

Memo

To: Governor Glenn Youngkin
Senator Louise Lucas, Chair of the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee
Delegate Luke Torian, Chair of House Appropriations Committee

From: Jason El Koubi, President & CEO, Virginia Economic Development Partnership

Date: August 15, 2025

Re: Advanced Manufacturing Talent Investment Program Report

Advanced Manufacturing Talent Investment Program Report

In accordance with [Item 487.50 B.5., Chapter 1 of the 2023 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I](#), this report details the progress of grants awarded for the Advanced Manufacturing Talent Investment Program and Fund pilot.

The Advanced Manufacturing Talent Investment Program (AMTIP) and Fund pilot, established pursuant to § 23.1-1244 of the Code of Virginia, was created to increase the number of trained individuals entering advanced manufacturing careers and to improve the readiness of graduates to be employed in identified advanced manufacturing fields. Funds were designated for existing programs that serve the Southwest Virginia and Hampton Roads regions (GO Virginia Regions 1 and 5, respectively) and other named institutions.

Funding for the program was initially provided under Item 487.50 B.5, Chapter 2 of the 2022 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I. In FY24, \$2,500,000 was designated for the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP) to administer the program.

Round 1 of Applications

An initial request for proposals (RFP) for the program was released with an application window of July 10 – August 18, 2023. Applicants could request funding between \$50,000 and \$250,000. Eleven eligible applicants submitted proposals. VEDP convened a group of experts to review the applications and make award recommendations. The reviewers elected to fully fund two projects for a total of \$465,005. The original performance date for these two projects was October 31, 2024; however, one awardee was granted an extension to March 31, 2025.

Round 2 of Applications

After the initial round of applications, \$2,034,995 of the AMTIP funds remained. The review committee decided to release a second RFP to distribute these funds. The original RFP was revised based on feedback from the reviewers after the first round of applications. The most significant revision was to increase the award amounts to between \$100,000 and \$500,000. The awardees from the first round were eligible to apply for an additional \$100,000 to \$250,000.

The second RFP was released with an application window of March 1 – April 15, 2024. Eleven eligible applicants submitted proposals. One additional applicant did not meet basic eligibility requirements. The review committee elected to fully fund three projects and partially fund four additional projects for a total of \$2,034,987. The original performance date for these seven projects was March 31, 2025. One awardee has been granted an extension until August 31, 2026.

Total Awards

Between the two awards from the first round and the seven from the second round, \$2,499,992 of the \$2.5 million was awarded. As of June 2025, \$2,208,766 in reimbursements have been approved, with \$214,555 remaining for the project that was extended until August 31, 2026. An additional \$76,679 remains in the Fund, as some institutions did not request the full reimbursement for the amount they were awarded.

AMTIP Projects

Summary of the funded projects

Round	Institution	Project Title	Performance Date	Award Amount	Amount Reimbursed	Project Status
1	Virginia Highlands Community College	Advanced Manufacturing Enhanced Capacity Initiative	October 31, 2024	\$249,980	\$249,980	Complete
1	Southwest Virginia Community College (SWCC)	SWCC's Integrative Advancement: Mechatronics Enhancement & Expansion in Advanced Manufacturing and Electrical Electronics	March 31, 2025	\$215,025	\$197,387	Complete
2	Giles County Technology Center	Modernize Precision Machining Technology Program	March 31, 2025	\$233,800	\$232,139	Complete

2	Tidewater Community College (TCC)	TCC Welding Program Capacity Building	March 31, 2025	\$458,100	\$457,872	Complete
2	Tazewell County Public Schools	Crafting the Advanced Manufacturing Workforce of Tomorrow	March 31, 2025	\$344,009	\$340,521	Complete
2	Virginia Highlands Community College	Welding Expansion Initiative	March 31, 2025	\$212,565	\$160,759	Complete
2	Virginia Peninsula Community College	Expanding Welding Workforce Capacity for Maritime Defense	March 31, 2025	\$457,233	\$455,395	Complete
2	Wythe County Technology Center (WCTC)	Enhancing WCTC Welders	March 31, 2025	\$114,724	\$114,713	Complete
2	Mountain Empire Community College	Precision Machining	August 31, 2026	\$214,555	-	Delayed; performance date extended
TOTAL				\$2,499,992	\$2,208,766	