

## Congressionally Directed Spending in FY2024 Government Funding Bill

### *Southwest and Southside Virginia*



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

- **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 \$1,250,000** 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 \$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 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 \$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**.