



Roanoke Valley-Alleghany

REGIONAL commission

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February 17, 2022

The February meeting of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission will be held as follows:

DATE: **Thursday, February 24, 2022**

TIME: **3:00 p.m.**

LOCATION: **Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission office
(Top Floor Conference Room), 313 Luck Ave., SW, Roanoke, VA**

In accordance with Virginia Occupational Safety and Health regulations, all attendees (vaccinated or unvaccinated) must wear a mask while inside the Commission building. All attendees who are unvaccinated or are otherwise at-risk must physical distance themselves from others. RVARC staff will make the necessary accommodations to comply with these regulations.

AGENDA

1. Welcome, Call to Order, Introductions *Chair North*
2. **Action Requested:** Approval of Consent Agenda Items *Chair North*
 - A. Approval of Agenda
 - B. Action on January 27, 2022 RVARC Minutes, pp. 3 – 23
 - C. Financial Reports Ending January 31, 2022, pp. 24 – 27
3. Chair’s Remarks *Chair North*
4. Executive Committee’s Report.....*Jeremy Holmes*
5. Executive Director’s Report.....*Jeremy Holmes*
6. **Action Requested:** Approval of 2022 Community Development Block.....*Eddie Wells*
Grant Priorities, p. 28



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- 7. **Action Requested:** Selection of FY24 SMART SCALE RVARC Candidate*Bryan Hill*
Projects to Pursue, pp. 29 – 32
- 8. Presentation on Roanoke Valley Collective Response.....*Niles Comer*
- 9. Other Business
- 10. Comments from Commission Members and/or Public
- 11. Adjournment

Note: The Work Program Committee will meet immediately following the Commission meeting.

Public Input Policy

“At the end of each Regional Commission meeting, the Commission will allow for an open public forum/comment period. This comment period shall not exceed one-half hour in length and each speaker will be asked to sign up and be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes to speak.”

ADA Compliance

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MINUTES

The January meeting of the Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Commission was held on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. at the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission office, 313 Luck Avenue, SW, Roanoke, VA.

VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING

Steve Clinton	Botetourt County
Billy Martin, Sr.	Botetourt County
Lorie Smith	Franklin County
Dean Martin	Roanoke County
Phil North, <i>Chair</i>	Roanoke County
David Radford	Roanoke County
Lee Osborne	Roanoke County
Krystal Onaitis	City of Covington
Allan Tucker	City of Covington
Joseph Cobb	City of Roanoke
Dawn Erdman	City of Roanoke
Peter Volosin	City of Roanoke
Robert Jeffrey	City of Roanoke
Stephanie Moon Reynolds	City of Roanoke
John Saunders	City of Salem
Jim W. Wallace III	City of Salem
Denise King	City of Salem
Mayor Bradley Grose	Town of Vinton
Richard "Pete" Peters	Town of Vinton
Robert Wood	Town of Rocky Mount
Mark Newbill	Town of Rocky Mount
Chuck Unroe	Town of Clifton Forge

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Shannon Cox	Alleghany County
Pete Huber	Alleghany County
James Griffith	Alleghany County
Erin Henderson	Botetourt County
Gary Larrowe	Botetourt County
Dan Collins	Craig County
Jesse Spence	Craig County
Ronald Mitchell	Franklin County
Mike Carter	Franklin County
Roy Enslow	Franklin County
Chris Whitlow	Franklin County
Kevin Hutchins	Roanoke County

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT (Cont'd)

Dan O'Donnell Roanoke County
Dr. Eida Stanco Downy City of Roanoke

1. WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS

Chair North called the meeting to order at 3 p.m. A quorum was present.

Others: Richard Caywood, Roanoke County; Ava Gabrielle-Wise (virtually), Southeast Crescent Regional Commission Coalition; and Teresa Hammond, Alleghany Highlands Chamber of Commerce and Tourism.

Staff: Bryan Hill, Jeremy Holmes, Virginia Mullen, Gabriel Irigaray, Andrea Garland, Eddie Wells, Niles Comer, Emma Howard-Woods, and Amanda McGee (virtually).

Chair North reported that Delegate Rasoul asked the Commission to consider a Resolution of Support for HB 105 for the renovation and transformation of Catawba Hospital. A copy of the proposed Resolution was handed out. Mr. North asked the Commission members to consider amending the agenda to include Item 10: Consideration of Resolution in Support of HB 105.

MOTION: by Peter Volosin to add item #10 Consideration of Resolution in Support of HB 105. The motion was seconded by Billy Martin.

Regional Commission Action: Motion carried unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The Consent Agenda items were as follows:

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. December 16, 2021 RVARC Minutes
- C. Revision to Written Policy Authorizing Participation in RVARC Meetings through Electronic Communication Means
- D. Financial Reports Ending December 31, 2021

MOTION: by David Radford to approve items (A), as amended; (B); (C) and (D) under the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Dean Martin.

Regional Commission Action: Motion carried unanimously.

3. REMARKS BY THE CHAIR

- Chair North reported Delegate Bulova and Senator Marsden, both of Fairfax, have introduced a budget amendment that would provide a one-time bump of \$630,000 to Virginia's Planning Districts, or \$30,000 per PDC. The funding is intended to help PDCs support their member localities in implementing existing or upcoming American Recovery Plan act programs, as well as to provide

technical and grant-writing support for new COVID-related recovery programs, such as those that may arise from the recently passed infrastructure bill. These amendments should be posted next week, and their progress is being monitored by the VAPDC. The Commission may be following up with the Board with more information and requests for support as the budget moves through the General Assembly.

- Chair North reported that Mayor Pamela Marshall of Clifton Forge recently stepped down from her seat on town council. Chair North noted that the nominating committee, chaired by Mr. Billy Martin, has been tasked to recommend a candidate to be voted on at the February Commission meeting. Chair North thanked Mr. Joe Cobb of the City of Roanoke for agreeing to serve on the Nominating Committee, taking the spot vacated by Mr. Bill Bestpitch.
- Chair North noted asked that any member locality who is interested in presenting for the next month's regional highlight is encouraged to volunteer at today's meeting or to contact him after the meeting so they can be included in the February agenda. Chair North reminded members that the regional highlight is an opportunity for each member locality to introduce their community to their neighbors on the Commission and show off what makes them unique.
- Chair North reminded that the Work Program Committee will convene immediately after today's Commission meeting for a brief discussion to kick off the FY23 work program process.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Jeremy Holmes commented that there is a new addition to the meeting room- the new Meeting Owl, located in the middle of the room. The owl will serve as microphone, speaker and video broadcasting for people attending remotely.

5. SOUTHEAST CRESCENT REGIONAL COMMISSION UPDATE

Chair North introduced Ms. Ava Gabrielle-Wise, who participated remotely in today's meeting to discuss the status of the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission, which will serve those parts of our Regional Commission not currently covered by the Appalachian Regional Commission.

In 2019, Ava Gabrielle-Wise organized the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission Coalition to convene the offices of the southern governors, congressional members, state, local and community leaders around the southeast to develop a strategy to activate the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission. Over the last two years, the network has held several sessions intended to advance the discussion of building resilience in the southeast. With the activation of the Commission in late 2021 following the appointment of its first federal co-chair, the Coalition has turned its attention to equipping the region with the information that it will need to engage the resources of

not only the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission but other federal agencies in the effort to build resilience in local communities.

Ms. Gabrielle-Wise's effort to see a regional economic development commission established in the southeast has spanned two decades. She has worked closely with policy makers, academia, and practitioners in their shared belief that the southeast could benefit from a federal commission. Ms. Gabrielle-Wise presented a short PowerPoint presentation (included in the Minutes).

6. LOCALITY HIGHLIGHTS

Teresa Hammond, Executive Director of the Alleghany Highlands Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, presented a PowerPoint presentation about Alleghany Highlands (the presentation is included in the Minutes).

Mr. Chuck Unroe thanked Ms. Hammond for the wonderful presentation.

Chair North asked if any member locality would like to sign up for the next locality highlights at the February Commission meeting. Ms. Laurie Smith commented that Franklin County would like to do their presentation in June or July. Mr. Jim Wallace remarked that City of Salem would like to do a presentation in May.

7. COMMUTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OPERATING ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION

A. Action Requested: Approval of Resolution, Authorizing the Application for State Commuter Assistance Program Operating and Mobility Program Grant

Andrea Garland reported that DRPT traditionally has been the main source of funding for the TDM Community Assistance Program. The resolution authorizing the application for State Commuter Assistance Program and Project Assistance Grant was distributed with the agenda packet. The proposed budget is \$305,455 with a local match of \$61,000.

MOTION: by Lee Osborne to approve the Resolution, authorizing the application for State Commuter Assistance Program Operating and Mobility Program Grant, as presented. The motion was seconded by Dawn Erdman.

Regional Commission Action: Motion carried unanimously.

8. BETTER BUS STOPS FOR NEIGHBORHOODS – CITY OF ROANOKE HUD GRANT APPLICATION

A. Review Application

Andrea Garland reported that Better Bus Shelter for Neighborhoods is a program by RIDE Solutions with the goal to facilitate the process to acquire and install bus shelters in neighborhoods served by the region's transit service- Valley Metro. The

Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission is requesting funding for this project via the city of Roanoke 2022 HUD – CDBG Program to install three bus shelters in low-to-moderate-income neighborhoods in Northwest Roanoke. The proposed budget is \$47,762.

B. Action Requested: Approval of Certification Application

MOTION: by Lee Osborne to approve the Certification Application, as presented. The motion was seconded by Billy Martin.

Regional Commission Action: Motion carried unanimously.

9. CONSIDERATION OF FY24 RVARC SMART SCALE CANDIDATE PROJECT REQUESTS

Bryan Hill noted that in early fall 2021, staff initiated the process for submitting and selecting RVARC candidate project applications for the FY24 round of SMART SCALE. The process entailed each locality or modal stakeholder requesting the RVARC to apply on its behalf for a SMART SCALE project to complete and submit the *Candidate Project Request Form for RVARC SMART SCALE Applications*.

Staff received eleven request forms (listed on pages 43 and 44 of the agenda in order that they were received) from localities located in the Roanoke Urbanized Area. The RVARC has a maximum of four applications it can submit in August 2022 but may initiate five pre-applications in March. It is anticipated that more information is known in February. A final recommendation will be presented to the RVARC at its February meeting so project pre-applications may be submitted in March.

10. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HB105

Chair North commented that everyone should have received a copy of the Resolution of Support for HB105 to provide funding for planning for renovations and expansions to Catawba Hospital. The approved resolution will be forwarded to Delegate’s Rasoul office.

MOTION: by Peter Volosin to approve the Resolution in support of HB 105. The motion was seconded by David Radford.

Regional Commission Action: Motion carried unanimously.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

12. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS AND/OR THE PUBLIC

Mr. Billy Martin reminded that the Work Program Committee will meet right after the adjournment of the Commission’s meeting.

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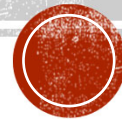
Adjournment at 4:23 p.m.

Jeremy Holmes, Secretary
Secretary to the Regional Commission

SOUTHEAST CRESCENT REGIONAL COMMISSION COALITION

Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission

January 27, 2022



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BACKGROUND

Ronald C. Wimberley North Carolina State University
Libby V. Morris & Doug Bachtel University of Georgia
Make the case for a federal commission at Tuskegee University, Dec 1990

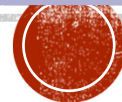
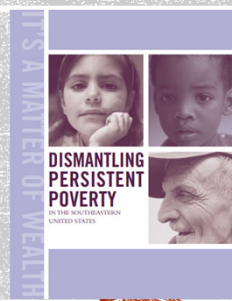
US Representative Earl Hilliard (D-AL)
Introduces H.R. 3901, first legislative attempt at a commission, 1994

UGA – Tuskegee Southeast Crescent Study

“If the economic gaps with the ARC were eliminated in the service sector alone, the Southeast Region would:

- *Enjoy additional income of \$15 billion.*
- *Boast 500,000 additional jobs.*
- *Return \$3.2 billion to government coffers—*

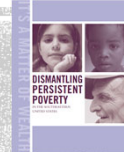
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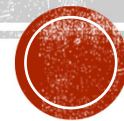
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REGIONAL DECISIONS

These principles emanated from the community-based meetings and the general meetings with business, government, and community stakeholders held throughout the Southeast Region states.”



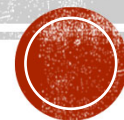
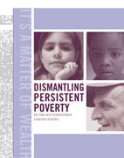
- It should focus on ending poverty and building wealth.
- It should build on existing successful effort of states, local governments, and community-based organizations.



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REGIONAL DECISIONS

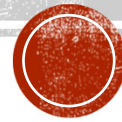
- It should have specific state-by-state objectives.
- It should secure input and program direction from local communities.
- It should engage in an ongoing process of comprehensive community strategic planning, taking into account both rural and urban issues and their interdependence.
- It should allocate resources to affect priority areas through organizations that interface directly with those who suffer from persistent poverty.



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COMMISSION OVERVIEW

A federally funded, economic development intermediary in partnership with seven southern states that is intended to make strategic investments to stimulate growth in economically resistant areas of the southeast region of the United States.

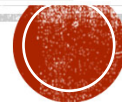


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OVERVIEW

Section 15731 of the 2008 Farm Bill defined the region of the Southeast Regional Crescent Commission to include all the counties of:

- Virginia
- North Carolina
- South Carolina
- Georgia
- Alabama
- Mississippi
- Florida



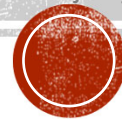
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GOVERNANCE

Section 15301 mandates:

- The first federal co-chairperson, Dr. Jennifer Clyburn Reed was appointed on Dec 9, 2021
- A state co-chairperson who is a governor of one of the participating states, the governors of the participating states or their designees.
- An executive director

Decisions of the Commission are to be made by votes of the federal co-chair and a majority of the state members (Section 15302)

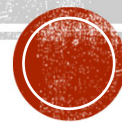


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FUNCTION (SECTION 15303)

The functions of the Commission are:

- 1- to assess the needs and assets of the region;
- 2- to develop economic and infrastructure development strategies as a basis for priorities and approving grants;
- 3- establish development priorities including 5-year outcome targets;

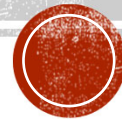


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FUNCTION (SECTION 15303)

The functions of the Commission are:

- 5- encourage private investments in the region's development projects;
- 6- assist states in preparing economic and infrastructure development plans;
- 7- formulate and recommend forms for interstate cooperation and appropriate international cooperation; and



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PROGRAM (SECTION 15501)

Grants to the states, local governments, Indian tribes, and public and nonprofit organizations for projects to develop:

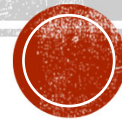
- (1) transportation infrastructure;
- (2) basic public infrastructure;
- (3) telecommunications infrastructure;
- (4) job skills training, employment education, technology, and business dev



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PROGRAM (SECTION 15501)

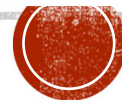
- (5) assistance for severely distressed areas needing resources for health care and public services;
- (6) to promote conservation, tourism, and open space;
- (7) to promote renewable and alternative energy sources; and
- (8) other purposes of the Bill.



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AUTHORIZATION & APPROPRIATION

- Initially authorized for \$30 million
- \$250,000 appropriated in 2010
- \$250,000 authorized each year until 2020
- \$1 million appropriated FY 2021
- \$5 million appropriated in FY 2022



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PROCESS TO FORM THE COMMISSION

- (1) The presidential appointment and Senate confirmation of a federal co-chair, and potentially an alternate federal co-chair;
- (2) The convening of the commission, including the federal co-chair and the member state governors;
- (3) Organizational development of the commission, which includes the development of bylaws, hiring of a professional staff, and the identification of program priorities; and
- (4) The establishment of an economic development grant-making program, pending additional appropriations.

Congressional Research Service 12.17.2021





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- Alleghany County
- City of Covington
- Towns of Clifton Forge & Iron Gate



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- Located in the beautiful Allegheny Mountains
- Approximately an hour north of Roanoke; three hours west of Richmond
- Easily accessible via I-64 and Route 220
- More than 50% National Forest

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- Our major employers include paper manufacturer, WestRock, one of the largest exporters in Virginia and chemical company, Ingevity, who manufactures most of the activated carbon used in the auto industry
- We have two walkable downtowns with several revitalization projects in the works




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- We have an abundance of outdoor recreational opportunities; many historic attractions and a strong arts presence
- 45 Miles of the Jackson River and approximately 10 miles of the Cowpasture River flow through the region; these two rivers merge to form the James River just south of Iron Gate; along with Lake Moomaw and Douthat Lake they form the Alleghany Highlands Blueway



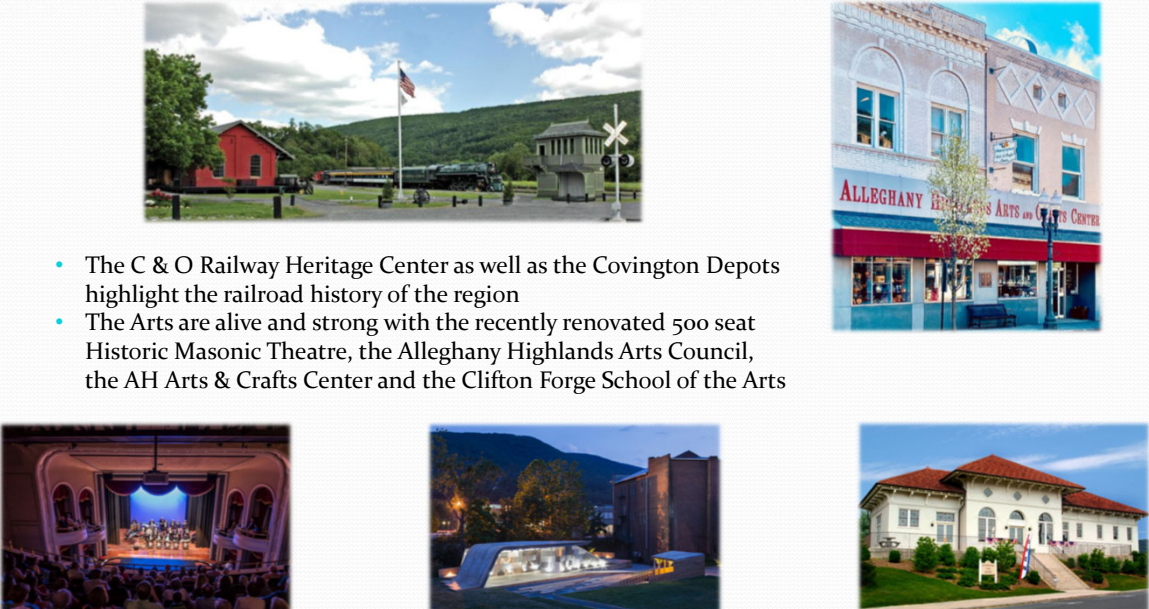
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- Douthat State Park hosts over 250,000 visitors each year, offers wonderful hiking trails and is a mountain bikers paradise
- The Jackson River Scenic Trail is a rails to trails initiative that was recently awarded a grant from the EDA to complete the remaining 2 miles of trail, connecting the City of Covington to Bath County; this beautiful trail meanders along the Jackson River for approximately 16 miles




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- The C & O Railway Heritage Center as well as the Covington Depots highlight the railroad history of the region
- The Arts are alive and strong with the recently renovated 500 seat Historic Masonic Theatre, the Allegheny Highlands Arts Council, the AH Arts & Crafts Center and the Clifton Forge School of the Arts

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- Iconic attractions like Falling Spring Falls and Humpback Bridge also draw visitors to the region

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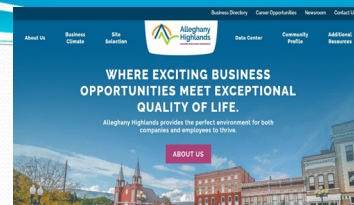
Strengths



- Increased Economic Development Focus
 - Joint economic development of a pad-ready site
 - Re-branding of AHEDC
 - Re-adaptive use of publicly held buildings for attractions and housing
 - Rivermont School Housing Development – workforce, senior and family, total 47 units
 - Project Sparkle – former Leggett Department store under Option Agreement
- Full Gig with fast, reliable broadband connectivity
- Downtown Revitalization Efforts Underway in both downtowns
- DSLCC, soon to be renamed Mountain Gateway Community College – diverse course offerings and positioned to respond to workforce development needs
- Full facility YMCA
- Alleghany Foundation – supporting community and economic development efforts

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Strengths continued



- Strong medical coverage – HCA, Carilion, Bath Community Hospital & Greenbrier Physicians Group
- Construction Project underway by Fralin – apartments next to the YMCA
- Critical Transportation Improvements in Covington
 - Rayon Bridge Over the Jackson River – Full Replacement and Realignment
 - Completed a Road Safety Audit of US Route 220 (Alleghany Ave.) for Safety and Multi-modal enhancements
 - Pedestrian improvements
 - Buffered and/or dedicated bike lane
 - Various traffic calming measures



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Challenges

- Lack of diversified housing stock, overabundance of older single family homes
- Limited developable flat land
- Limited access to public transportation
- Empty former school buildings
- Absentee landlords in the two downtowns
- Lack of lodging options



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Opportunities

- Exploring additional joint economic development projects
- School system consolidation of Covington and Alleghany to expand opportunities
- Continued improvements to existing Sports Tourism Infrastructure to benefit region
 - Feasibility study under way for Jackson River Sports Complex and Casey Field for upgrades
- Expanding Railroad Heritage Tourism



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Opportunities continued

- Continued development of strong arts presence: maker spaces, artists' studios, public art, murals
- Continued partnerships with the community college to mesh with employer needs
- Revitalization of unused buildings for highest and best use
- Clifton Forge Underground—unique tunnel system under town streets, used for filming of “Dopesick.”



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Annual Events for 2022:

- Agony in the Alleghenies Gran Fondo cycling event – May
- Jackson River Scenic Trail Marathon, Half Marathon, 10K & 5K – June
- Lake Moomaw One Mile Open Water Swim - August
- Street Scene - August
- AdvXFest Overlanding Event; Jackson River Sports Complex – September
- Various concerts and events at the Historic Masonic Theatre and Amphitheatre
- Workshops and events at the Clifton Forge School of the Arts
- Various events and exhibits at the AH Arts & Crafts Center
- River Rock Summer Concert Series
- Kriskindlmarkt (CFSOTA) - November




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Goal: Reach professionals who can work or locate their business anywhere they choose, individuals looking to buy a second home, retire or open a satellite business location

Targeted Career Fields: IT, Finance, Accounting, Independent Consultants and Customer Service

Target Market: NoVA, PA, OH, MD, DC



The Alleghany Highlands is a great place to live, work, play and do business!

Live Uniquely: <https://youtu.be/z61ohLOd42I>

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Agencywide Line Item Revenues and Expenditures

Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission

Period: 7/1/2021 to 1/31/2022

With Indirect Detail

Run Date: 02/08/2022

Run Time: 12:17:18 pm

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Code	Description	Budget	Current	YTD	Un/Over	% Bud
Revenues						
40000	ARC	59,900.00	(827.08)	31,388.52	28,511.48	52.40 %
40001	ROANOKE REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP	3,333.00	0.00	3,475.43	(142.43)	104.27 %
40200	FEDERAL - PL	416,077.00	65,832.23	122,979.02	293,097.98	29.56 %
40210	VDOT PL	52,010.00	8,229.03	15,372.38	36,637.62	29.56 %
40350	COMMUNITY ASSOC. TRANSPORTATION OF	20,000.00	1,823.37	12,419.50	7,580.50	62.10 %
40400	VDHCD ALLOCATION	89,971.00	22,492.75	67,478.25	22,492.75	75.00 %
40410	ROANOKE VALLEY BROADBAND AUTHORITY	14,820.00	711.00	3,746.49	11,073.51	25.28 %
40570	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATIC	70,000.00	0.00	17,500.00	52,500.00	25.00 %
40580	ARP ACT COLLECTIVE RESPONSE	141,155.00	0.00	390,600.00	(249,445.00)	276.72 %
40600	ALLEGHANY COUNTY	11,458.00	0.00	11,458.00	0.00	100.00 %
40602	WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT	2,333.00	0.00	2,475.43	(142.43)	106.11 %
40604	WVRIFA	25,000.00	0.00	10,416.69	14,583.31	41.67 %
40699	BEDFORD COUNTY	263.00	0.00	263.00	0.00	100.00 %
40700	BOTETOURT COUNTY	36,182.00	0.00	36,182.00	0.00	100.00 %
40800	CLIFTON FORGE	3,494.00	0.00	3,494.00	0.00	100.00 %
40900	COVINGTON	5,694.00	0.00	5,694.00	0.00	100.00 %
41000	CRAIG COUNTY	5,108.00	0.00	5,108.00	0.00	100.00 %
41010	FRANKLIN COUNTY	51,058.00	0.00	51,058.00	0.00	100.00 %
41020	MONTGOMERY COUNTY	210.00	0.00	210.00	0.00	100.00 %
41100	CITY OF ROANOKE	131,450.00	0.00	131,450.00	0.00	100.00 %
41200	ROANOKE COUNTY	101,650.00	0.00	101,650.00	0.00	100.00 %
41209	WEST PIEDMONT WFDB	0.00	0.00	50.00	(50.00)	0.00 %
41210	ROCKY MOUNT	4,724.00	0.00	4,724.00	0.00	100.00 %
41300	SALEM	30,500.00	0.00	30,500.00	0.00	100.00 %
41400	VINTON	9,753.00	0.00	9,753.00	0.00	100.00 %
41500	VDRPT/FTA - TRANSIT	135,734.00	26,237.00	61,710.00	74,024.00	45.46 %
41600	VDRPT/STATE TRANSIT	16,967.00	3,280.00	7,715.00	9,252.00	45.47 %
41800	VDOT/SPR RURAL TRANSP	58,000.00	8,820.19	16,210.98	41,789.02	27.95 %
41900	VDRPT - RIDESHARE	153,121.00	0.00	41,754.00	111,367.00	27.27 %
41950	VIRGINIA HOUSING	37,642.00	0.00	20,000.00	17,642.00	53.13 %
42100	DEPT ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	58,000.00	(4,185.14)	32,369.00	25,631.00	55.81 %
43000	INTEREST INCOME	900.00	56.69	259.93	640.07	28.88 %
43200	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	3,500.00	0.00	2,161.37	1,338.63	61.75 %
43250	SPONSORSHIPS	0.00	0.00	1,644.00	(1,644.00)	0.00 %
43707	SERDI	1,538.00	0.00	769.00	769.00	50.00 %
44700	DEPT OF FORESTRY	8,922.00	0.00	451.75	8,470.25	5.06 %
49000	CARRYOVER FUNDS	40,629.00	0.00	40,629.10	(0.10)	100.00 %
	Revenues	1,801,096.00	132,470.04	1,295,119.84	505,976.16	71.91 %

Expenses

50000	SALARIES	817,482.00	62,504.61	410,218.06	407,263.94	50.18 %
50500	FRINGE BENEFITS	281,209.00	19,487.43	143,252.30	137,956.70	50.94 %
52000	INSURANCE	5,000.00	341.33	2,833.81	2,166.19	56.68 %
52100	SUPPLIES	28,782.00	246.37	9,630.08	19,151.92	33.46 %
52200	POSTAGE	2,100.00	0.00	464.00	1,636.00	22.10 %
52300	SUBSCRIPTIONS	1,000.00	14.95	226.10	773.90	22.61 %
52400	DUES	15,084.00	2,832.97	10,893.25	4,190.75	72.22 %
52500	PRINTING	8,150.00	266.00	1,810.13	6,339.87	22.21 %
52700	TRAINING	5,696.00	0.00	1,199.00	4,497.00	21.05 %
52800	TELEPHONE	9,000.00	585.37	4,126.53	4,873.47	45.85 %
52900	TRAVEL	30,376.00	5.72	4,857.17	25,518.83	15.99 %

Agencywide Line Item Revenues and Expenditures

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Code	Description	Budget	Current	YTD	Un/Over	% Bud
53000	AUDIT FEES	11,300.00	0.00	11,300.00	0.00	100.00 %
53200	CONFERENCES	11,643.00	0.00	3,619.22	8,023.78	31.08 %
53300	FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	8,000.00	1,067.75	1,173.03	6,826.97	14.66 %
53400	DEPRECIATION F & E	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00 %
53500	MAIN F & E	8,663.00	306.09	4,570.61	4,092.39	52.76 %
53600	MISCELLANEOUS	2,000.00	0.00	231.06	1,768.94	11.55 %
53650	BANK FEES	1,100.00	74.75	626.85	473.15	56.99 %
53700	ADVERTISING	33,675.00	0.00	4,520.23	29,154.77	13.42 %
53800	RECRUITMENT	500.00	653.28	812.99	(312.99)	162.60 %
53900	MEETINGS	6,000.00	256.53	5,308.56	691.44	88.48 %
54100	LEGAL FEES	7,000.00	0.00	150.00	6,850.00	2.14 %
54400	CONTRACT SERVICES	22,300.00	1,141.36	2,461.36	19,838.64	11.04 %
54700	CONSULTANTS	175,000.00	4,973.99	43,790.57	131,209.43	25.02 %
54900	COMPUTER SERVICES	35,799.00	1,646.57	22,488.35	13,310.65	62.82 %
55200	UTILITIES	13,500.00	1,184.98	6,479.12	7,020.88	47.99 %
55300	LEASE PAYMENTS	5,000.00	787.04	2,754.64	2,245.36	55.09 %
55800	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	25,000.00	1,304.77	10,694.69	14,305.31	42.78 %
56000	DEPRECIATION BUILDING	13,000.00	860.09	6,271.15	6,728.85	48.24 %
90000	OPERATING RESERVE	217,237.00	0.00	0.00	217,237.00	0.00 %
	Expenses	1,801,096.00	100,541.95	716,762.86	1,084,333.14	39.80 %
	Agency Balance	0.00	31,928.09	578,356.98		

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Assets:

10000	CASH IN BANK BB&T	742,199.33
10050	LGIP INVESTMENT	687,106.00
10300	PETTY CASH	150.00
10600	A/R MISC	49.03
10700	A/R GRANTORS	171,152.16
10800	A/R CONTRACTS	711.00
10900	PREPAID EXPENSES	11,699.22
11000	PREPAID INSURANCE	14,791.35
11600	PREPAID PHYSICAL ASSETS	583,777.89
11700	PHYSICAL ASSETS, ACCUM DEP	(369,457.12)
12200	PREPAID COMPUTER EQUIPT	4,340.00
12300	COMPUTER EQUIPT, ACC DEP	(4,340.00)
12500	PREPAID TELEPHONE EQUIPT	1,591.00
12600	TELEPHONE EQUIPT, ACC DEP	(1,591.00)
12800	PREPAID DUES	5,797.17
	Total Assets:	1,847,976.03

Liabilities:

20000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	6,661.08
20100	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE1	5,529.92
20300	ACCRUED ANNUAL LEAVE	30,992.28
20400	FICA WITHHELD	2,388.12
20500	FEDERAL TAX WITHHELD	2,836.29
20600	STATE TAX WITHHELD	1,354.80
20700	RETIREMENT	2,261.50
21200	BUILDING FUND	15,000.00
	Total Liabilities:	67,023.99

Projects

30100	REGIONAL/LOCAL PROJECTS	(8,489.96)
30140	EDA	(13,657.42)
30300	INDUSTRIAL FACILITY AUTHORITY	109.51
30306	CHESAPEAKE BAY	(6,191.57)
30307	VIRGINIA HOUSING	(297.36)
30308	COMMUNITY MOBILITY DESIGN CHALLENGE	(6,760.01)
30500	RURAL TRANSPORTATION	(5,386.81)
30600	PL TRANSPORTATION	17,043.94
30800	VDRPT/FTA TRANSPORTATION	(11,582.08)
30900	RIDESOLUTIONS	(30,717.72)
30901	REGIONAL BIKE COORDINATION	11,499.36
30903	ROANOKE RIVER BLUEWAY	46,435.95
30905	BROADBAND	48.89
30906	SERDI	(132.71)
31700	ROANOKE VALLEY COLLECTIVE RESPONSE	360,795.55
35105	ARC 2022	(3,600.28)
36010	OTHER GRANTS	139.60

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37600	BIKE MONTH SPONSORSHIP	(721.84)
37605	COMMUTER OPERATING ASSISTANCE	(87.96)
39000	GENERAL OPERATING FUND	241,131.27
39400	UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE & INVEST CA	1,195,237.74
Total Projects		1,784,816.09
Total Liabilities and Projects		1,851,840.08
Net Difference to be Reconciled		(3,864.05)
Total Adjustment		(3,864.05)
Unreconciled Balance		0.00

Reconciling Items

(1)	Paid Salaries are Timesheets show Difference	414,082.17 414,082.17 0.00
(2)	Leave accrued this year	(3,864.11)
(3)	Fringe Pool is Fringe allocated Difference	143,252.23 143,252.30 0.07
(4)	Indirect Pool is Indirect Allocated Difference	164,385.70 164,385.69 (0.01)
Total adjustments		(3,864.05)



STAFF REPORT

2022 Community Development Block Grant Priorities Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission

Each year, the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) asks the Regional Commission to assist with setting Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) priorities for the region. CDBG non-entitlement localities were surveyed about potential CDBG applications in 2022. DHCD will award CDBG Community Improvement Grant proposals points on their application score sheet based on the priority group in which the Regional Commission places them.

Note that regional priorities for Franklin County and the towns of Boones Mill and Rocky Mount are set by West Piedmont PDC.

Priority One (Highest value - each of the project types in this category will receive 50 points)

Economic Development – Business District Revitalization
Housing – Housing Rehabilitation
Public Infrastructure

Priority Two (Medium value - each of the project types in this category will receive 30 points)

Comprehensive Community Development
Community Service Facility

Priority Three (Lowest value - each of the project types in this category will receive 15 points)

Anticipated 2021 CDBG Community Improvement Grant applications:

- City of Covington - Business District Revitalization
- Town of Vinton - Cleveland Ave Neighborhood Housing Rehabilitation
- Town of Vinton - Business District / Civic Infrastructure Development Support
- Town of Vinton - Bypass Rd / River Park Shopping Center Town Center Development Study

Staff Recommendation: Approval of the 2022 CDBG Priorities.



STAFF REPORT

February 24, 2022 RVARC Meeting

SUBJ: Selection of FY24 SMART SCALE RVARC Candidate Project Requests

At the January meeting, staff briefed the Commission on the process of submitting and selecting RVARC candidate project applications for the FY24 round of SMART SCALE. The process entailed each locality or modal stakeholder requesting the RVARC to apply on its behalf for a SMART SCALE project to complete and submit the *Candidate Project Request Form for RVARC SMART SCALE Applications*.

The table lists the requests, in order that they were received, that were presented In January.

No.	Agency	Project Name	Project Description
1	Franklin County	Realign Rte. 220 NB at Henry Road (Rte. 605)/ Rte. 220 Intersection	This project will seek to realign Rte. 220 Northbound at the intersection with Henry Road (Rte. 605) to improve the horizontal and vertical curves to reduce off road crashes.
2	City of Roanoke	I-581/Orange Ave Interchange Improvements	As noted in the STARS Route 460 (Orange Avenue) study, the I-581 interchange at Rte. 460 has vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle-related safety and congestion issues. This project will provide solutions to mitigate the safety issues for all users, provide additional travel mode choices, improve traffic operations, and alleviate congestion.
3	City of Roanoke	Orange Ave and Williamson Rd. Intersection Improvements	The STARS Route 460 (Orange Avenue) study has identified operational and safety issues for the 460 corridor. Findings suggest improvements proposed for the Orange Ave. and Williamson Rd. intersection, including a signalized off-ramp from I-581, an additional eastbound left-turn lane, and additional lanes on Williamson Rd. north of the intersection.
4	City of Roanoke	Virginia Tech Carilion Research Institute Interchange Project	This project seeks to improve access between I-581, US Route 220, and the VTCRI/Carilion Clinic campus along Jefferson St, Reserve Ave, and McClanahan St. A Franklin Rd. interchange is one option, the City has funded an access study that will provide interchange recommendations based on future travel demands as it relates to not only the Franklin Rd. interchange, but also the Elm Ave. and Wonju St. interchanges.
5	Botetourt County	Rte. 220 Superstreet Improvement	Convert crossovers along the Route 220 Corridor in Daleville to Restricted Crossing U-Turns to provide a superstreet concept.
6	Botetourt County	Exit 150 Improvement Project	Improvements to the safety and traffic flow at the existing intersection and associated northbound movements to and from Interstate 81.
7	Roanoke County	West Main Street Phase 3 Sidewalk <i>(If unsuccessful in STBG)</i>	This will complete the sidewalk project currently under construction between the City of Salem and Technology Drive.
8	Roanoke County	Pedestrian Improvements on Williamson Road (UPC 113947)	The pedestrian improvements project on Williamson Rd. (Rte. 11) from North Roanoke Assisted Living to Clubhouse Dr. is currently a VDOT HSIP project under design with a funding deficit.

	Agency	Project Name	Project Description
9	Roanoke County	U.S. Route 11/460 at Dow Hollow Road Intersection Improvements	These Improvements are based upon the VDOT study currently underway.
10	Roanoke County	Route 419 Intersections/Projects (one or more) between Bower Road and Apperson Drive	One or more projects may be identified through the OIPI Route 419 (Electric Rd.) Study from Rte. 11 (Apperson Dr.) to Bower Rd, that is currently underway.
11	Roanoke County	Pedestrian Crossing Improvements on Route 419 and at Plantation/Hershberger Intersections (UPC 117212)	This project is currently a VDOT HSIP project under design with a funding deficit.

At the January meeting staff stated that a recommendation would be provided in February and will be chosen through a prioritization process from applications not already selected from this list by the Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization (RVTPO).

Staff developed a simple and straightforward prioritization process to select four candidate project applications each for the RVTPO and RVARC. Primarily utilizing questions from the request form, staff developed a series of quantitative criteria to score and rank the requests.

Prioritization Process to Score Candidate Project Applications

Criteria	Points
Is this project already underway (existing UPC #, PE, RW initiated)?	10 – yes; 5 - no
Is the project in the Roanoke Valley Transportation Plan?	10 – constrained; 5 – vision; 0 – no
Is the project in the region’s Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)?	5 – yes; 0 – no
Does the requesting agency plan to use its complement of four SMART SCALE applications?	5 – yes; 0 – no
Does the project have a cost estimate?	10 – yes; 5 – under development; 0 – no
Is there planned leverage on the project?	10 – yes; 5 – no
Does the project cost estimate exceed \$15 million?	10 – yes; 5 – no; 0 – N/A

Except for the application request from Franklin County, which was assumed to occupy one of the Regional Commission’s application spots, all requests eligible to be submitted from either the RVTPO or RVARC were scored using the prioritization process.

The RVTPO Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) has recommended the RVTPO Policy Board pursue applications for the following projects highlighted in bold:

Recommended FY24 SMART SCALE Project Preapplication Selections for the RVTPO Policy Board

Rank	Place	Score	Agency	Project Name
1	1	45	Roanoke County	West Main Street Phase 3 Sidewalk
2	1	45	Roanoke County	Pedestrian Crossing Improvements on Route 419 and at Plantation/Hershberger Intersections (UPC 117212)
3	2	40	Roanoke County	Pedestrian Improvements on Williamson Road (UPC 113947)
4	3*	35	City of Roanoke	Orange Ave and Williamson Rd. Intersection Improvements
5	3	35	City of Roanoke	I-581/Orange Ave Interchange Improvements
6	3	35	City of Roanoke	Virginia Tech Carilion Research Institute Interchange Project
7	4	30	Roanoke County	U.S. Route 11/460 at Dow Hollow Road Intersection Improvements
8	4	30	Roanoke County	Route 419 Intersections/Projects (one or more) between Bower Road and Apperson Drive
9	5	15	Botetourt County	Exit 150 Improvement Project

The remaining project requests to be considered by the Regional Commission Board are as follows:

Remaining Urbanized Area Project Requests for Consideration by the RVARC Board

Agency	Project Name
City of Roanoke	I-581/Orange Ave Interchange Improvements
City of Roanoke	Virginia Tech Carilion Research Institute Interchange Project
Roanoke County	U.S. Route 11/460 at Dow Hollow Road Intersection Improvements
Botetourt County	Exit 150 Improvement Project

Since the Franklin County project was assumed to take one of the RVARC's spots, it was necessary to prioritize among the remaining projects to fill three additional application spots. Five applications in total may be initiated though only four of those may be ultimately submitted. In the table below, the answers to the above questions are provided. Highlighted in green are key responses.

Summary of Answers to Criteria Questions for SMART SCALE Project Requests

Criteria	City of Roanoke		Botetourt County	Roanoke County
	581/Orange Ave. Interchange	VTCRI Interchange	Exit 150 Improvements	11/460 @ Dow Hollow Rd.
Is this project already underway (existing UPC #, PE, RW initiated)?	No	No	No	No
Is the project in the Roanoke Valley Transportation Plan?	Vision	Vision	No	Vision
Is the project in the CEDS?	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Does the requesting agency plan to use its complement of four SMART SCALE applications?	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Does the project have a cost estimate?	Under development	Under development	Under development	Under development
Is there planned leverage on the project?	Yes, \$2M from STBG	Yes, \$80k from City	No	No
Does the project cost estimate exceed \$15 million?	N/A, no estimate	N/A, no estimate	N/A, no estimate	No, \$2M in RVTP

The raw scores and rankings have been determined based upon the information received to date as shown on the following tables

Resulting Scores based on Criteria

Criteria	City of Roanoke				Botetourt County		Roanoke County	
	581/Orange Ave.		VTCRI		Exit 150 Improvements		11/460 @ Dow Hollow Rd.	
	Answer	Pts.	Answer	Pts.	Answer	Pts.	Answer	Pts.
Is this project already underway (existing UPC #, PE, RW initiated)?	No	5	No	5	No	5	No	5
Is the project in the Roanoke Valley Transportation Plan?	Vision	5	Vision	5	No	0	Vision	5
Is the project in the CEDS?	Yes	5	Yes	5	No	0	Yes	5
Does the requesting agency plan to use its complement of four SMART SCALE applications?	Yes	5	Yes	5	No	0	Yes	5
Does the project have a cost estimate?	Under development	5	Under development	5	Under development	5	Under development	5
Is there planned leverage on the project?	Yes	10	Yes	10	No	5	No	5
Does the project cost estimate exceed \$15 million?	N/A, no estimate	0	N/A, no estimate	0	N/A, no estimate	0	N/A, no estimate	0
TOTAL POINTS	35		35		15		30	

Based upon the scores, out of a possible 60 points, the projects requests are ranked accordingly in this table:

Remaining Urbanized Area Project Requests

Rank	Place	Score	Agency	Project Name
1	1	35	City of Roanoke	I-581/Orange Ave Interchange Improvements
2	2	30	Roanoke County	U.S. Route 11/460 at Dow Hollow Road Intersection Improvements
3	3	15	Botetourt County	Exit 150 Improvement Project
4	1	35	City of Roanoke	Virginia Tech Carilion Research Institute Interchange Project

Regarding the Virginia Tech Carilion Research Institute Interchange Project, the City of Roanoke staff requested RVARC staff to lower its ranking to “4”. This request is based on continuing readiness issues associated with the completion of a required Interchange Modification Report.

Taking the scores, requests from locality submitters, and previous decisions by the RVTPO Policy Board into account, staff respectfully submits the following recommendations for SMART SCALE Round 5 applications to pursue by the Regional Commission:

Staff Recommended Projects to Pursue Preapplication

Rank	Agency	Project Name
1	Franklin County	Realign Rte. 220 NB at Henry Road (Rte. 605)/ Rte. 220 Intersection
2	City of Roanoke	I-581/Orange Ave Interchange Improvements
3	Roanoke County	U.S. Route 11/460 at Dow Hollow Road Intersection Improvements
4	Botetourt County	Exit 150 Improvement Project
5	City of Roanoke	Virginia Tech Carilion Research Institute Interchange Project

RVARC Board Action: Selection of FY24 SMART SCALE RVARC candidate projects to pursue.