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The Honorable Glenn Youngkin Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia Patrick Henry Building Richmond, VA 23219

The Honorable Caren Merrick Virginia Secretary of Commerce and Trade Patrick Henry Building Richmond, VA 23219

The Honorable Louise Lucas Chair, Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee 201 North 9th Street, 13th Fl. Richmond, VA 23219

The Honorable Luke E. Torian Chair, House Appropriations Committee 201 North 9th Street, 12th Fl. Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Governor Youngkin, Secretary Merrick, Chair Lucas and Chair Torian,

I am writing to provide documentation of the outcomes of the Virginia Small Business Resiliency Fund (VSBRF), as required in <u>Section E of § 36-140.01</u> of the Code of Virginia.

During a 2021 Special Session of the General Assembly, VSBRF was established as a one-time fund providing grants to Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) and Community Development Enterprises (CDE) to provide flexible and favorable financing to small businesses. VSBRF was designed to be highly targeted and highly flexible in order to increase capital access to underserved businesses, particularly those owned and operated by women, people of color and immigrants. The program aims to build capacity in the Commonwealth's CDFI sector.





Eleven certified CDFIs and one entity seeking CDFI certification were granted a total of \$9.7 million in funding to expand technical assistance, services and lending products and build the organizations' internal capacity to serve more borrowers. In total 12 grants were awarded, with those investments leveraging \$6,643,138. In total, 203 new jobs were created, 761 jobs were retained, 82 new businesses were created, 258 businesses were retained and 148 businesses expanded.

A summary of the program impact can be found in the attached document. All funds are fully obligated for this program, and there will be no further application rounds.

Sincerely,

Bryan Horn

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Attachments:

Virginia Small Business Resiliency Fund Impact Statement





