Congressionally Directed Spending in FY2025 Government Funding Bill

Hampton Roads

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

- The Senators successfully secured $16,000,000 for Naval Air Station Oceana in the City of Virginia Beach to address shortages of quality housing by designing new unaccompanied housing for nearly 500 enlisted personnel.
- The Senators successfully secured $4,000,000 for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to complete Preconstruction, Engineering, and Design (PED) activities for the Elizabeth River and Southern Branch Deepening Project, which will deepen the channel and help vessels better move in and out of the waterway.
- The Senators successfully secured $1,750,000 for the City of Williamsburg to facilitate transportation to and from Colonial Williamsburg. This will make it easier for Virginians and visitors to travel in the city and comes in advance of the United States Semiquincentennial in 2026, which will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Thousands of attendees are expected to visit Williamsburg during the Semiquincentennial.
- The Senators successfully secured $1,600,000 for York County to extend its municipal sewer system to unserved properties.
- The Senators successfully secured $1,520,000 for the City of Newport News to procure and install Signal System Components and optimize Signal Timing to decrease congestion and increase safety throughout the city.
- The Senators successfully secured $1,500,000 for the Virginia Beach Coastal Risk Management feasibility study that will address the risk caused by storm surge flooding, waves, and erosion and formulate plans to manage the impacts coastal storms have on the City of Virginia Beach.
- The Senators successfully secured $1,500,000 for the City of Suffolk to install sidewalks and make drainage improvements along Townpoint Road, allowing safe pedestrian passage along the corridor. In addition, it will provide a safer bus stop for school children.
- The Senators successfully secured $1,500,000 for the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore to build a new warehouse and administrative facility, which will help close the food insecurity gap in the area.
- The Senators successfully secured $1,500,000 for the New Road Community Development Group, Inc. to build affordable housing in the Town of Exmore. Funding for this stage of the project will help construct 35 units of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income individuals and families.
• The Senators successfully secured $1,400,000 for Naval Station Norfolk to design a new, larger Child Development Center to support child care and child development for active-duty military and civilian families assigned to the base.

• The Senators successfully secured $1,207,000 for Old Dominion University in Norfolk to establish the Center for Excellence in Trustworthy Artificial Intelligence in order to carry out research and education activities related to artificial intelligence.

• The Senators successfully secured $1,015,000 for the City of Poquoson to construct a multi-use path to connect Poquoson to the Birthplace of America Trail and increase alternative transportation options within the city.

• The Senators successfully secured $1,000,000 for Old Dominion University to support the food security needs of students and the community in Norfolk.

• The Senators successfully secured $842,000 for the Tidewater Community College Educational Foundation to upgrade its educational spaces and technology to train EMS and EMT professionals in Norfolk, Chesapeake, Virginia Beach, and Portsmouth.

• The Senators successfully secured $802,000 for the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission to purchase and deploy water-level monitoring stations in the Chesapeake Bay.

• The Senators successfully secured $800,000 for the City of Williamsburg to make improvements to collection sewers in the city to reduce pollutants from combined sewer overflows.

• The Senators successfully secured $678,000 for WHRO Public Media to help administer a student internship program in Norfolk.

• The Senators successfully secured $612,000 for the Edward Brown Foundation’s Gang Prevention & Youth Empowerment Program. The project will implement evidence-based interventions and community outreach efforts to deter gang involvement among youth in Portsmouth and Newport News and reduce crime.

• The Senators successfully secured $507,000 for Olivet Medical Ministries to support the expansion of the Lackey Clinic to increase capacity to provide free dental services to the underserved community in York County.

• The Senators successfully secured $500,000 for the City of Norfolk to initiate a General Reevaluation Report to re-examine potential options to protect communities from sea level rise as part of Norfolk’s Coastal Storm Risk Management project.

• The Senators successfully secured $500,000 to design beach renourishment activities for beaches in the City of Norfolk, which will protect residences and businesses from storm damage and coastal erosion.

• The Senators successfully secured $500,000 for the Hampton Roads Ecumenical Lodgings & Provisions, Inc. to remove a dilapidated house and replace it with 8-10 affordable apartment units dedicated to serving low-income households with a focus on seniors and veterans in the City of Hampton.

• The Senators successfully secured $442,000 for the Tidewater Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee to provide child care assistance to apprentices in Norfolk.

• The Senators successfully secured $369,000 for the City of Chesapeake to convert a 10,000 sq ft building into a facility for individuals experiencing homelessness and partner with local organizations to provide day services and overnight shelter, including showers, laundry, meals, and employment resources.
• The Senators successfully secured $300,000 for the Town of Wakefield to improve drinking water infrastructure.
• The Senators successfully secured $300,000 for James City County to expand library services to underserved youth and adults in James City County and Williamsburg.
• The Senators successfully secured $136,000 for the Gloucester Mathews Care Clinic in Gloucester County to support renovations of their clinical space, update their IT infrastructure, and purchase equipment, including two HVACs and a generator, at their health care center.
• The Senators successfully secured $73,000 for the Suffolk Commonwealth's Attorney's Office to provide mentorship, training, and education for at-risk youth, including opportunities for positive law enforcement interactions (which studies show can help reduce the likelihood of future justice involvement), in an effort to reduce future contact with the juvenile justice system.