

# Congressionally Directed Spending in FY2024 Government Funding Bill

## *Hampton Roads Virginia*



*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. In addition to this \$5 million in CDS, the Senators helped secure an additional \$42,450,000 in the government funding bill for this project, which will allow the Army Corps to deepen the harbor.
- **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. The 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 \$3,040,000** for the Virginia Department of Transportation to reconstruct King’s Highway bridge to provide a vital water crossing in the Hampton Roads region and create a transportation alternative to the **City of Suffolk and neighboring communities**.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$3,000,000** for the Virginia Department of Transportation to expand capacity and make safety improvements along Laskin Road from Red Robin to Oriole Drive in **Virginia Beach City**.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$3,000,000** for the Army Corps of Engineers to complete design work and conduct maintenance dredging along the Western Branch of the Nansemond River for the **City of Suffolk**.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$3,000,000** 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 placed on the oceanfront beach and serves as a major source of shoreline replenishment material, which helps tackle erosion. In addition to this \$3 million in CDS, the Senators helped secure an additional \$900,000 in the government funding bill for this project.

- **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. The facility includes planned parking, a customer service area, and real time transit information displays.
- **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 \$1,666,279** for the Virginia Department of Transportation to construct a 106-foot long, 52-foot-wide, two-lane bridge in the St. Paul's Transformation Area in **Norfolk City**.
- **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 \$1,250,000** for **Isle of Wight County** to construct a new 750,000-gallon elevated water storage tank, extend the existing water main, and construct a necessary pump station.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$1,250,000** for the Hampton Roads Sanitation District to provide new and updated sewer infrastructure for **Northampton and Accomack Counties**.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$1,000,000** for the **City of Suffolk** to purchase new Electrodialysis Reversal (EDR) Membranes for the G. Robert House Jr. Water Treatment Plant. This project will allow the City of Suffolk to improve the drinking water treatment process at the current water treatment facility.
- **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 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 to prevent flooding in the community.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$1,000,000** for the Transportation District of Hampton Roads to purchase electric buses for Southside Bus Operating Facility in **Virginia Beach City**.
- **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 Virginia Peninsula Foodbank to expand cooler and freezer space in an effort to reduce costs of offsite storage and expand services.

Virginia Peninsula Foodbank serves **Mathews, Gloucester, James City, York, and Surry Counties**, along with the **cities of Hampton, Newport News, Williamsburg, and Poquoson**.

- **The Senators successfully secured \$959,752** for the **City of Portsmouth** to upgrade vacuum assisted sewage pump stations, which have experienced multiple failures in recent years due to aging equipment. The project will reduce sanitary sewer overflows and infiltration and inflow of groundwater, which will enhance system reliability and the surrounding environment while decreasing annual operating costs.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$850,000** for the Boys and Girls Club of Virginia Peninsula to renovate two Boys and Girls club facilities, allowing them to expand services and programs for local youth in **Hampton and Newport News**.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$850,000** for the **City of Chesapeake** to construct several sidewalks in a historic neighborhood, improving pedestrian connectivity and addressing safety concerns.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$500,000** for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in **Tangier** to continue design efforts for beneficial use of dredged material, 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 \$500,000** for the **City of Chesapeake** to procure a replacement police boat capable of withstanding adverse weather conditions and providing maritime escorts through port of Hampton Roads with the equipment necessary to detect and navigate hazards while performing law enforcement functions.
- **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 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 \$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 to 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 \$400,000** for the City of Franklin to upgrade the radio system for police, fire, and emergency services, which will reduce costs and increase interoperability between the **Franklin City and Southampton County**.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$375,000** for the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters (CHKD) to support programming, trainings and certifications, and supplies and equipment at the CHKD Child Advocacy Center in the **City of Norfolk**.