

# Congressionally Designated Spending Dollars in the FY2024 Government Funding Bill

## *Hampton Roads*



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

- **The Senators successfully secured \$5,000,000** for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in **Norfolk** to remove maintenance material within Norfolk Harbor Reach and Craney Island Reach, perform maintenance dredging in Thimble Shoal Channel and Southern Branch, and raise the dikes needed to restore capacity within the cells of Craney Island. This project is necessary to maintain the navigability of the Norfolk Harbor, a critical part of Virginia's economy.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$4,000,000** for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in **Norfolk** to facilitate Preconstruction, Engineering, and Design (PED) activities for the Elizabeth River and Southern Branch Deepening project. This dredging project would deepen the 40-foot channel on the Elizabeth River and Southern Branch to depths of 45 feet and 42 feet respectively, and a portion of the 35-foot channel on the Southern Branch to a depth of 39 feet. These deeper channel depths would allow larger vessels to fully load various commodities that move in and out of the waterway, which is important for the economic growth of the region.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$3,900,000** for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in **Virginia Beach** to facilitate maintenance dredging of the Rudee Inlet, which provides critical aquatic vessel access to the Atlantic Ocean. Timely maintenance dredging benefits safe navigation, the commercial fishing industry, Naval and research vessel operations, and other commercial and recreational vessel operations. Dredged material is also placed on the oceanfront beach and serves as a major source of shoreline replenishment material that helps tackle erosion.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$3,000,000** for the **Norfolk** Airport Authority Federal Inspections Services Facility to build a modern customs inspection facility. The new facility will enhance customer experience by expanding capacity for efficient international screening and processing by Customs and Border Protection and acceptance of scheduled international air service.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$3,000,000** for the Williamsburg Area Transit Authority to construct a transfer facility in **York County** that will serve as a connection for four bus routes, with planned parking, a customer service area, and real time transit information displays.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$3,000,000** for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the **City of Suffolk** to complete design work and conduct maintenance dredging along the Western Branch of the Nansemond River to remove dirt, sediments, and other debris. This project will expand community access, by creating a recreational area with protected wetlands and nature

trails with direct access to the river, including boat launches. This will help expand the outdoor recreation economy in the area and help more Virginians enjoy the waterway.

- **The Senators successfully secured \$2,490,000** for the James City Service Authority to replace aging drinking water and wastewater infrastructure in **James City County**. The project will replace approximately 3,000 feet of water mains and approximately 3,200 feet of sanitary sewer pipes in the area.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$2,000,000** for the **City of Hampton** to develop a feasibility level design for a floodgate and pump station at Tide Mill Lane that will help protect access to and from Langley Air Force Base during flood conditions. The project will mitigate the effects of climate change, sea level rise, and extreme weather events on the base and reduce flooding impacts in adjacent neighborhoods at significant risk of coastal flooding.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$2,000,000** for Horizon Health Services to upgrade its Waverly Medical Center in **Sussex County** to enhance care and expand services to include dental and behavioral health practices.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$1,440,000** for the **City of Williamsburg** to replace a 60-year-old water main with a history of failures. Replacement of this pipe will remediate a potential source of lead contamination in the community and help prevent deterioration of the Colonial Parkway.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$1,428,000** for YWCA South Hampton Roads in **Norfolk** to develop and support a new business incubator model for women-owned businesses to help small businesses grow in Virginia.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$1,000,000** for the **City of Norfolk** to restore portions of a formerly filled creek to establish a large stormwater runoff and wetland best management practice (BMP) as part of the larger St. Paul's Transformation Project. The project will utilize nature-based solutions to both improve water quality that flows into the Elizabeth River and prevent flooding in the community.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$1,000,000** for the **City of Newport News** to replace aged sewer mains to prevent sewer overflows.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$1,000,000** for **York County** to extend municipal sanitary sewer service to approximately 80 properties that are currently on septic systems and grinder pumps, which are less reliable and in close proximity to headwaters that flow into the Harwoods Mill Reservoir. The project will result in significant water quality protection for the Harwoods Mill Reservoir, a major source of drinking water, and the Poquoson River.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$1,000,000** for the Hampton University School of Nursing in **Hampton City** to purchase equipment for a simulation center to improve health care worker education and training.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$625,000** for Virginia Wesleyan University to establish a Center for Career Development & Neurodiversity in **Virginia Beach**, which would work to provide an accessible and inclusive experience that prepares students with autism for good jobs.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$500,000** for Virginia Supportive Housing to preserve and rehabilitate 60 units of affordable housing and build 40 new units of affordable housing with supportive services, such as transportation assistance, job and financial counseling, and medical care referral services, for those who previously experienced homelessness and very low-income adults from the **Norfolk** region.

- **The Senators successfully secured \$500,000** for the College of William & Mary in **Williamsburg City** to support students in gaining experience with the federal government and military agencies prior to graduation through paid internships.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$500,000** for Old Dominion University to launch a program that accelerates the establishment, certification, success, and growth of veteran entrepreneurial businesses in the **Hampton Roads** region.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$500,000** for the Local initiatives Support Corporation (LSC) Hampton Roads to launch the office of the Safety Coordinator, who will convene and facilitate relationship-building between local government, law enforcement, community-based organizations, and other stakeholders to strengthen community safety in the **Cities of Portsmouth and Chesapeake**. This project would expand on violence prevention efforts following the 2022 mass shooting at Walmart in Chesapeake.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$500,000** for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in **Tangier** to continue design efforts for using dredged material for beneficial use, including obtaining the necessary environmental authorizations, and to execute contracts to build structures, such as breakwaters, to keep dredged material in place. These structures will help address the loss of habitat and eroding shoreline, recurrent coastal flooding, and coastal storms to protect residents and infrastructure on Tangier Island.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$498,000** for the Hampton Roads Community Action Program, Inc. to expand the Whole Family Initiative, a program that provides child care and employment services to parents in **Newport News, Hampton, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Chesapeake** and adjacent communities.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$400,000** for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the **City of Virginia Beach** to continue development of the Virginia Beach Coastal Storm Risk Management feasibility study that will address the risk caused by storm surge flooding, waves, and erosion, and formulate plans to manage the effects of coastal storms.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$293,000** for the Paul D. Camp Community College in **Franklin** to establish, improve, and expand nursing and allied health programs, including by upgrading technology and purchasing equipment. These programs train workers needed to prevent, diagnose, and treat diseases and illnesses.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$275,000** for a non-profit called Neighborhood in **Chesapeake** to expand its Career & Community Development Program, which trains unemployed and underemployed community members for meaningful jobs with sustainable living wages, by providing wraparound services, like career coaching and computer literacy skills.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$197,000** for the Eastern Shore Foundation to support a prototyping and training center for advanced manufacturing in **Northampton County**. This would help train workers for jobs in local industries.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$170,000** for ForKids, Inc. to support afterschool programming for students in kindergarten through fifth grade who are falling behind on academic milestones in **Chesapeake City**.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$159,000** for the Eastern Shore Rural Health System to provide pediatric dental services in **Northampton County**.