

# Congressionally Designated Spending Dollars in the FY2024 Government Funding Bill

## *Southwest and Southside Virginia*



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

- **The Senators successfully secured \$7,000,000** for the Virginia Department of Transportation to add additional lanes—an expansion from a two-lane highway to a four-lane highway—to the 2.74-mile Poplar Creek Phase A section and the 2.07-mile Poplar Creek Phase B section of the U.S.121/460 within Corridor Q and the Coalfields Expressway in **Buchanan County**. The project will improve safety, reduce travel times, connect the region with access to better health care, and open the region to economic development and interstate commerce.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$3,500,000** for the Virginia Department of Transportation to replace the aging Apperson Drive Bridge and add a 12-foot multi-use pedestrian trail connecting the downstream side of the bridge to the greenway trail on either side of the bridge in **Salem City**.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$3,000,000** for the **City of Galax** to facilitate a multi-jurisdictional community project to upgrade the regional Public Safety Communications Equipment System in the region.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$2,150,000** for the Virginia Department of Transportation to construct two additional lanes and improve drainage on a section of Beaver Creek Drive to service the Patriot Centre Industrial Park in **Henry County**.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$2,000,000** for Virginia Tech for the purchase of semiconductor automatic testing equipment to be used for the Chip-Scale Integration major in Virginia Tech's Bradley Electrical and Computer Engineering Department in **Blacksburg**. This will help more students learn the skills needed to manufacture chips, which will be important to harness the potential of the *CHIPS and Science Act*, legislation Senators Warner and Kaine pushed to pass to make more chips in America and create good-paying manufacturing jobs.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$1,500,000** for Helping Overcome Poverty's Existence, Inc. (HOPE) to construct at least 30 units of new, energy-efficient, affordable housing units in HOPE's Monroe-North development in downtown **Wytheville**.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$1,500,000** for the Appalachia Service Project to reconstruct homes that were destroyed in the recent floods in **Buchanan County**.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$1,250,000** for the Free Clinic of the New River Valley to construct a new standalone health facility to provide comprehensive care in **Montgomery County**.

- **The Senators successfully secured \$1,250,000** for the Community Housing Partners Corporation to construct a new 56-unit multifamily affordable housing complex in **Blacksburg** for low- and moderate-income individuals and families.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$1,000,000** for the Southside Community Development & Housing Corporation to construct 52 units of affordable housing in **Emporia**.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$705,000** for **Franklin County** to acquire a 750-kw generator that will be connected to an existing school building that will serve as an emergency evacuation and general shelter for the community.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$670,000** for Averett University to strengthen job training based on workforce needs in the region and enhance Averett University's traditional online programs in **Danville**.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$613,000** for Ballad Health's Johnston Memorial Hospital to support the hospital purchasing equipment to improve diagnosis and treatment of lung cancer in **Washington County**.
- **The Senator successfully secured \$570,000** for the **Town of Cedar Bluff** to replace failing drinking water and wastewater infrastructure that is resulting in leaking water distribution pipes and gravity sewer pipes.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$567,000** for Bristol Virginia Public Schools to develop an inclusive and accessible playground for public school children in **Bristol**.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$522,000** for the Ballad Health Foundation to expand access to dental care through the Appalachian Highlands Community Dental Center in the **Town of Abingdon**.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$500,000** for the **City of Radford** Electric Department to implement smart meters, which provide users with real-time data on energy consumption to help reduce electricity bills and equip operators with information needed to detect power demand surges and shortages to ensure reliable connectivity.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$366,000** to complete the Blue Ridge Discovery Center Visitor Center in **Smyth County**. The visitor center will feature exhibits, interactive displays, and educational materials that highlight the unique natural features of Southwest Virginia.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$354,000** for the **Town of Tazewell** to improve community safety by expanding and renovating the Emergency Management Service (EMS) building.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$208,000** for the **Town of Marion** to train 500 law enforcement officers, with an emphasis on community stewardship and professional standards.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$150,000** for the Partnership for Community Wellness to create e-learning materials to educate children and their families on the risk factors associated with substance use and strategies to prevent substance use in **Roanoke County**.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$90,000** for the **Town of Cedar Bluff** to purchase a new dump truck that will be used to help complete maintenance of the drinking water and wastewater systems.