

Biennial Report to the Governor and General Assembly on
VIRGINIA'S PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSIONS
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023 AND 2024



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BIENNIAL REPORT ON VIRGINIA'S PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSIONS
FY 2023 & FY 2024

Executive Summary

For every biennium, the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is required to prepare a biennial report to the Governor, General Assembly, and other specified state agencies regarding the activities and other information deemed appropriate by the Director concerning Planning District Commissions (PDCs) and their compliance with their duties established in the Regional Cooperation Act (§15.2-4200 et seq). In order to comply with this reporting requirement, DHCD requires each PDC to submit an annual report by September 1st of each year regarding the activities for each PDC during the most recent fiscal year. This annual report collection process was revised during the FY 2019-2020 biennium to refine the data collection process and is utilized again for the FY 2023-2024 biennium.

Planning District Commissions were established to encourage and facilitate local government cooperation and state-local cooperation in addressing, on a regional basis, problems of greater than local significance. The Regional Cooperation Act lists 12 specific duties related to this overall purpose. In support of this effort, the Commonwealth of Virginia funds PDCs, largely based on population size. This funding is significantly leveraged with additional support at the local, state, federal, and other levels. At the median level, state funding is leveraged and multiplied more than 20 times over through PDC efforts to access other funding opportunities from a variety of sources.

Based on the data provided in their annual reports for FY 2023 and FY 2024, the PDCs have demonstrated compliance with the duties of the Regional Cooperation Act. They have done extensive work in formulating regional strategic plans, including the identification of significant priority topic areas for their regions. Furthermore, they have met the obligation of their duties in a variety of functional areas, particularly Transportation, Environment, and Economic Development. It should be noted that the Regional Cooperation Act does not require that each PDC conduct activities in every functional area. Rather, each PDC is challenged to tailor its services to meet the diverse needs of its member localities. Nevertheless, for each duty listed in the Regional Cooperation Act, all or nearly all PDCs had some level of activity with respect to that duty during FY 2023 and FY 2024.

The PDCs should be commended for the value that they bring to addressing regional issues. A sampling of highlights for each PDC that demonstrate this value are included near the conclusion of this report.

Introduction

Section 36-139.6 of the Code of Virginia contains numerous provisions regarding the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development's oversight of Planning District Commissions (PDCs) within Virginia. Among those provisions is the duty of the Director "...to prepare a biennial report to the Governor and the General Assembly which identifies the activities and other information deemed appropriate by the Director concerning (PDCs), including findings as to (PDCs) which are not complying with Chapter 42 (§ 15.2-4200 et seq.) of Title 15.2...." In accord with that responsibility, §15.2-4215 of the Code of Virginia requires each PDC to submit an annual report - in a format prescribed by the Department - that "shall contain at a minimum a description of the activities conducted by the (PDC) during the preceding fiscal year, including how the commission met the provisions of this chapter, and information showing the sources and amounts of funding provided to the commission."¹ The following report has been assembled to satisfy that responsibility.

Overview of Planning District Commissions

Purpose

Virginia has 21 PDCs – voluntary associations of local governments intended to foster intergovernmental cooperation by bringing together local elected and appointed officials and involved citizens to discuss common needs and determine solutions to regional issues.²³

The Virginia General Assembly created the statutory framework for the formation of the PDCs in 1968 through the passage of the Virginia Area Development Act. In 1995, the General Assembly modified the Area Development Act through the adoption of the Regional Cooperation Act (Chapter 42, Title 15.2, Code of Virginia). The Regional Cooperation Act articulates that PDCs were created to encourage and facilitate local government cooperation and state-local cooperation in addressing, on a regional basis, problems of greater than local significance. This cooperation is intended to help local governments solve their problems by enhancing the ability to recognize and analyze regional opportunities and take account of regional influences in planning and implementing public policies and services.

Virginia's PDCs represent a diverse array of regions across the Commonwealth: from the Rural Horseshoe that runs down the Shenandoah Valley to Southwest and Southside Virginia across to the Eastern Shore and the Urban Crescent extending from the Washington DC Metro Region down Interstate 95 and eastward to Hampton Roads. Populations served by PDCs range from a low of 45,336 to a high of 2,556,483.⁴ Consequently, the issues that they address in light of their duties vary greatly.

¹ A copy of the report questionnaire has been included as an Appendix to this report (See Appendix A)

² In 2017, Chapter 42 of Title 15.2 was amended to also allow for federally recognized Indian tribes within the boundaries of such PDCs to elect to become part of a PDC at any time (Chapter 377, 2017 Acts of Assembly)

³ A complete listing of the PDCs and their member jurisdictions is provided in Appendix L.

⁴ Based on Weldon Cooper Center population data requested from each PDC as part of their annual report.

Duties

The Regional Cooperation Act establishes numerous responsibilities for PDCs in alignment with their purpose. This includes the following 12 general duties:

1. To conduct studies on issues and problems of regional significance;
2. To identify and study potential opportunities for state and local cost savings and staffing efficiencies through coordinated governmental efforts;
3. To identify mechanisms for the coordination of state and local interests on a regional basis;
4. To implement services upon request of member localities;
5. To provide technical assistance to state government and member localities;
6. To serve as a liaison between localities and state agencies as requested;
7. To review local government aid applications as required by § 15.2-4213 and other state or federal law or regulation;
8. To conduct strategic planning for the region as required by §§ 15.2-4209 through 15.2-4212;
9. To develop regional functional area plans as deemed necessary by the commission or as requested by member localities;
10. To assist state agencies, as requested, in the development of substate plans;
11. To participate in a statewide geographic information system, the Virginia Geographic Information Network, as directed by the Department of Planning and Budget; and
12. To collect and maintain demographic, economic and other data concerning the region and member localities, and act as a state data center affiliate in cooperation with the Virginia Employment Commission.

In addition to those 12 duties, and in greater elaboration of bullet number eight listed above, §15.2-4209 of the Code of Virginia requires 20 of the 21 PDCs to prepare and adopt a regional strategic plan.⁵ Development of the regional strategic plan requires participation from local governing bodies, the business community, citizen organizations, and other interested parties. The strategic plan is required to include regional goals and objectives, strategies to meet those goals, and mechanisms for measuring progress. The intent of the plan is to help promote the orderly and efficient development of the physical, social, and economic elements of the planning district.

Funding

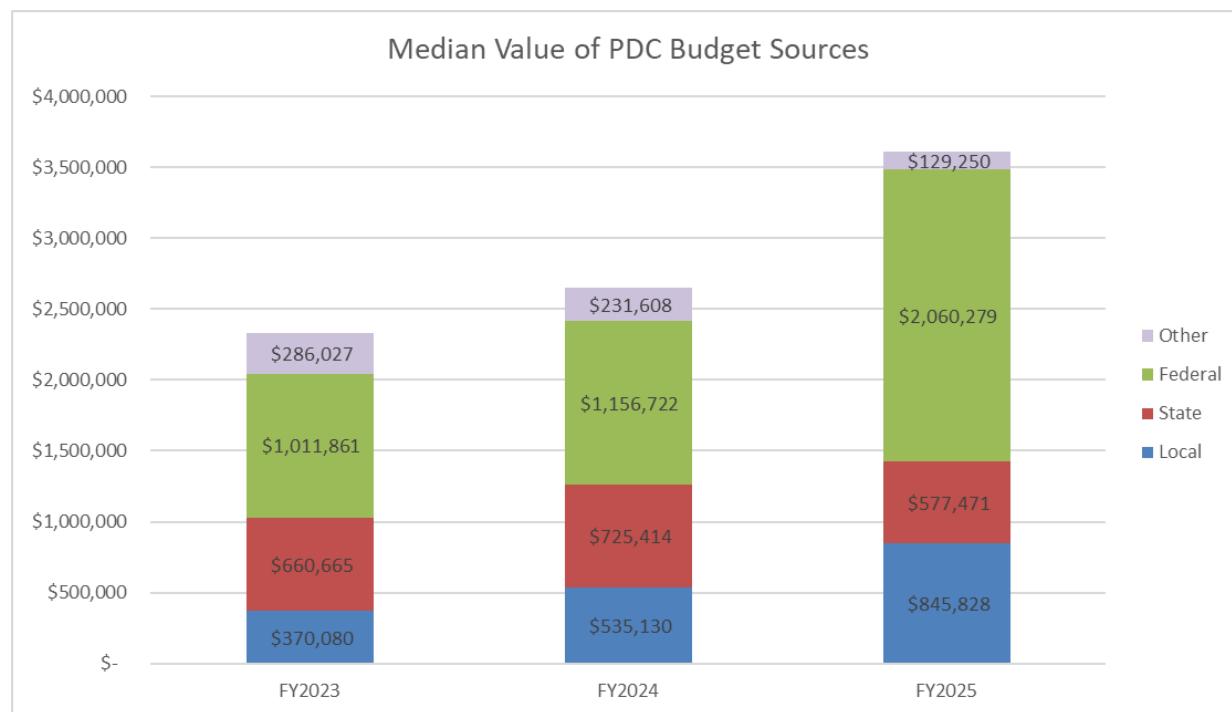
In support of these duties, for FY 2023 and FY 2024 the General Assembly appropriated \$2,079,321 each year, to the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for distribution to the 21 PDCs. Additional details within the Appropriations Act specify funding allocations to each PDC. The amounts appropriated to individual PDCs range from \$89,971 to \$165,943 in both FY 2023 and FY 2024. Eighteen PDCs received an appropriation of \$89,971 in FY 2023 and again in FY 2024, while the remaining three most populated PDCs received larger appropriations.⁶

⁵ For any PDC in which regional planning also is conducted by multi-state councils of government, this requirement is optional.

⁶ The Richmond Regional PDC received \$127,957 in both FY2023 and FY2024, while the Hampton Roads PDC and Northern Virginia Regional Commission each received \$165,943 in both FY2023 and FY2024.

Historically speaking, Regional Cooperation Act funding for the PDCs has fluctuated over the years from a high in FY 2004 of \$2,499,204, to a low of \$1,552,457 in FY 2011. From FY 2012 to FY 2021, PDC funding remained unchanged at \$1,785,321 annually. In FY2022, PDC funding allocation increased to \$2,079,321, representing a 16.5% increase from prior funding levels and the first funding increase in a decade. PDC funding remained unchanged for FY 2023 and FY 2024.

Additional PDC funding comes from a variety of sources at the federal, state, local, and non-governmental organization level.⁷ For fiscal years 2023, 2024, and their proposed 2025 budgets, the largest source of funding for PDCs on average is from federal sources, followed by state, local, and then other sources as shown by the following bar chart.



As it relates to the annual Regional Cooperation Act funding provided by the Commonwealth in Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024, there is strong evidence that this base funding invested by the Commonwealth is leveraged by PDCs to secure other resources beyond this allocation. Based on the median value of all 21 PDCs, for every dollar in state funding appropriated through the Regional Cooperation Act, PDCs secured \$37 and \$46 in additional funding from other sources in FY 2023 and FY 2024, respectively. At its highest for individual PDCs, this multiple is nearly \$500 for some fiscal years, and even at its lowest multiplier the state funding is still multiplied about five times over. Most importantly this Commonwealth investment

⁷ Similar to recent biennial reports, this biennial report includes information regarding a summary level breakdown of the PDCs' budgets based on the following sources: (1) local, (2) state, (3) federal, and (4) others. For all fiscal years reported by PDCs, the most recent data provided by the PDC was used. In any case where precise amounts were provided, they were rounded up to the nearest dollar. In some cases, additional analysis of the provided budgets was needed in order to produce the proportional breakdown.

can be used as match by regions to secure additional federal funding in support of regional priorities and efforts.

	Dollar Value of Multiplier to Regional Cooperation Act State Funding		
Fiscal Year	Median	Highest	Lowest
FY 2023	\$ 37.24	\$ 457.40	\$ 6.60
FY 2024	\$ 45.53	\$ 497.69	\$ 8.81
FY 2025	\$ 38.13	\$ 475.65	\$ 10.37

On a per capita basis, Regional Cooperation Act funding translates into a median value of \$0.48 allocated to each PDC. Because PDC populations vary significantly, this also yields a per capita high of \$1.98 and low of \$0.06.⁸

Summary Data FY 2023 & FY 2024

The annual report format requires the PDCs to consider four elements of performance. Each PDC is asked to document progress in developing and implementing strategic planning in the planning district; to describe all activities accomplished with respect to the duties assigned under the Regional Cooperation Act; to highlight successes and achievements of special note with regional efforts in cooperation; and to submit a work program for the coming year that includes a budget and a list of member jurisdictions and commission members. The responses for Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024 are summarized on the pages that follow. Tables depicting the wide range of activities performed by each PDC relative to the individual elements required by the Regional Cooperation Act appear in Appendices B through K.

Regional Strategic Planning

Section 15.2-4209 of the Code of Virginia establishes the requirement for PDCs to prepare and adopt a regional strategic plan, which shall “concern those elements which are of importance in more than one of the localities within the district.” Furthermore, §15.2-4209 includes various elements and processes that are required in the development of such plans, including:

- Regional goals and objectives;
- Strategies to meet those goals and objectives;
- Mechanisms for measuring progress;
- Various subjects necessary to promote the orderly and efficient development of the physical, social, and economic elements of the district; and

⁸ See Appendix M for more details.

- Input from a wide range of organizations in the region, including local governing bodies, the business community, and citizen organizations.

Each PDC was asked to document progress in developing and implementing strategic planning in the planning district. As for FY 2024, every PDC required to have a regional strategic plan had done so or was in the process of revisions to existing regional strategic plans.⁹ Additionally, the PDCs provided extensive information summarizing the process involved with development of their plans, persons and organizations involved, priorities contained within the plans, and the status of activities identified in the plans that had been undertaken or were planned to be undertaken. Overall, Virginia's PDCs are successfully meeting the obligations of this duty.

Based on the information gathered on regional strategic planning activities, the following word cloud summarizes some of the most important issues for PDCs based on their FY 2023 and FY 2024 responses.¹⁰



The following five topics appear to be the most consistent, high-priority issues for PDCs based on the word cloud analysis:

1. Transportation	4. Housing
2. Workforce Development	5. Broadband
3. Economic Development	6. Infrastructure

⁹ In some cases, PDCs used the assemblage of several reports and plans, such as the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to satisfy the requirements of having a strategic plan.

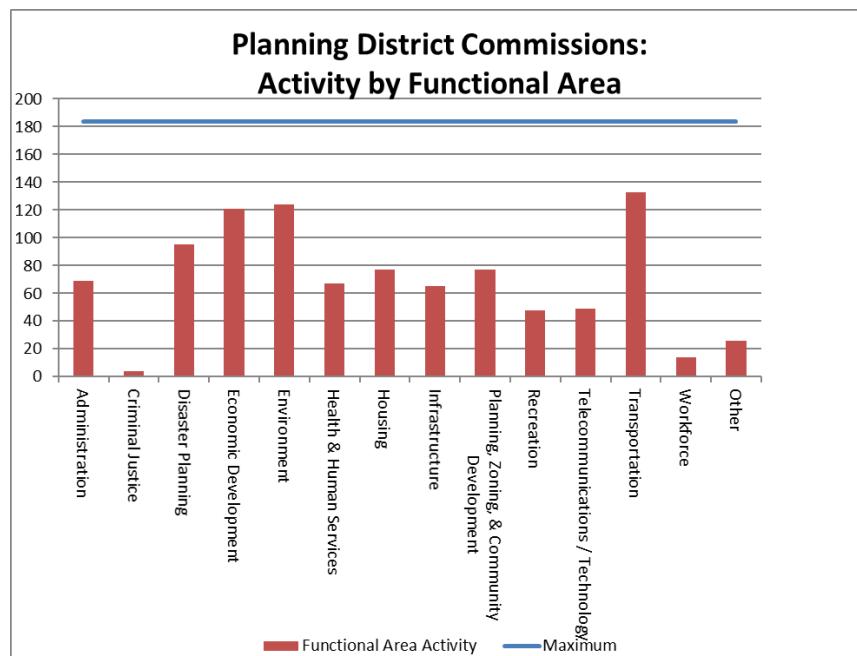
¹⁰ Some modification to PDC responses was warranted in order to produce the word cloud analysis. These revisions included: (1) removal of “stop” words, (2) stemming, (3) indicating when certain words go together as phrases, and (4) grouping synonyms into one word.

Duties Performed

The PDCs were asked a series of standard questions related to activities accomplished over the biennium pursuant to the duties assigned under the Regional Cooperation Act ("the Act").¹¹ These activities were broken down into the following functional areas:¹²

Administration	Infrastructure
Criminal Justice	Planning, Zoning, & Community Development
Disaster Planning	Recreation
Economic Development	Telecommunications/Technology
Environment	Transportation
Health & Human Services	Workforce
Housing	Other

Each PDC was required to provide at least one example for every activity they had within the individual functional areas by duty. These examples were recorded and a summary table was produced for each of the individual responsibilities.¹³ The following series of charts summarizes those responses by duty and functional area. Additional explanation regarding each chart is included, as needed.



¹¹ DHCD staff provided additional elaboration and interpretation for some of the duties, because no such definition existed within State Code. For example, a definition was provided for "regional functional area plan." For more details on this additional elaboration, please see the annual report questionnaire in Appendix A.

¹² DHDC staff also provided additional definitions for each of these functional area categories. Please see the annual report questionnaire in Appendix A for more details.

¹³ The summary tables can be seen in greater detail in Appendix B through Appendix K.

Overall, PDCs provided numerous examples that demonstrated their fulfillment of their duties and within numerous functional areas. The top three most frequent functional areas for PDC activity for all duties occurred within Transportation, Environment, and Economic Development. Conversely, the categories of Criminal Justice and Workforce appeared to have very little activity over the course of the biennium. These trends are similar to those reported by the PDCs in FY 2021 and FY 2022.

Furthermore, nearly every PDC provided at least one example of an activity within one of their assigned duties, as demonstrated by the following table. The Regional Cooperation Act does not require that PDCs have an activity for every category annually, so this would be expected, especially for some of the categories that would require the preliminary action of another party, such as review of a local government aid application.

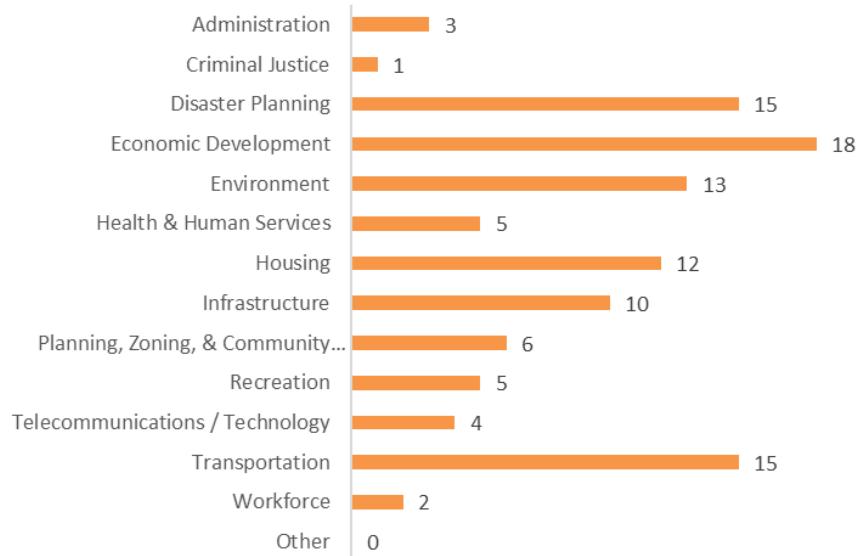
Duty	Number of PDCs w/ Activity
Conduct studies on issues and problems of regional significance	21
Identify and study potential opportunities for state and local cost savings and staffing efficiencies through coordinated governmental efforts	20
Identify mechanisms for the coordination of state and local interests on a regional basis	21
Implement services upon request of member localities	21
Provide technical assistance to state government and member localities	21
Serve as a liaison between localities and state agencies as requested	21
Review local government aid applications as required by § 15.2-4213 and other state or federal law or regulation	20
Develop regional functional area plans as deemed necessary by the commission or as requested by member localities	21
Assist state agencies, as requested, in the development of substate plans	20

To conduct studies on issues and problems of regional significance

As previously reported, all 21 PDCs reported examples of activities regarding this duty.¹⁴ Economic Development was the functional area for which the greatest number of PDCs had an activity, followed closely by Transportation, Disaster Planning, Environment and Housing. Six functional areas had activity by five or fewer PDCs.

¹⁴ For purposes of this question, additional context was provided so that only studies involving two or more localities would be considered as having regional significance.

FOCUS OF STUDIES OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE



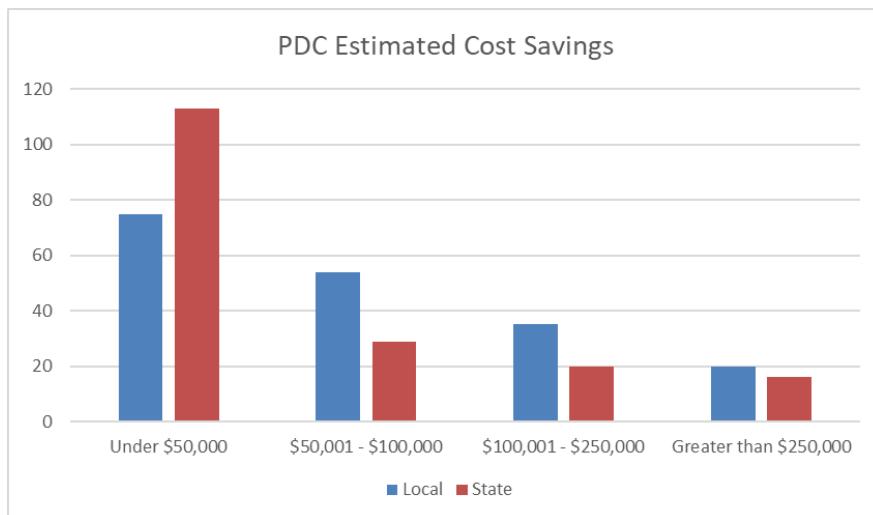
To identify and study potential opportunities for local cost savings and staffing efficiencies through coordinated local government efforts.

During FY 2023 and FY 2024, 20 PDCs reported having at least one activity in this duty by functional area. Transportation and Administration, followed by Environment and Economic Development were the most common functional areas where PDCs fulfilled this duty.

LOCAL COST SAVINGS AND REGIONAL EFFICIENCIES IDENTIFIED AND/OR STUDIED



As a component of the annual report, PDCs were asked to estimate the local and state level costs savings that were attributable to the activities they reported as examples within this duty. Accordingly, PDCs estimated a significant volume of cost savings as a result of this duty at the state and local level. For example, 35 examples were provided by PDCs with estimated local savings in the \$100,000 - \$250,000 range while those examples also estimated an additional 20 counts of savings at the state level.¹⁵



To identify mechanisms for the coordination of state and local interests on a regional basis.

During the biennium, all PDCs reported examples of activity in mechanisms for coordinating state and local interests on a regional basis.¹⁶ Transportation was the highest functional area reported by 15 PDCs followed by Administration. No examples of activity in Criminal Justice were provided, and Workforce was only reported by two PDCs.

¹⁵ It should be noted that these estimates were optional and additional information requesting cost savings methodology was not required. Additional, more thorough evaluation of the activities listed by the PDCs would be needed in order to determine their true cost savings. For additional details, please see Appendix C.

¹⁶ For this question, mechanisms were defined as “procedures, committees, subcommittees, websites, and other structural processes and resources.”

MECHANISMS FOR COORDINATION OF LOCAL INTERESTS ON A REGIONAL BASIS



To implement services and to provide technical assistance upon request of member localities.

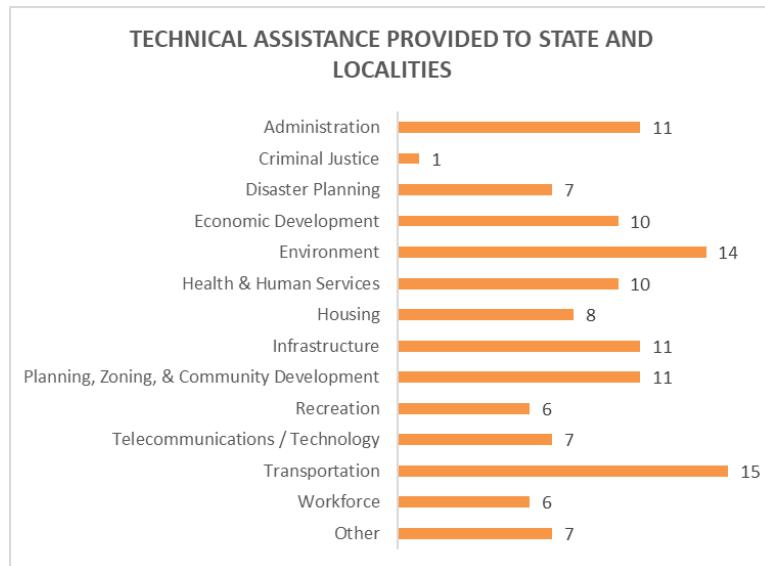
All 21 PDCs reported examples of activity with this duty. Economic Development and Planning/Zoning/Community Development were reported as the most common functional areas. This was followed by Transportation, Environment, and Infrastructure. Conversely, Criminal Justice was reported with the lowest level of functional area activity followed by Workforce.

SERVICES IMPLEMENTED AT REQUEST OF MEMBER LOCALITIES



To provide technical assistance to state government and member localities

Again, all 21 PDCs reported having activity related to this duty over the last biennium. Environment and Transportation scored highest.



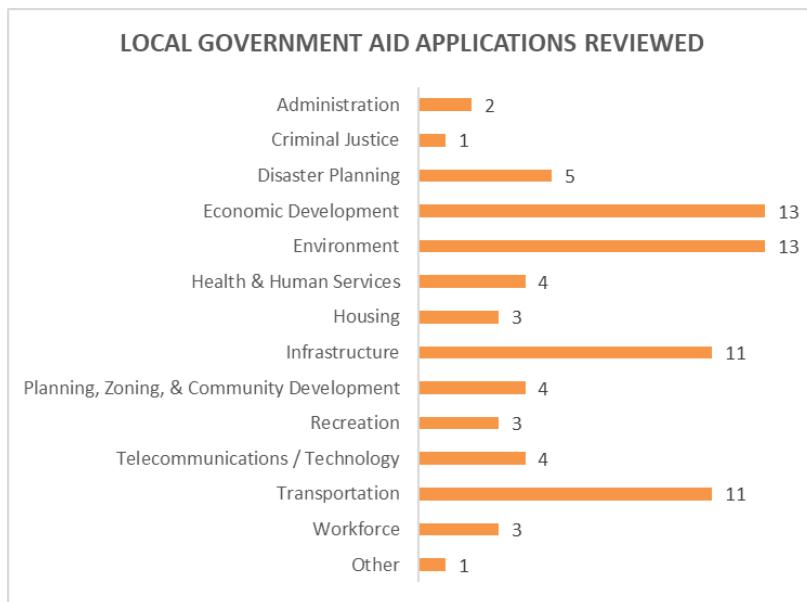
To serve as liaison between localities and state agencies as requested.

Every PDC reported having activity meeting the requirements of this duty. All except four PDCs reported having an activity in the Transportation and Economic Development functional area of this responsibility. This was followed closely by Environment, which had 16 PDCs reporting. On the opposite end, again, no activity was reported in the Criminal Justice functional area, which was also, again, followed by Workforce with only four PDCs reporting an activity.



To review local government aid applications as required by §15.2-4213, Code of Virginia and other state or federal law or regulation.

Twenty PDCs reported activity in a functional area of this duty. Economic Development and Environment were the most common functional areas among 13 PDCs. Criminal Justice, Administration, Recreation, Workforce, and Housing all were less common functional areas.



To develop regional functional area plans as deemed necessary by the commission or as requested by member localities.

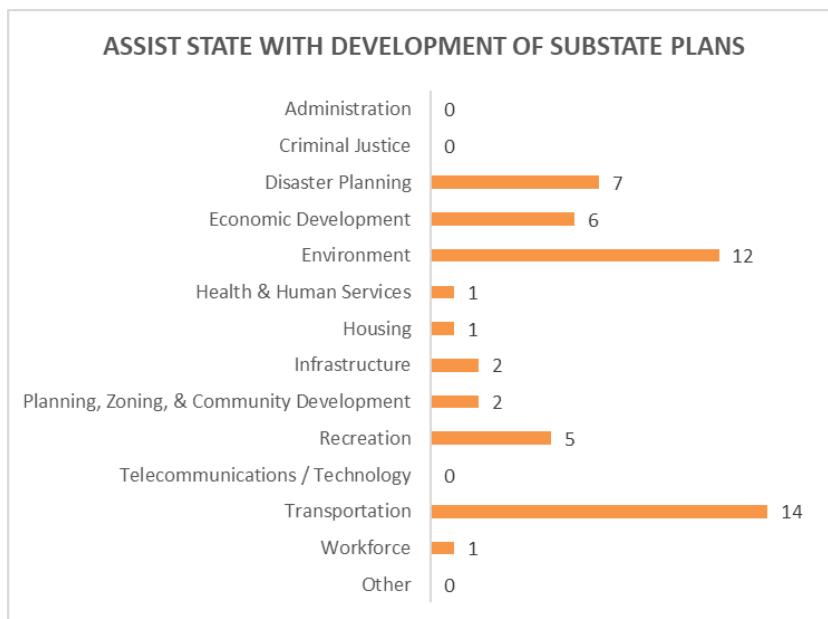
During FY 2023 and FY 2024, all of the 21 PDCs reported having activity related to this duty.¹⁷ Transportation, Economic Development, and Disaster Planning were the most common functional areas reported by PDCs. Criminal Justice and Workforce were not reported by any PDC while Administration and Telecommunications/Technology were reported by fewer than four PDCs.

¹⁷ For purposes of this question, the annual report questionnaire included the definition of regional functional-area plan: "a plan to address, service, need, or opportunity in a functional area (including, but not limited to, the available (categories) that encompasses or involves two or more localities."



To assist state agencies, as requested, in the development of substate plans.

Nearly all PDCs reported assisting state agencies in the development of substate plans during FY 2023 and FY 2024. Environment and Transportation were the most common functional areas, followed by Disaster Planning and Economic Development. There was no reported activity by any PDC in the Criminal Justice, Administration, and Telecommunication/Technology categories, while many other remaining categories were also reported less commonly.



To participate in a statewide geographic information system, the Virginia Geographic Network, as directed by the Department of Planning and Budget.

Nineteen of the 21 PDCs reported having activity meeting this duty during the biennium.

To collect and maintain demographic, economic and other data concerning the region and member localities and act as a state data center affiliate in cooperation with the Virginia Employment Commission.

All 21 PDCs reported activity relating to collecting and maintaining demographic, economic, and other data in addition to serving as an affiliate state data center with the Virginia Employment Commission.

PDC Highlights for FY 2023 & FY 2024

In addition to providing data responsive to each of the requirements contained in the Act and reported on above, DHCD requests that each PDC highlight its successes and achievements with respect to regional cooperative efforts in each year's annual report to the agency. The following sections feature selected highlights that were submitted from each PDC.

Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission (A-NPDC)

Medical Drone Delivery

Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital and Old Dominion University's Virginia Institute for Spaceflight and Autonomy created a project design to deliver medication by drones to Virginia's Eastern Shore. They teamed up with A-NPDC to seek funding for the testing of the concept and DroneUp, LLC, headquartered in Virginia Beach, to provide the autonomous system. A-NPDC was awarded the only nationally competitive Virginia SMART grant. Fifty-nine projects representing thirty-three states were awarded from 392 applications. The initial phase will deliver medication around the hospital then expand out to two and three miles away with the final phase of testing reaching Tangier Island with medicine. Unfilled medications due to lack of transportation is an issue in our disadvantaged communities. High blood pressure medicine will be the initial delivery type. Patient outcomes will be tracked to determine if this delivery method can improve patient outcomes, lower costs, and most important improve access.

Virginia Rail Trail

A-NPDC has preserved the 49.1-mile railroad right-of-way in its entirety. The development of a multi-use rail-to-trail spans the counties of Northampton and Accomack and is planned to pass through 14 of the Eastern Shore's independent towns. A-NPDC has written a successful RAISE grant application for \$23,250,000 to build 16 miles of the trail. This segment of the trail will span both Accomack and Northampton Counties from the Towns of Onley to Nassawadox. The trail will run through six incorporated towns. The Town of Melfa is already making plans to connect the trail to their town park and Northampton County and the Town of Nassawadox have hired a consultant to prepare a reuse and market study for property located in proximity to the trail that will explore how the trail may complement redevelopment in the area.

Septic and Sewer

A-NPDC, with a grant from DHCD, has successfully installed twenty-five individual alternative septic systems and four residential deep wells greatly improving the disastrous sanitary situation in Makemie Park, Virginia. A-NPDC also assisted in the original regional partnership and arranged funding for the Preliminary Engineering Report that was used to bring the Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD) and its sewage transmission project to the Eastern Shore. HRSD is nearing completion of the sewage transmission line that runs from the Town of Nassawadox in Northampton County to the treatment plant in the Town of Onancock in Accomack County, along the way it traverses eight towns. This opened new opportunities for the existing towns within easy reach to join HRSD and build modern sewage facilities.

Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission (CSPDC)

Emergency Communications

CSPDC provided planning and technical support to Bath and Highland Counties' efforts in submitting a grant application for the Department of Homeland Security's Rural Emergency Medical Communications Demonstration Project program. Bath County was one of two grant awardees across the nation selected with the goal of improving statewide medical communication systems and the delivery of rural medical care. In September 2023, Bath County was notified of its selection to receive \$2,000,000 to modernize operability and interoperability systems in the northern Alleghany Highland region. The CSPDC is providing grant administration services on the project funding through the 2-year grant timeline.

Affordable Housing Program and Regional Housing Study

In FY2023 and FY2024, the CSPDC continued to administer a \$2 million PDC Housing Development Grant received from Virginia Housing. The purpose of the grant is to develop regional housing initiatives, strengthen partnerships, and develop affordable housing units. The CSPDC awarded \$1.66 million in direct grant funds to seven development partners toward the creation of 58 units of affordable housing. Additionally, in July 2023, the CSPDC received \$1.7 million through Virginia Housing's Sponsoring Partnerships & Revitalizing Communities (SPARC) Program, which complements the CSPDC's existing First Time Homebuyer Program. Finally, to guide the region's housing efforts moving forward, the CSPDC continued progress on a Regional Housing Study, funded through Virginia Housing's Community Impact Grant Program. The Virginia Center for Housing Research (VCHR) and HousingForward Virginia are the selected consultants for the study. The study is anticipated to be published in Fall of 2024.

Shenandoah Valley Aviation Technology Park

In FY 2023, CSPDC continued providing technical assistance to the Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport (SHD) for its Aviation Technology Park project. The CSPDC completed the grant management for EDA Public Works Program funds the airport received for the construction of two corporate hangers and office spaces. In addition, the CSPDC is currently assisting SHD to administer a GO Virginia Site Development Implementation Grant to construct the water and sewer utility improvements designed and engineered through a \$100,000 GO Virginia Enhanced Capacity Building (ECB) Grant the CSPDC previously helped SHD secure and manage.

Central Virginia Planning District Commission (CVPDC)

Land Revitalization

CVPDC is implementing its first-ever brownfields program with a \$500,000 grant from US EPA. Site assessments or corridor studies are underway in all four counties.

Workforce Development

CVPDC applied to GO Virginia on behalf of Appomattox County and the towns of Appomattox and Pamplin to fund equipment for a welding program at Central Virginia Community College's Appomattox Center. The Region 2 Council approved the application, the first from either CVPDC or Appomattox localities.

Commonwealth Regional Council (CRC)

Support of Poultry Industry

CRC has assisted the Central Virginia Poultry growers since May of 2024 to find solutions for farmers who were affected by the Tyson closure in Glen Allen, VA. The growers came up with a solution – the creation of the Central Virginia Poultry Cooperative (CVPC). The CVPC was created and has entered into an agreement with Dutch Country Organics, LLC of Middlebury, Indiana. CCVPC will raise and sell wholesale cage-free and other premium table eggs to Dutch Country, LLC. To assist with the start up costs for the CVPS, CRC served as the applicant and fiscal agent obtaining the following grants: VA Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS), Governor's Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development Fund (AFID) Planning Grant for \$35,000; VDACS, AFID Infrastructure Grant for \$50,000; and the Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission (TRRC) Southern Virginia Program Grant for \$1,400,000.

Workforce Housing

CRC has received \$2,000,000 from Virginia Housing to establish 25 Affordable Workforce Housing units in the CRC region over a 60-month period. The CRC region is currently lacking inventory in affordable housing units. This project is working to fulfill this need by building and renovating housing units for purchase or rent. CRC has selected three housing partners: Piedmont Habitat for Humanity, the Town of Blackstone, and Broad Street Lofts. As of the end of June 2024, Piedmont Habitat has completed six housing units in the towns of Crewe and Farmville and are in the process of completing five additional housing units in the Town of Keysville. The Town of Blackstone has completed three of six homes. Broad Street Lofts has completed renovating two buildings that created seven housing units. Broad Street is in the process of finding renters for at least two of the seven apartments.

Crater Planning District Commission (CPDC)

Procurement Assistance

The Crater APEX Accelerator participated in 31 different events in FY 2023 and 12 different outreach events. It helped to obtain 559 Federal awards totaling over \$15 million, 474 of those awards going to small businesses just at \$14 million, as well as 3425 State awards totaling over \$22 million, with 3424 of those going to small businesses.

Transportation

TriCities Area Metropolitan Planning Organization adopted Plan2045 Long-Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the FFY 2024-2027 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). The MTP presents a long-range (20 year) strategy to guide the investment of funds for multi-modal transportation infrastructure throughout the Tri-Cities region.

Flood Control/Preparedness

CPDC received a Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Community Flood Preparedness Fund Grant to create a Regional Resilience Plan and a Certified Floodplain Manager position.

Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission (CPPDC)

Broadband Expansion

Following CPPDC's receipt of a combined \$49.4 million in Virginia Telecommunications Initiative awards in FY22 and FY2023, the universal broadband expansion project is entering its home stretch. The project will wrap up in calendar year 2025. This VATI universal broadband project will realize more than 90 percent total high-speed internet coverage within the district by the end of next calendar year. Additionally, by utilizing program revenues generated by the broadband system to reach the hardest-to-serve households in our four counties, CPPDC anticipates achieving 100 percent coverage in the following years. As of this report, more than 11,600 new broadband passings have been built in our four member counties, or approximately 78 percent of the project's nearly 15,000 total anticipated new passings. By project's end, the total investment in new broadband infrastructure through these efforts – including both public and private funding – will tally approximately \$68.3 million.

Project Jonah Water/Sewer Upgrade

CPPDC continued to work with Tazewell County during FY24 on vital infrastructure upgrades to support the development of Project Jonah and its projected 218 new full-time jobs and \$297 million in private capital investment. These efforts resulted in the securing of \$4.3 million in funding from US EDA as well as an additional \$1 million from ARC to extend new water and sewer infrastructure to the site, where Pure Salmon is currently constructing the world's largest vertically-integrated indoor aquaculture facility at the Tazewell-Russell county line. CPPDC helped Tazewell County prepare grant applications for these funds and is now actively administering both grants on the county's behalf as the project moves toward construction. CPPDC is also administering a grant from Virginia Department of Health to support the project through its ARPA funding. Pure Salmon will raise and process up to 20,000 tons of product annually. To help secure the new jobs, the CPPDC member counties of Buchanan, Russell and Tazewell jointly created the Cumberland Industrial Facilities Authority and entered into a revenue-sharing incentive agreement to support the project, with each county pledging \$1 million toward the effort.

George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC)

Septic Repair/Replacement

GWRC established a full-time environmental staff position and was awarded funds from three funding resources for septic system repairs and replacement across the entire district. This is a new program area for GWRC. It was identified as greatly needed for social, health, and environmental reasons.

Transportation

GWRC coordinated with the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO) to produce both the 2050 FAMPO Long Range Transportation Plan and the Rural Regional Transportation Plan, the first 25-year MPO plan in the Commonwealth. GWRC and FAMPO worked on several other transportation efforts, including assisting localities applying for state funds with Smart Scale scoring. 21 projects were awarded funding during the biennium.

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC)

Broadband Expansion

HRPDC is managing a rural broadband expansion project in the southwest portion of the planning district. Suffolk, Isle of Wight, Southampton County, and Charter Communications are working together to provide high-speed internet to rural areas that would otherwise not receive service. The project is moving rapidly and much of the planned fiber optic cable is installed and functional. The project is providing multiple benefits to both citizens and businesses in the participating localities.

Roadway Flooding Sensors

The Hampton Roads region frequently experiences roadway flooding from the tide, wind, or rain. HRPDC developed a pilot project that installed a regional network of water level sensors to monitor roadway flooding. The primary objective of this project is to use real-time data to make informed decisions and build a smart network of available driving conditions. The secondary objective is to make this data available to stakeholders of the Hampton Roads area to better understand and predict future flooding events. Installation of twenty of the sensors has been completed across seven municipal jurisdictions.

Utility Bill Payment Assistance

HRPDC continues to administer the regional Help to Others (H2O) program. This 501(c)(3) program provides utility bill payment assistance to eligible families in danger of losing residential water and wastewater service due to financial hardship or emergency. Since 2011, the program has provided over \$780,000 in assistance to more than 3,200 public utility customers in Hampton Roads. Assistance funding is generated by donations collected online and via the mail.

LENOWISCO Planning District Commission (LPDC)

Data Centers

LPDC in partnership with VEDP and others have embarked on intensive data center recruitment for data center prospects to locate within the LENOWISCO footprint. LPDC has secured \$3.8 million to construct a data center facility to be located at the Project Intersection Regional Industrial Park.

Wastewater Infrastructure

LPDC continued a multi-year effort to provide wastewater service to the western portion of Lee County. LPDC secured nearly \$7 million that will be utilized as match for over \$20 million to be awarded by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. This project will allow for the development of the entire western portion of Lee County while also providing the wastewater infrastructure needed to develop the Lincoln Memorial University Veterinarian School which is in the project area. The LMU Veterinarian School is now the largest veterinarian school in the United States.

Broadband Expansion

In FY23, LPDC secured substantial funding for broadband deployment within the PDC footprint: \$30 million in V ATI funding, \$25 million in RUS funding and 20 million in NTIA funding. These funds will allow the PDC to complete broadband buildout to provide 98 percent coverage.

Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission (MPPDC)

Fight the Flood Coastal Resilience Implementation Program

The Middle Peninsula Fight the Flood program (www.FightTheFloodVA.com) was launched in 2020 as the nation's first municipal resilience implementation program, and it has continued to be a major success for systematically advancing resilience solutions and concurrently organizing and leveraging economic development opportunities. To date the program has resulted in over \$44.5 million in direct loan and grant investments with over \$17 million of that occurring during FY2024 alone. MPPDC submitted 58 different grant applications during FY2024 requesting over \$104.3 million in funding to support the MPPDC resilience program via construction and planning projects targeting both privately and publicly owned property. MPPDC continues to administer the Commonwealth's only municipally available loan funds for living shorelines and septic system repairs and in FY2024, a combined loan fund for the two types of projects was capitalized at \$3 million with funding from the Virginia Resource Authority (VRA).

Workforce Housing

MPPDC supported affordable public housing projects with a \$1 million grant from VA Housing. MPPDC partnered with the Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority (MPCBPAA) to construct or rehabilitate up to 10 units for low-moderate income (LMI) citizens using MPCBPAA-owned properties. The MPCBPAA properties are located along the waterfront of the Middle Peninsula and the project aims to provide affordable workforce housing for local LMI citizens engaged in the marine and seafood industries. Being that portions of the MPCBPAA properties are in flood prone areas, the unit designs incorporated resilient designs to the greatest extent possible such that the structures will be safe for the residents with regards to flooding and storm surge and such that the structures may be built in a manner where they can be relocated and moved in the future once the property has experienced substantial changes resulting from sea-level rise and is no longer safe or a viable place to live. The project advanced to construction during FY24.

Mount Rogers Planning District Commission (MRPDC)

Broadband Expansion

The Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) project continues to be one of the largest in the MRPDC region and its importance is unrivaled. The MRPDC secured a \$65.88 million regional broadband project to create 27,450 passings. The project will expand the broadband network in Washington, Smyth, and Wythe Counties by providing service to currently unserved and underserved areas. The project had a great audit and construction is nearing completion.

Southwest Virginia Water/Wastewater Construction Fund

In FY2024, the Southwest Virginia Water/Wastewater Construction Fund provided \$666,010 to localities, which was matched with \$26,818,766 in local and other state funds and improved water service to 6,728 residences, 483 business, and new service to 235 residential connections and 8 businesses and other connections. This improved service level helped retain 700 existing jobs and helped create 4 jobs. In FY2023, the fund provided \$549,110 to localities, which was matched with \$2,003,097 in local and other state funds and improved water service to 8,149 residences, 411 businesses and other connections, and improved wastewater service to 8,401 residences, 1,034 businesses, and 119 other (community facilities) connections. This improved service level helped retain 8,020 existing jobs.

New River Valley Planning District Commission (NRVPDC)

Broadband Expansion

The Tri-County Broadband Initiative's objective is to bring broadband internet connectivity to unserved and underserved households in Montgomery, Bland, and Pulaski Counties. This work has been ongoing and has significantly progressed in the past year.

A few highlights from the year:

- Montgomery County, partnering with GigaBeam Networks, received a \$919,569 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) grant from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). The County and GigaBeam together are providing an additional \$488,068 in matching funds. The goal of this project is to provide broadband services to 1,248 households and 44 businesses in the communities of Allegheny Springs, Elliston, Lafayette, and Shawsville. This project is scheduled to be built-out by December 2023.
- The Regional Commission, partnering with Montgomery County, Bland County and GigaBeam Networks, received a \$39,233,355 VATI grant from DHCD. The County and GigaBeam together are providing an additional \$38,247,340 in matching funds. The goal of this project is to install approximately 619 miles of fiber to provide access to broadband services to 11,587 households and 507 businesses throughout the remaining unserved and underserved areas of Montgomery County and Bland County.
- The Regional Commission, partnering with Pulaski County and All Points Broadband (APB), received a \$29,122,000 VATI grant from DHCD. The County and APB together are providing an additional \$26,103,057 in matching funds. The goal of this project is to install approximately

419 miles of fiber to provide access to broadband services to 7,073 households and 799 businesses throughout the remaining unserved and underserved areas of Pulaski County.

Addiction Recovery

NRVPDC provides oversight and integration of the New River Valley Recovery Ecosystem five-year program. The Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority funded program coordinates programming in prevention, treatment, education and harm reduction to develop structural changes that address underlying impacts of addiction and support wellbeing in the region. The Regional Commission provides staff assistance to the technical teams, delivers fiscal and performance tracking, supports the communication and educational outreach, and troubleshoots issues to ensure the work is adaptive and innovative to address opioid impacts on the region.

[Northern Neck Planning District Commission \(NNPDC\)](#)

Broadband Project Planning and Development

The Northern Neck PDC planned and developed a \$60 million broadband project that covers five counties (four member counties, and King George County) and will provide wired broadband internet service to every home in the Northern Neck that currently has no wired service. The PDC is overseeing implementation of the project with completion in FY2024.

National Heritage Area Designation

With the support from NNPDC, legislation to designate the Northern Neck and King George County as a National Heritage Area (NHA) was passed by Congress and was signed into law. The region has been working together for over 20 years in pursuit of NHA designation, and legislation was introduced in Congress in 2023 following the completion of the Northern Neck National Heritage Area Feasibility Study. This designation will deliver critical federal dollars, encourage public-private partnerships, and assign a specific entity to help protect the Northern Neck's natural, cultural, scenic, and recreational resources.

Workforce Development

NNPDC provided technical assistance to Rappahannock Community College (RCC) which resulted in a \$5.1 million grant award from the U. S. Department of Commerce - Economic Development Administration for a healthcare training facility located in Warsaw to serve the RCC service area.

[Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission \(NSVRC\)](#)

Recycling Infrastructure

NSVRC was awarded the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) for Communities Grant, resulting in a total of \$4 Million for upgraded recycling infrastructure across the region. The grant award will fund three projects: upgrades to the region's tire-grinding program, the establishment of curbside recycling services in the region's Towns, and the purchase of new 30- and 40-yard recycling containers for landfilling and convenience sites.

Commuter Bus Service

NSVRC completed and submitted a grant to the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), the Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP). This funding helps support the commuter bus that RideSmart helped operate before COVID-19 that traveled the I-66 Corridor. The commuter bus was a success for the commuters of our region. The grant was awarded in FY24, and RideSmart staff immediately began work on bringing the commuter bus service back. Service began in May of 2024 from the Waterloo Park & Ride lot to locations in Northern Virginia and DC.

Affordable Housing

NSVRC partnered with People Inc. and the Town of Luray to develop the first new affordable housing project in Page County in decades. The Luray Meadows apartments are now the home to 52 households and are fully leased up. The project is comprised of 41 two-bedroom apartments and 11 three-bedroom apartments, ranging from \$465-\$750 a month depending on the unit. Last year, Luray Meadows won the Governor's Outstanding Rural Development Award at the Virginia Governor's Housing Conference.

Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC)

Affordable Housing

NVRC was awarded a \$3 million grant by Virginia Housing to create new affordable housing in the region. 337 new affordable housing units will be created as a result of the project. 140 units are complete and occupied. More than \$40 million in private sector funding was leveraged with the grant. 44% of funds are dedicated to home ownership efforts.

Military Installation Resilience

NVRC conducted the Military Installation Resilience Review (MIRR) to assess the impacts that current and future climate hazards could have on four counties and three military installations in Northern Virginia, one of the fastest growing areas of the country with significant economic impact. The project identified more than \$200 million in community/military facility related projects.

Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission (RRRC)

Affordable Housing

RRRC has spent significant resources in developing and implementing the PDC Housing Development Program over the past three years. During FY 2024, funding through the program supported an innovative adaptive reuse project in Fauquier County through partner agency Foothills Housing Corporation.

The Fletcherville Estates project resulted in the creation of four new affordable housing units in a building that previously served as a restaurant along Route 17 in Fauquier County, but that had been unused and vacant for more than a decade. The Regional Commission awarded Foothills Housing Corporation a total of \$200,000 to support the renovation and upgrade of the building that now has a mix of 1-bedroom and 2-bedroom units. The building is adjacent to the Fletcherville area of Fauquier County where Foothills Housing Corporation owns more than 20 other rental homes and provided a positive reuse of the former Ben & Mary's Steakhouse landmark in Fauquier County.

Storm Water Management/Water Quality

In 2022, the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission was awarded a \$300,000 grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) to support several priority planning and implementation activities.

The grant has supported construction of two Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) in the Town of Warrenton to treat stormwater runoff—a bioswale near the Fifth Street dog park and a constructed wetland on Garret Street. Two additional stormwater BMPs are currently being designed for the Carver Center in Culpeper County. Furthermore, this project is assisting John Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District in expanding its Virginia Conservation Assistance Program, which provides cost-share funding for voluntary urban BMP implementation in Fauquier County. The program addresses issues such as erosion and minor flooding, while improving water quality.

Phase two of the Upper Rappahannock Watershed Plan project was also funded under the NFWF grant, along with support from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. RRRC worked with the Chesapeake Conservancy to develop a customized Best Management Practice (BMP) prioritization tool for the region. This GIS-based online tool is intended to assist local governments and other conservation partners in planning implementation of urban and agriculture BMPs to improve the water quality of local streams. The tool is based upon new land cover and stream data the Chesapeake Conservancy developed for the Chesapeake Bay Program, as well as local stakeholder input and field verification by the Friends of the Rappahannock.

[**Richmond Regional Planning District Commission \(RRPDC\) \(aka “PlanRVA”\)**](#)

Transportation

PlanRVA wrapped up its fourth year of staff support to the Central Virginia Transportation Authority (CVTA) which was enacted by the General Assembly in 2020. In four short years, CVTA made three major commitments of regional transportation funds. As of April 2024, the CVTA achieved the following milestones: distributed \$340.4 million back to the nine member jurisdictions for local transportation needs; distributed \$102.1 million to Greater Richmond Transit Company to fund regional public transportation; and retained \$238.3 million for competitive applications serving priority regional transportation projects. Through the three rounds of funding, CVTA has been able to support 64 regionally significant projects, including the completion of the I-64 Gap in New Kent County. The CVTA has been instrumental in funding and supporting the collaboration necessary for Fall Line Trail implementation.

Regional Planning

The Pathways to the Future Scenario Planning is a holistic scenario planning process that assesses impacts of multiple future scenarios on the Richmond Region and is used in developing the Long-Range Transportation Plan, Green Infrastructure planning, and the regional strategic plan. This process assumes that we cannot fully predict what the future holds, so looking at more than one possible future can help us create plans and projects that are more resilient. Pathways to the Future also considers real-world implications across project areas, looking at how transportation, land use, economics, community health, water consumption, and mobile emissions relate and impact future outcomes of regional development. This process included robust community engagement in FY24. PlanRVA organized two charrettes during the Pathways to the Future Process. The first charrette invited local and regional subject matter experts and community leaders to provide input on the existing strengths and weaknesses of the Richmond region

and identified future opportunities and threats. In the second charette, participants provided feedback on the policy and investment pathways that they believe will most improve the Richmond region. In addition, the public was invited to participate in an online interactive scenario matchmaking activity which asked participants to answer a series of questions regarding the outcomes and implications of regional population and job growth levels, growth patterns, environmental and health outcomes, and other considerations and directed them to one of the four alternative future 2050 scenarios for the Richmond region that resonated the most with their own values and predictions. Almost 600 people participated in this activity, and it was widely appreciated. The project will wrap up in 2024 and will be used to inform the upcoming 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (underway in FY25) and subsequent planning efforts like the Green Infrastructure Plan.

[Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission \(RVARC\)](#)

Recreation and Tourism

RVARC assisted with the efforts to support and diversify the rural economy by taking advantage of opportunities for recreation and tourism. These projects included a wide range of technical assistance, mapping, grant writing and planning. Projects included: Clifton Forge All Abilities Park Planning and Design through a Virginia Outdoor Foundation Get Outside grant, regional mountain bike trail development with grant applications to The Alleghany Foundation and the International Mountain Biking Association, trail maintenance and related improvements at Douthat state Park with a Virginia DCR Recreational Trails Program application, working with Alleghany County, the US Forest Service and National Park Service to plan for a new campground, trail user counts to support requests for funding, and development of a regional Alleghany Highlands Recreation

Addiction Recovery

The Roanoke Valley Collective Response - a program of the Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Commission - received \$500,000 from the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority to continue its work of building and expanding a regional recovery ecosystem. This funding represents the first year of a proposed five-year project. The Cooperative Partnership grant with the City of Roanoke and Roanoke County addresses barriers which include housing, transportation, and stigma reduction as part of a successful recovery ecosystem. The proposal will be achieved by supporting the individualized and collective needs of the localities as well as raise the visibility of the Collective Response to foster increased participation and collaboration across organizations. The project will also aim to improve visibility and compatibility among data systems across the medical, planning, and emergency response sectors to enable more effective data sharing and reporting.

Grant Writing

The Commission applied to and received \$100,000 from the Appalachian Regional Commission's Ready LDD program. RVARC is using those funds to support an on-call bench of professional grant writers that can help our ARC localities access Federal and other grants. In the spring of 2024, RVARC put out an RFP and was able to secure a bench of five professional grant writers with experience across a range of Federal programs. Initial projects have largely been focused on funding research, with the bench team assisting Craig County in identifying public and private funding opportunities for a significant radio tower project, and Alleghany County identifying funding sources for a range of water infrastructure needs.

[Southside Planning District Commission \(SPDC\)](#)

Affordable Housing

Southside PDC received a grant award in the amount of \$1,000,000 from the Virginia Housing PDC Affordable Housing Development Program on June 30, 2021. The PDC will partner with Southside Outreach Group on two housing development initiatives to be completed by June 2024. The first initiative utilized \$250,000 of the grant to provide gap funding for necessary construction costs for the Town of South Boston Poplar Creek Homes Project. The Poplar Creek Homes community includes sixteen (16) new affordable duplexes totaling thirty-two (32) one-, two-, and three-bedroom units. All units will be sold or rented to low-to-moderate income individuals and families whose income is 40%, 50%, and 60% of the area's median income. An open house for Poplar Creek Homes was held on June 13, 2023, and units are being filled.

The second initiative, currently under development, will provide three (3) new affordable homes for first-time homebuyers that are at or below 80% of the area median income and will have a listed sales price at or below the Virginia Housing sales and income limits. Participating first-time homebuyers will be enrolled in housing counseling through the Southside Outreach Group. Following the successful sale of the home, the income obtained from the sale will be placed in the Southside PDC Housing Assistance Fund and administered by Lake Country Development Corporation. The Housing Assistance Fund will provide sliding-scale assistance for home improvements to low-income homeowners throughout the Region.

SOVA Innovation Hub

The SOVA Innovation Hub construction project will: 1) Redevelop a 13,000 square foot building at 801 Wilborn Ave., South Boston, adjacent to the existing SOVA Innovation Hub building at 715 Wilborn Ave., South Boston, VA, and 2) Complete site infrastructure to support environmentally sustainable practices and agriculture and technology demonstration areas. The new building will include four (4) key components: digital makerspace, community spaces, coworking offices, and outdoor spaces. The region served is Charlotte, Halifax, Mecklenburg, and Pittsylvania Counties and the City of Danville. Southside PDC staff assisted the SOVA Innovation Hub Corporation in the preparation and submission of the EDA ARPA application totaling \$2,948,738 which was submitted on 03/31/22. A companion application was submitted to the Tobacco Commission on 10/20/22 totaling \$400,000 that was approved on 01/06/23. The EDA ARPA application was denied; however, a follow-up application was submitted on 12/15/22 totaling \$1,255,556 to the EDA EAA Public Works Program which was approved 09/12/23. A grant agreement with EDA was executed on 9/14/23. The design is complete, and a current cost estimate has been received. The scope of work is being reviewed and bid alternates are being considered.

[Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission \(TJPDC\)](#)

Broadband

TJPDC continues to serve as administrator of a \$79 million broadband expansion grant received through the Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI), handling administrative and financial functions of the grant on behalf of 13 partner localities. The project aims to offer universal access to gigabit speed broadband service for 36,000 unserved homes and businesses across five planning district regions. At the close of FY24, the project had achieved 1,005 miles of aerial fiber placement; 396 miles of underground fiber placement; 933 miles of splicing, and 12,287 passings. Finally, in support of the goal to ensure that universal broadband service is available to all unserved locations in the project area, TJPDC again

partnered with Firefly to apply for VATI 2024 funding to expand the project to include additional eligible locations (awarded in July 2024).

Regional Planning

The TJPDC continued to utilize an \$80,000 U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) Economic Adjustment Assistance grant toward development of regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to benefit all TJPDC localities. Our partner consultant, Camoin Associates, conducted a site visit to the region early in FY24 to engage stakeholders on specific strategies for the CEDS plan and also conducted in-person and virtual interviews with stakeholders. A “Resilience and Vulnerability” report was compiled and a survey about the local business environment was conducted. TJPDC released the CEDS plan for public review and comment in March and the final plan was adopted by the TJPDC Commission in early May. Information about the CEDS has been presented to local government boards and economic development authorities at their request and the GO Virginia Region 9 Council has considered alignment of the TJPDC CEDS plan and super regional strategies with its growth plan.

West Piedmont Planning District Commission (WPPDC)

Broadband

In FY24, WPPDC continued its partnership with RiverStreet Networks on two Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI) projects. The WPPDC West project included Franklin, Henry, and Patrick counties as well as a partnership with Appalachian Power (APCo). WPPDC West will construct 1,117 miles of fiber and pass 10,056 potential customers. Total project cost is \$92,996,158 which includes \$33,571,073 in VATI grant funding. The second project, WPPDC East, includes Amelia, Bedford, Campbell, Charlotte, Nottoway, and Pittsylvania counties. This project will construct 2,296 miles of fiber and pass 24,641 potential customers. Total project cost is \$152,425,235 which includes \$87,003,888 in VATI grant funding. WPPDC also partnered with Charter Communications/Spectrum on a successful VATI application in Patrick County. The total project cost is \$3,007,530 which includes \$1,557,385 in VATI grant funds. The WPPDC Patrick County project will construct 74 miles of fiber and pass 690 potential customers. WPPDC was also successful with three VATI 2023 applications that add an additional \$19,717,714 in VATI grant funds and \$12,448,286 in match funds to build out 543 miles of fiber to the home and pass approximately 10,000 additional homes, businesses, and community institutions.

Agriculture and Agrotourism

WPPDC completed a Regional Agribusiness and Agritourism Initiative to develop a regional approach to developing, supporting, and marketing the region’s agricultural assets. The Initiative included a new Grown in SOVA brand that ties into the existing Life in SOVA brand, an economic impact study, website and regional agribusiness database, and prioritized next steps.

Conclusion

It is important to note that, while the Regional Cooperation Act articulates specific duties of the PDCs, it does not require that each PDC conduct activities in every functional area. Rather, each PDC is challenged to tailor its services to meet the diverse needs of its member localities. Based on their 2023 and 2024 annual reports, Virginia’s planning district commissions are meeting the goals as well as the overall intent and specific requirements of the Regional Cooperation Act. Virginia’s PDCs are providing critical leadership to advance regional cooperation in the Commonwealth.

Appendices

Appendix A

PDC Annual Report Questionnaire

General Instructions:

Please answer the following questions using the text boxes and tables provided.

For any of the questions involving a table, if additional rows are needed, please click your mouse in one of the fillable cells of the table. You will then see a blue plus sign appear on the right side of the row in which you clicked. Please click on that blue plus sign to add another row. Please see the following screenshot as an example.

d. List all recommendations and activities identified in the plan in order of their importance or priority and explain how these priorities were established.

Recommendation/Activity (ranked in order of importance/priority)	Explanation of importance/prioritization
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Figure 1: In the above image, clicking the mouse in one of the table cells results in a blue plus sign appearing on the right side of the table to the right of the cell row that was clicked. Clicking on the blue plus sign will create another row for this table.

Many of the questions containing tables will ask you to provide a category of a project, activity, plan, etc. using a drop-down menu of predefined categories contained in the table's cell (i.e. "Choose an item"). Please select the category that best represents the project, activity, plan, etc. listed.

responsible for implementation of those projects and activities. Please use the following table to answer this question:

Name of Project/Activity	Entities Involved	Category of Project/Activity	Notes
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Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.	Criminal Justice	
		Disaster Planning	
		Economic Development	
		Environment	
		Health and Human Services	
		Housing	
		Infrastructure	
		Planning, Zoning, and Community Development	
		Recreation	
		Telecommunications/Technology	
		Transportation	
		Workforce	
		Other	

11) Based on the PDC's strategic plan, what are the undertaken by the PDC this fiscal year? Identify the implementation of those projects and activities to answer this question.

Name of Project/Activity	Entities Involved

Figure 2: In the above image, a drop-down menu of categories appears after clicking on the downward facing arrow next to the "Choose an item" field.

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For clarity, definitions for each category are provided below; however, these categories are not meant to be comprehensive so please consider using the “Other (Please Specify)” category and the adjacent “Notes” cell to provide additional context whenever needed.

Category	Definition	Category	Definition
Administration	General organizational and operational matters related to the management and delivery of public services.	Infrastructure	Activities or projects related to public facilities designed for the delivery, collection, treatment, or storage of various local public services, including but not limited to water, sewer, electricity, natural gas, etc.
Criminal Justice	Law enforcement, judicial proceedings, detainment, rehabilitation, and prevention of criminal activity.	Planning, Zoning, and Community Development	Growth management, development, preservation, and redevelopment tools that regulate and shape the built environment and the uses contained therein.
Disaster Planning	Efforts to plan for, prevent, and effectively respond to natural and manmade disasters or emergencies.	Recreation	Activities to promote rest, leisure, or physical activity in a variety of public venues including parks, trails, historic resources, and natural areas.
Economic Development	Efforts to study, promote, and enhance local or regional economies.	Telecommunications / Technology	Infrastructure specifically dedicated to information technology and the processing, delivery, or storage of such information.
Environment	Efforts to study, protect, or preserve natural amenities including forest, timberland, bodies of water, and sources of other important or strategic natural resources.	Transportation	Infrastructure and services designed for the movement of people, goods, and services through a variety of modes (e.g. pedestrians, bicycles, automobiles, transit, etc.)
Health & Humans Services	Efforts to improve, sustain, or protect physical and/or mental health, social welfare, and public health of the community.	Workforce	Efforts to study and/or engage local labor forces to address employment needs and other matters to sustain or enhance commerce
Housing	Efforts to study, promote, sustain, or develop temporary or permanent shelter and living accommodations for individuals or groups.	Other	Please specify in the adjacent “Notes” cell.

Planning District Commission Annual Report

- 1) Please upload a one-page cover letter signed by your organization's Executive Director summarizing the annual report responses and identifying any other matters the PDC would like to highlight that may not be captured by the annual report questions.
- 2) Please use the following table to identify the PDC's member jurisdictions and the name of their representative. Alternatively, if you have your list of member jurisdictions and associated representatives in a separate table, you may paste it beneath this table or include it at the end of this document.

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- a. Have any member jurisdictions withdrawn or no longer formally participate with the PDC during the past fiscal year (ending 6/30/2024)? Please identify these jurisdictions and indicate when such change occurred.

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 - b. Have any Native American tribes joined the PDC (pursuant to [§ 15.24203 of the Code of Virginia](#)) during the past fiscal year (ending 6/30/2024)? Please identify these tribes and indicate when they joined.

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- 3) What is the latest [Weldon Cooper population estimate](#) for the PDC?

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- 4) Please upload a copy of the PDC's budget from the most recent (ending 6/30/2024) and current fiscal (ending 6/30/2025) years in CAMS and complete the following information related to the PDC's annual budget:

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Fiscal Year	Total Budget Amount	Total Budget Amount from Local Sources	Total Budget Amount from State Sources	Total Budget Amount from Federal Sources	Total Budget Amount from other Sources	Notes
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5) Has the Charter or Bylaws been amended in the past fiscal year (ending 6/30/2024)? If yes, please email updated document to DHCD Staff.

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6) Please upload a copy of the PDC's Work Plan/Program in CAMS.

Element #1: Successes and achievements

7) Please list and describe 3-5 successes and achievements of special note with regional efforts in cooperation over the last fiscal year (ending 6/30/2024). List these highlights in order of their importance to your PDC/region. Keep in mind that one or two highlights from each PDC will be selected for inclusion in the biennial report on PDCs that is submitted to the Governor and General Assembly. **Answers that are too succinct or similar to answers from recent past reports will likely lead to follow-up questions by DHCD staff.**

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Element #2: Strategic Planning

8) Pursuant to [§ 15.2-4209 of the Code of Virginia](#), “Except in planning districts in which regional planning also is conducted by multi-state councils of government, each planning district commission shall prepare a regional strategic plan for the guidance of

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the district." Has a regional strategic plan been adopted? (Please mark an "X" next to your answer.)

- a. () Yes
- b. () Yes- Revision, amendment, or rewrite in progress
- c. () No- However adoption is in progress
 - i. Please explain why adoption has not occurred.

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- d. () No- Exempted from requirement by law
 - i. Pursuant to [§ 15.2-4209 \(B\) of the Code of Virginia](#), preparation of such a regional strategic plan is optional. Please explain why the PDC has not considered this option.

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9) Please describe the status of the PDC's regional strategic planning activities by answering the following questions.

- a. What was the adoption/revision date for the PDC's existing strategic plan?

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- i. If the adoption date is greater than 5 years old, [§ 15.2-4212 of the Code of Virginia](#) requires revision and formal approval of such plan. Please describe the efforts the PDC has made to comply with this requirement.

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- b. How was the strategic plan developed?

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- c. Who (persons and organizations) was involved?

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- d. What are the highest priority recommendations and activities that are identified in the plan?

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i. How were these priorities established?

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10) During the past fiscal year (ending 6/30/2024), what projects and activities listed in the regional strategic plan have been implemented or are underway? **Please list at least three projects or activities.**

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11) What projects and activities from the regional strategic plan does the PDC intend to undertake this upcoming fiscal year (FY2025)? **Please list at least three projects or activities.**

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12) Please list the most important issues for the region. **Please keep your answers brief by listing topics or subject matter areas instead of long sentences or long phrases.**

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Element #3: Duties Performed

The following questions seek to address [§ 15.2-4208 of the Code of Virginia](#), which establishes the general duties of PDCs. **For each of the following questions (13 – 21), please provide at least one example for each category (listed on Page 2 of the General Instructions) for which the PDC had an activity. There is no requirement to have an activity for every category listed. Answers should correspond to the tally of activities in the Performance Spreadsheet; however, not every activity in the Performance Spreadsheet needs to be identified in the corresponding tables in Questions 13 through 21.**

13) List **studies with regional significance** that the PDC has conducted (either initiated or completed) over the last fiscal year (ending 6/30/2024). For purposes of regional significance, please identify only those studies that involve two or more localities. Please use the following table to answer this question and choose the category that best describes the study. (Corresponds to Row 3 of the Performance Spreadsheet)

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Name of Study	Category of Study	Status of Study (Initiated/Completed)	Notes
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Click here to enter text.	Choose an item.	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.

14) Address how the PDC has **identified and studied opportunities for local cost savings and staff efficiencies through coordinated governmental efforts** over the last fiscal year (ending 6/30/2024). If possible, please estimate the state and local savings over the last fiscal year as a result of these efforts. Please use the following table to answer this question and choose the category that best describes the study. (Corresponds to Row 4 of the Performance Spreadsheet)

Name of Study	Category of Study	Estimated Local Savings (Pre-defined Ranges)	Estimated State Savings (Pre-defined Ranges)	Notes
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Click here to enter text.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Click here to enter text.
Click here to enter text.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Click here to enter text.

15) List the PDC's **mechanisms for coordinating state and local interests on a regional basis** over the last fiscal year (ending 6/30/2024). For purposes of this question, mechanisms are considered procedures, committees, subcommittees, websites, and other structured processes and resources. Please use the following table to answer this question and choose the category that best describes the mechanism. (Corresponds to Row 5 of the Performance Spreadsheet)

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Name of Mechanism	Category of Mechanism	Notes
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16) List activities where the PDC has implemented services at the request of member localities over the last fiscal year (ending 6/30/2024). Please use the following table to answer this question and choose the category that best describes the request.
(Corresponds to Row 6 of the Performance Spreadsheet)

Name of Activity	Locality/Localities requesting	Category of Request	Notes
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Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.	Choose an item.	Click here to enter text.

17) Describe the technical assistance the PDC has provided to state government and member localities over the last fiscal year (ending 6/30/2024). Please use the following table to answer this question and choose the category that best describes the request.
(Corresponds to Row 7 of the Performance Spreadsheet)

Name/Description of Technical Assistance	State Agency/Agencies and/or Local Government(s) Involved	Category of Request	Notes
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18) Explain how the PDC has served as a liaison between local governments and state and federal agencies as requested over the last fiscal year (ending 6/30/2024). For purposes of the liaison activities addressed by this question, please identify the state and federal agencies the PDC has interacted with over the last fiscal year. In circumstances where state and federal agencies are both involved (e.g. federal programs administered at the state level), please list both entities for the activity. Please use the following table to answer this question and choose the category that best describes the request.

(Corresponds to Row 8 of the Performance Spreadsheet)

Name of Liaison Activity	State/Federal Agency or Agencies and Local Government(s) Involved	Category of Request	Notes
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19) Explain how the PDC has reviewed local government aid applications over the last fiscal year (ending 6/30/2024). For purposes of this question, please include applications to agencies of the state or federal government for loans, grants-in-aid for local projects, and as required by other state or federal law or regulation. Please use the following table to answer this question and choose the category that best describes the application. (Corresponds to Row 9 of the Performance Spreadsheet)

Name of Application	Locality or Localities Requesting	State and/or Federal Agency or	Category of Application	Notes

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		Agencies Involved		
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20) Address how the PDC has **developed regional functional-area plans as deemed necessary by the commission or upon request by member localities** over the last fiscal year (ending 6/30/2024). For purposes of this question, a regional functional-area plan is a plan to address service, need, or opportunity in a functional area (including but not limited to the available categories in the table below) that encompasses or involves two or more localities. Please use the following table to answer this question and choose the category that best describes the plan. (Corresponds to Row 10 of the Performance Spreadsheet)

Name of Plan	Localities Involved	Category of Plan	Notes
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Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.	Choose an item.	Click here to enter text.

21) Address how the PDC has **assisted state agencies, upon request, in developing substate plans** over the last fiscal year (ending 6/30/2024). Please use the following table to answer this question and choose the category that best describes the plan. (Corresponds to Row 11 of the Performance Spreadsheet)

Name of Plan	Name of State Agency	Category of Substate Plan	Notes

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22) Has the PDC **participated in the VGIN statewide geographic information system** in the past fiscal year (ending 6/30/2024)? If no, why not?

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23) Has the PDC **served as a data center affiliate for the region and member governments** in the past fiscal year (ending 6/30/2024)? If no, why not?

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24) Notwithstanding the duties mandated in the Regional Cooperation Act that have been answered in questions 8 through 11 and 13 through 23, what other noteworthy services has the PDC provided to member localities, the Commonwealth, or other entity over the past fiscal year (ending 6/30/2024)?

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Appendix B

Strategic Planning and Studies of Regional Significance

Appendix B: Studies on Issues and Problems of Regional Significance

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Focus of Studies of Regional Significance

District PDC		Administration	Criminal Justice	Disaster Planning	Economic Development	Environment	Health & Human Services	Housing	Infrastructure	Planning, Zoning, & Community Development	Recreation	Telecommunications / Technology	Transportation	Workforce	Other
1	LENOWISCO			x				x							
2	Cumberland Plateau			x	x			x	x		x	x	x		
3	Mount Rogers			x	x	x		x	x	x					
4	New River Valley	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
5	Roanoke Valley Alleghany												x		
6	Central Shenandoah			x	x	x		x					x		
7	Northern Shenandoah Valley				x	x							x		
8	Northern Virginia				x	x			x						
9	Rappahannock-Rapidan			x	x	x		x	x				x	x	
10	Thomas Jefferson			x		x			x				x		
11	Central Virginia	x			x			x							
12	West Piedmont			x	x			x					x		
13	Southside			x	x	x	x	x		x	x		x		
14	Commonwealth Regional			x	x							x			
15	Richmond Regional		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
16	George Washington Regional	x		x	x	x	x	x					x		
17	Northern Neck			x					x	x			x		
18	Middle Peninsula			x	x	x									
19	Crater				x								x		
22	Accomack-Northampton			x	x	x	x	x	x		x		x		
23	Hampton Roads			x	x	x			x	x			x		

Appendix C

Study Opportunities for Local Cost Savings and Regional Efficiencies

Appendix C: Identify and Study Potential Opportunities for State and Local Cost Savings through Coordinated Governmental Efforts
FY 2023 & FY 2024

Local Cost Savings and Regional Efficiencies Identified and/or Studied

District PDC		Administration	Criminal Justice	Disaster Planning	Economic Development	Environment	Health & Human Services	Housing	Infrastructure	Planning, Zoning, & Community Development	Recreation	Telecommunications / Technology	Transportation	Workforce	Other
1	LENOWISCO			x									x		
2	Cumberland Plateau				x										
3	Mount Rogers	x		x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x		
4	New River Valley	x										x	x		
5	Roanoke Valley Alleghany														
6	Central Shenandoah	x		x	x	x		x					x		
7	Northern Shenandoah Valley	x							x	x					
8	Northern Virginia					x									
9	Rappahannock-Rapidan	x				x	x	x			x		x		
10	Thomas Jefferson	x		x	x							x	x		
11	Central Virginia	x										x		x	
12	West Piedmont			x	x			x					x		
13	Southside			x	x		x	x			x		x		
14	Commonwealth Regional	x													
15	Richmond Regional					x							x		
16	George Washington Regional	x				x									
17	Northern Neck	x			x	x			x				x		
18	Middle Peninsula	x			x	x							x		
19	Crater	x									x				
22	Accomack-Northampton					x	x	x	x		x				
23	Hampton Roads			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x		

Appendix D

Mechanisms for Coordination of Local Interests

Appendix D: Identify Mechanisms for the Coordination of State and Local Interests on a Regional Basis
FY 2023 & FY 2024

Mechanisms for Coordination of Local Interests on a Regional Basis

District PDC		Administration	Criminal Justice	Disaster Planning	Economic Development	Environment	Health & Human Services	Housing	Infrastructure	Planning, Zoning, & Community Development	Recreation	Telecommunications / Technology	Transportation	Workforce	Other
1	LENOWISCO				x										
2	Cumberland Plateau				x					x	x	x			
3	Mount Rogers	x		x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
4	New River Valley	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
5	Roanoke Valley Alleghany				x	x	x	x			x		x		
6	Central Shenandoah	x		x	x								x		
7	Northern Shenandoah Valley	x				x				x			x		
8	Northern Virginia	x				x	x	x							x
9	Rappahannock-Rapidan	x		x		x		x					x		
10	Thomas Jefferson	x		x		x		x				x	x		
11	Central Virginia						x					x	x		
12	West Piedmont	x			x		x			x			x		x
13	Southside	x		x	x			x		x	x	x	x	x	
14	Commonwealth Regional					x				x					x
15	Richmond Regional			x	x	x			x	x	x		x		
16	George Washington Regional	x		x	x	x		x		x			x		x
17	Northern Neck	x			x	x	x					x	x		
18	Middle Peninsula	x		x		x	x			x					x
19	Crater				x								x		
22	Accomack-Northampton	x		x	x	x	x	x			x				
23	Hampton Roads	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x		x		

Appendix E

Services Implemented at Request of Member Localities

Appendix E: Services Implemented at Request of Member Localities

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Services Implemented at Request of Member Localities

District PDC		Administration	Criminal Justice	Disaster Planning	Economic Development	Environment	Health & Human Services	Housing	Infrastructure	Planning, Zoning, & Community Development	Recreation	Telecommunications / Technology	Transportation	Workforce	Other
1	LENOWISCO	x							x	x					
2	Cumberland Plateau				x				x	x					
3	Mount Rogers	x		x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x		
4	New River Valley	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
5	Roanoke Valley Alleghany				x	x	x				x		x		
6	Central Shenandoah			x	x	x		x		x	x	x	x		x
7	Northern Shenandoah Valley	x			x			x		x				x	
8	Northern Virginia				x	x									
9	Rappahannock-Rapidan			x	x	x	x	x					x		
10	Thomas Jefferson	x		x		x			x	x			x		
11	Central Virginia							x	x	x					
12	West Piedmont				x	x		x	x	x		x	x		x
13	Southside	x		x	x		x		x	x	x	x	x		
14	Commonwealth Regional	x		x	x		x		x	x		x	x		
15	Richmond Regional				x	x				x			x		x
16	George Washington Regional	x			x		x	x					x		
17	Northern Neck					x	x	x							x
18	Middle Peninsula			x	x	x			x			x			x
19	Crater	x		x	x					x					
22	Accomack-Northampton			x	x			x	x	x			x		
23	Hampton Roads	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x			

Appendix F

Technical Assistance Provided to State and Localities

Appendix F: Technical Assistance Provided to State and Localities

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Technical Assistance Provided to State and Localities

District PDC		Administration	Criminal Justice	Disaster Planning	Economic Development	Environment	Health & Human Services	Housing	Infrastructure	Planning, Zoning, & Community	Recreation	Telecommunications / Technology	Transportation	Workforce	Other
1	LENOWISCO	x								x					
2	Cumberland Plateau								x			x			
3	Mount Rogers	x		x				x	x	x		x	x		
4	New River Valley	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
5	Roanoke Valley Alleghany					x	x	x	x		x	x	x		
6	Central Shenandoah				x								x		
7	Northern Shenandoah Valley	x			x							x			
8	Northern Virginia					x	x								
9	Rappahannock-Rapidan	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
10	Thomas Jefferson	x				x				x			x		
11	Central Virginia									x			x	x	
12	West Piedmont	x			x	x	x		x		x		x		x
13	Southside	x		x	x	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	
14	Commonwealth Regional		x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x		x	x	x
15	Richmond Regional			x		x		x		x					
16	George Washington Regional				x	x	x						x		x
17	Northern Neck	x			x	x							x		x
18	Middle Peninsula	x				x	x		x		x				x
19	Crater									x					x
22	Accomack-Northampton					x	x	x	x				x	x	
23	Hampton Roads	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x		x

Appendix G

Liaison between Localities and State Agencies

Appendix G: Serve as a Liaison Between Localities and State Agencies

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Local Liaison Activities

District PDC		Administration	Criminal Justice	Disaster Planning	Economic Development	Environment	Health & Human Services	Housing	Infrastructure	Planning, Zoning, & Community	Recreation	Telecommunications / Technology	Transportation	Workforce	Other
1	LENOWISCO				x				x				x		
2	Cumberland Plateau			x					x	x	x				x
3	Mount Rogers	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
4	New River Valley	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
5	Roanoke Valley Alleghany	x			x	x	x						x		
6	Central Shenandoah			x	x	x		x					x		x
7	Northern Shenandoah Valley				x	x		x	x				x		
8	Northern Virginia					x				x					
9	Rappahannock-Rapidan	x		x	x	x		x			x	x	x		
10	Thomas Jefferson	x		x		x		x				x	x		
11	Central Virginia					x							x	x	
12	West Piedmont	x		x	x			x		x			x		
13	Southside				x	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	
14	Commonwealth Regional				x	x	x	x	x	x				x	x
15	Richmond Regional			x		x							x		
16	George Washington Regional				x	x	x						x		x
17	Northern Neck				x	x			x				x		
18	Middle Peninsula			x	x	x	x						x		x
19	Crater	x			x								x		
22	Accomack-Northampton				x	x		x			x	x			
23	Hampton Roads	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x		

Appendix H

Review of Local Government Aid Applications

Appendix H: Local Government Aid Applications Reviewed

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Local Government Aid Applications Reviewed

District PDC		Administration	Criminal Justice	Disaster Planning	Economic Development	Environment	Health & Human Services	Housing	Infrastructure	Planning, Zoning, & Community	Recreation	Telecommunications / Technology	Transportation	Workforce	Other
1	LENOWISCO				x				x	x					
2	Cumberland Plateau				x				x						
3	Mount Rogers					x			x						
4	New River Valley	x			x	x			x			x			
5	Roanoke Valley Alleghany					x									
6	Central Shenandoah				x	x			x		x	x			
7	Northern Shenandoah Valley														
8	Northern Virginia									x					
9	Rappahannock-Rapidan				x	x		x	x	x		x	x		
10	Thomas Jefferson				x	x		x				x	x		
11	Central Virginia				x	x	x		x	x					
12	West Piedmont	x	x	x					x	x	x	x	x		
13	Southside			x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
14	Commonwealth Regional					x			x				x	x	
15	Richmond Regional				x								x		
16	George Washington Regional				x	x	x						x		
17	Northern Neck					x									
18	Middle Peninsula	x		x		x	x		x			x			
19	Crater				x	x			x						
22	Accomack-Northampton			x	x										
23	Hampton Roads			x								x			

Appendix I

Regional Functional Area Plans Developed

Appendix I: Develop Regional Functional Area Plans

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Functional Area Plans Developed

District PDC		Administration	Criminal Justice	Disaster Planning	Economic Development	Environment	Health & Human Services	Housing	Infrastructure	Planning, Zoning, & Community	Recreation	Telecommunications / Technology	Transportation	Workforce	Other
1	LENOWISCO			x				x				x			
2	Cumberland Plateau			x											
3	Mount Rogers		x	x	x			x	x	x		x	x		
4	New River Valley	x						x			x	x	x		
5	Roanoke Valley Alleghany						x								
6	Central Shenandoah		x	x	x								x		
7	Northern Shenandoah Valley												x		
8	Northern Virginia					x									
9	Rappahannock-Rapidan			x	x	x					x		x		
10	Thomas Jefferson		x	x	x			x	x				x		
11	Central Virginia			x				x					x		
12	West Piedmont		x	x									x		
13	Southside		x	x			x	x			x	x	x		
14	Commonwealth Regional		x	x											
15	Richmond Regional		x			x							x		
16	George Washington Regional			x	x								x		x
17	Northern Neck			x						x					
18	Middle Peninsula	x		x	x				x		x		x		
19	Crater			x									x		
22	Accomack-Northampton			x	x	x		x	x				x		
23	Hampton Roads			x				x	x	x			x		x

Appendix J

Assist State Agencies with Substate Plans

Appendix J: Assist State Agencies with Substate Plans

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Assist State with Development of Substate Plans

District	PDC	Administration	Criminal Justice	Disaster Planning	Economic Development	Environment	Health & Human Services	Housing	Infrastructure	Planning, Zoning, & Community	Recreation	Telecommunications / Technology	Transportation	Workforce	Other
1	LENOWISCO														
2	Cumberland Plateau								x				x		
3	Mount Rogers			x									x		
4	New River Valley			x	x	x					x		x		
5	Roanoke Valley Alleghany												x		
6	Central Shenandoah					x							x		
7	Northern Shenandoah Valley				x	x									
8	Northern Virginia					x									
9	Rappahannock-Rapidan			x	x	x		x		x	x		x		
10	Thomas Jefferson			x		x							x		
11	Central Virginia					x									
12	West Piedmont						x				x		x		
13	Southside			x						x	x		x		
14	Commonwealth Regional			x											
15	Richmond Regional					x									
16	George Washington Regional				x	x							x		
17	Northern Neck					x							x		
18	Middle Peninsula			x									x		
19	Crater					x							x		
22	Accomack-Northampton			x	x	x							x		
23	Hampton Roads								x		x		x		

Appendix K

Other Activities

Appendix K: Other activities

FY 2023 & FY 2024

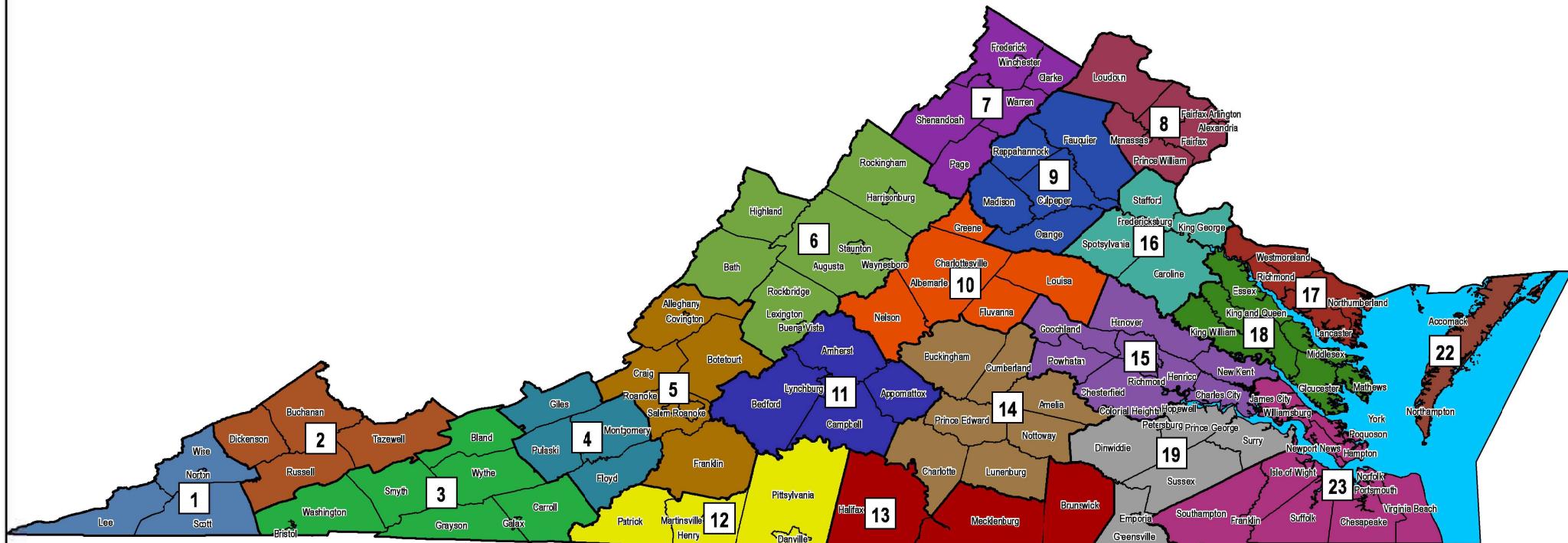
Other Activities

District PDC		Participate in VGIN/GIS Network	Data Collection & Data Center Affiliate
1	LENOWISCO	x	x
2	Cumberland Plateau	x	x
3	Mount Rogers	x	x
4	New River Valley	x	x
5	Roanoke Valley Alleghany	x	x
6	Central Shenandoah	x	x
7	Northern Shenandoah Valley	x	x
8	Northern Virginia		x
9	Rappahannock-Rapidan	x	x
10	Thomas Jefferson	x	x
11	Central Virginia	x	x
12	West Piedmont	x	x
13	Southside	x	x
14	Commonwealth Regional	x	x
15	Richmond Regional	x	x
16	George Washington Regional		x
17	Northern Neck	x	x
18	Middle Peninsula	x	x
19	Crater	x	x
22	Accomack-Northampton	x	x
23	Hampton Roads	x	x

Appendix L

PDCs and their Member Jurisdictions

Commonwealth of Virginia: Cities, Counties, and Planning District Commissions



Planning District Commissions	5 - Roanoke Valley-Alleghany	10 - Thomas Jefferson	15 - Richmond Regional	22 - Accomack-Northampton
1 - LENOWISCO	6 - Central Shenandoah	11 - Central Virginia	16 - George Washington	23 - Hampton Roads
2 - Cumberland Plateau	7 - Northern Shenandoah Valley	12 - West Piedmont	17 - Northern Neck	
3 - Mount Rogers	8 - Northern Virginia	13 - Southside	18 - Middle Peninsula	
4 - New River	9 - Rappahannock-Rapidian	14 - Commonwealth	19 - Crater	

Appendix M

FY 2023 and FY 2024 State Funding and Population Served

#	PDC	FY 2023	FY 2024	Most Recent Weldon Cooper Population Estimate	Per Capita Funding
1	LENOWISCO	\$ 89,971	\$ 89,971	87,833	\$ 1.02
2	Cumberland Plateau	\$ 89,971	\$ 89,971	97,953	\$ 0.92
3	Mount Rogers	\$ 89,971	\$ 89,971	184,351	\$ 0.49
4	New River Valley	\$ 89,971	\$ 89,971	183,586	\$ 0.49
5	Roanoke Valley-Alleghany	\$ 89,971	\$ 89,971	333,562	\$ 0.27
6	Central Shenandoah	\$ 89,971	\$ 89,971	310,528	\$ 0.29
7	No. Shenandoah Valley	\$ 89,971	\$ 89,971	249,994	\$ 0.36
8	Northern Virginia	\$ 165,943	\$ 165,943	2,556,483	\$ 0.06
9	Rappahannock-Rapidan	\$ 89,971	\$ 89,971	187,629	\$ 0.48
10	Thomas Jefferson	\$ 89,971	\$ 89,971	272,011	\$ 0.33
11	Central Virginia	\$ 89,971	\$ 89,971	265,474	\$ 0.34
12	West Piedmont	\$ 89,971	\$ 89,971	180,179	\$ 0.50
13	Southside	\$ 89,971	\$ 89,971	77,345	\$ 1.16
14	Commonwealth	\$ 89,971	\$ 89,971	101,228	\$ 0.89
15	Richmond Regional	\$ 127,957	\$ 127,957	1,160,180	\$ 0.11
16	George Washington	\$ 89,971	\$ 89,971	400,385	\$ 0.22
17	Northern Neck	\$ 89,971	\$ 89,971	50,708	\$ 1.77
18	Middle Peninsula	\$ 89,971	\$ 89,971	93,984	\$ 0.96
19	Crater	\$ 89,971	\$ 89,971	573,011	\$ 0.16
22	Accomack-Northampton	\$ 89,971	\$ 89,971	45,336	\$ 1.98
23	Hampton Roads	\$ 165,943	\$ 165,943	1,753,239	\$ 0.09
	Total	\$ 2,079,321	\$ 2,079,321	9,164,999	

***Note:** Some counties are members of multiple PDCs.

The Richmond Regional PDC and the Crater PDC share Chesterfield County and Charles City County.

The Middle Peninsula PDC and the Hampton Roads PDC share Gloucester County.

The Crater PDC and the Hampton Roads PDC share Surry County.

The Roanoke Valley-Alleghany RC and the West Piedmont PDC share Franklin County.