

# FY2023 Congressionally Designated Spending Dollars in the FY23 Government Spending Bill

## *Hampton Roads*



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

- **The Senators successfully secured \$30,000,000** for the Army Corps of Engineers to support the Craney Island Eastward Expansion in **Portsmouth**, which will significantly increase the Virginia Port's capacity by providing for an additional 522 acres of dredged material storage cells, extending the life of the existing Craney Island Dredged Material Management Area by 11 years. This project will also create land for a new port facility adjacent to the Norfolk Harbor Channel.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$10,500,000 for Joint Base Langley-Eustis' Airman and Family Readiness Center (AFRC) Intelligence Group Facility.** This funding will support renovations to the facility to provide space for briefing, classes, training, administration, storage, and customer service so that it can accommodate the AFRC Intelligence Group and three squadrons.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$5,000,000** for the Army Corps of Engineers to conduct Preconstruction Engineering and Design (PED) activities for replacement of the North Landing Bridge in **Chesapeake**.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$3,000,000** for public safety street light enhancement in **the City of Norfolk**. By improving visibility, this project will help reduce crime and decrease concealment in public settings, thus contributing to increased safety. Through this project, the City of Norfolk will upgrade streetlight fixtures to higher illumination levels where warranted, while increasing the color temperature of the LED fixtures, which will also help improve visibility.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$3,000,000** for the **City of Chesapeake** to construct the Dr. Clarence V. Cuffee Center, the city's first aquatic facility, which will help fill a void for a number of population groups such as individuals with special needs, seniors, children, and families.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$3,000,000** for the **City of Portsmouth** to conduct public safety communications upgrades. Specifically, the funding will help procure an updated series of land mobile radios (LMR) to help law enforcement officers efficiently conduct operational communications and increase emergency response capabilities.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$3,000,000** for the Nimmo Parkway Phase VII-B project in **Virginia Beach**. This project will enable the construction of a two-lane undivided roadway with shoulders, bike lanes, and a single shared-use path, making access to the Sandbridge area safer for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists alike. The existing Sandbridge Road includes no

pedestrian facilities as well as several sharp, non-standard horizontal curves with no shoulders and steep drop offs on both sides of the roadway.

- **The Senators successfully secured \$2,300,000** for the Norfolk Naval Shipyard in **Norfolk** to support construction planning & design for a Child Development Center facility.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$2,240,000** for the **City of Norfolk** to purchase paratransit vehicles for Hampton Roads Transit to better serve riders with disabilities.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$2,000,000** to provide capacity and enhance safety along Laskin Road, from Red Robin Road to Oriole Drive in **Virginia Beach**. Phase I-B of the Laskin Road project will bolster safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, improve access to local businesses, and state of good repair benefits in an equitable and sustainable way.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$1,600,000** for the **City of Norfolk's** Ballentine Place Water and Sewer Replacement project, which will replace approximately 2,500 linear feet of gravity sewer main, associated manholes, cleanouts, and public laterals in the right-of-way in the Ballentine Place community.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$1,482,900** for an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Technology Expansion project in the **City of Virginia Beach**. This project will provide the city with the equipment and infrastructure necessary to ensure continuity of critical operations in the event of a threat or emergency by protecting essential personnel and decision-makers in the new City Hall Building.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$1,200,000** for **Naval Air Station Oceana** for the construction planning & design of a Child Development Center facility.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$1,200,000** for the Virginia Rail Passenger Authority to complete the Newport News Transportation Center in **Newport News**: a multimodal facility serving intercity rail, pedestrians, bicycles, airport shuttles, Hampton Roads Transit buses, and long-distance bus carriers.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$1,000,000** to support the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters in its efforts to expand mental health programming in **Norfolk**. Specifically, the funding will help provide inpatient pediatric mental and behavioral health programming, improved access to comprehensive mental health services and expanded outreach programs for peer and family support.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$1,000,000** for Chesapeake Regional Healthcare's Inpatient Behavioral Health Program. Specifically, the funding will help establish a 20-bed acute, inpatient psychiatric unit in the **City of Chesapeake** at Chesapeake Regional Medical Center.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$1,000,000** for Old Dominion University to establish a Center for Offshore Wind Energy Cyber Vulnerabilities and Threat Identification, which will provide cybersecurity and defense strategies in **Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Suffolk, and Newport News**.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$750,000** for the **Town of Exmore** to improve a sewage collection system necessary to convey sewage flows from the residential and commercial structures to the central sewage pumping station.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$687,680** to support STEMConnect, the NASA STEM Literacy & Community Enrichment program in **Hampton**. This program will develop and disseminate

5th grade curriculum (“STEM Discovery Experiences”) and professional development videos centered around the children’s picture book “Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race” by Margot Lee Shetterly. It will also disseminate 30 different STEM books that are appropriate for K-5th grade students to participating schools for their libraries.

- **The Senators successfully secured \$650,000** for the **City of Newport News’** Mobile Health Care Unit and Telemedicine Initiative. The funding will help launch and operate a mobile health care clinic unit operated by a medical nurse practitioner and a community paramedic in underserved communities.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$643,000** for Old Dominion University to support the Maritime Skilled Trades Alignment Project (MSTAP) in **Suffolk**. Specifically, the funding will be used to run a training program focused on curricula standards that are better aligned with public and private maritime skilled trades requirements.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$500,000** for the College of William and Mary’s Pilot Phase Activities at the College’s Data Science Innovation Hub in **Williamsburg**. Specifically, the funding will help develop a multi-purpose data science innovation hub for research and development focused on intelligence, security, and resilience issues.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$500,000** for the Duffy’s Lane Transit Transfer Center Relocation in **Norfolk**. The project will provide a safer location for transit users and help increase the efficiency of existing transit routes serving the City of Norfolk. The existing transfer center serves approximately 1,000 daily customers and is the system’s 16th busiest transfer station. However, the current bus transfer station is in an isolated area with poor lighting, impacting the safety of transit riders. Additionally, the current transfer station location is not served by primary roadways, requiring buses to utilize less efficient routes and negatively impacting service time. The bus routes served by this transfer center provide direct service to major employment centers, including Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek, Naval Station Norfolk, and direct bus service across the Elizabeth River to Hampton and Newport News.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$327,000** for the **Williamsburg** African American Heritage Trail project, to construct the trailhead, which will include a contemplative Civil Rights Memorial in a park on Lafayette Street in Williamsburg. This trail will feature elements from slavery, Reconstruction, Jim Crow, the Civil Rights Movement, and Urban Renewal. It will run throughout downtown Williamsburg from Lafayette Street to Duke of Gloucester Street and Scotland Street.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$300,000** for the Army Corps of Engineers to complete a scoping and feasibility study on Tangier Island—a necessary down payment before any construction work can begin on Tangier to use navigational dredged material to address the loss of habitat and eroding shoreline, the impacts of sea level rise, recurrent coastal flooding, and coastal storms. The budget also includes \$25 million for dredging in the Baltimore Harbor, which, pending the study, could result in dredged material available for use in a future beneficial use project in Tangier Island.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$200,000** for the Army Corps of Engineers to create a permanent artificial island in **Hampton** for migratory seabirds in Hampton Roads through the Army Corps of Engineers’ Beneficial Use of Dredged Material program.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$15,000** for the Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast’s

SmartFlower Solar Installation and Renewable Energy Programming in **Chesapeake**. Specifically, the funding will be used to purchase and install a fully integrated, all-in-one solar system to help teach Girl Scouts about solar power and promote future STEM careers in renewable energy.