase B section of the U.S.121/460 within Corridor Q and the Coalfields Expressway in **Buchanan County**. The project will improve safety, reduce travel times, connect the region with access to better health care, and open the region to economic development and interstate commerce.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$4,500,000** for the **Wise County** Sherriff’s Office to facilitate a multi-jurisdictional migration to P25-compliant interoperable radios and repeaters to improve critical communication across multiple localities and between emergency callers, 911 operators, and first responders.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$3,761,000** for the **County of Tazwell** to enable an essential migration to P25-compliant interoperable radios and repeaters with AES encryption in order to provide Mission Critical communication between emergency callers, 911 operators, and first responders. This will improve radio communications between County, State and regional agencies.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$3,500,000** for the Virginia Department of Transportation to replace the aging Apperson Drive Bridge and add a 12-foot, multi-use pedestrian trail connecting the downstream side of the bride to the greenway trail on either side of the bridge in **Salem City**.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$3,000,000** for the **City of Galax** to facilitate a multi-jurisdictional community project to upgrade the Public Safety Communications Equipment System in the region.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$2,150,000** for the Virginia Department of Transportation to construct two additional lanes and improve drainage on a section of Beaver Creek Drive to service the Patriot Centre Industrial Park in **Henry County**.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$1,500,000** for the Appalachia Service Project to reconstruct homes that were destroyed in the recent floods in **Buchanan County**.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$1,500,000** for Helping Overcome Poverty’s Existence, Inc. (HOPE) to construct at least 30 units of new, energy-efficient, affordable housing in HOPE’s Monroe-North development in downtown **Wytheville**.

- **The Senators successfully secured \$1,250,000** for the Community Housing Partners Corporation to construct a new, 56-unit, multifamily affordable housing complex in **Blacksburg** for low- and moderate-income individuals and families.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$1,100,000** for the **Town of Stuart** to develop backup power systems for the existing drinking water and wastewater infrastructure in the town.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$1,000,000** for the **County of Franklin** to make critical repairs for the building that houses the Franklin County YMCA.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$1,000,000** for the Southside Community Development & Housing Corporation to construct 52 units of affordable housing in **Emporia**.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$850,000** for the Twin County Airport Commission in **Carroll County** to extend the current 4,200-foot runway to 5,000 feet.
- **The Senator successfully secured \$570,000** for the **Town of Cedar Bluff** to replace failing drinking water and wastewater infrastructure that is resulting in leaking water distribution pipes and gravity sewer pipes.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$522,000** for the Ballad Health Foundation to expand access to dental care through the Appalachian Highlands Community Dental Center in the **Town of Abingdon**.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$500,000** for the **City of Radford** Electric Department to implement smart meters, which provide users with real-time data on energy consumption to help reduce electricity bills and equip operators with information needed to detect power demand surges and shortages to ensure reliable connectivity.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$366,000** to complete the Blue Ridge Discovery Center Visitor Center in **Smyth County**. The visitor center will feature exhibits, interactive displays, and educational materials that highlight the unique natural features of Southwest Virginia.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$354,000** for the **Town of Tazewell** to improve community safety by expanding and renovating the Emergency Management Service (EMS) building.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$208,000** for the **Town of Marion** to train 500 law enforcement officers, with an emphasis on community stewardship and professional standards.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$90,000** for the **Town of Cedar Bluff** to purchase a new dump truck that will be used to help complete maintenance of the drinking water and wastewater systems.