

## GO Virginia Region 6 Fact Sheet

GO Virginia is a statewide economic development initiative to create more higher-paying jobs in Virginia through business-led, regional collaboration.

**Enabling Legislation:** Virginia Growth and Opportunity Act (2016)

### State-Level

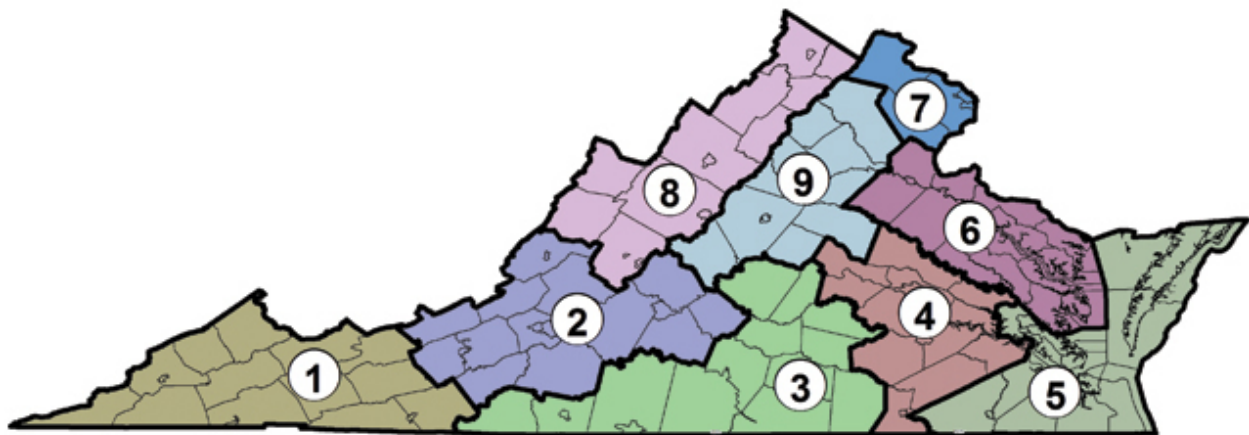
**Governing Body:** Virginia Growth & Opportunity Board (State Board)

**Support Organization:** Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)

**Website:** <http://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/index.php/go-virginia.html>

### Regional Councils

The state is split into 9 GO Virginia regions, each with its own Regional Council. The Regional Council is the entity certified by the State Board that will propose projects to the State Board and ensure accountability for the use of GO Virginia funds. Regional Councils are business led and include individuals from a variety of sectors, including education, government, civic or community leaders, economic and workforce development professionals, local government officials, regional planning entities, and nonprofits.



### FY18 Funding Levels

**Capacity Building:** \$5.85 million (\$650,000 per region)

**Regional/Per Capita Allocations:** \$10.9 million (\$640,182 for Region 6)

**Competitive Allocations:** \$11.3 million

### FY19-20 Funding Levels (Governor's Introduced Budget)

**Capacity Building:** \$2.25 million/year (\$250,000/year per region)

**Regional/Per Capita Allocations:** \$12.495 million/year (\$750,000/year for Region 6)

**Competitive Allocations:** \$11.3 million/year

## Region 6

**Jurisdiction:** George Washington Region (Caroline, Fredericksburg, King George, Spotsylvania, Stafford)  
Northern Neck (Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond, Westmoreland)  
Middle Peninsula (Essex, Gloucester, King and Queen, King William, Mathews, Middlesex)

**Governing Body:** Mary Ball Washington Regional Council

**Support Organization:** George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC)

**Website:** <https://www.gwregion.org/our-work/gova/>

## Region 6 Economic Growth & Diversification Plan (September 2017)

### Six Priority Clusters:

- Seafood Processing/Aquaculture/Commercial Fishing
- Forestry/Wood Products/Paper
- Manufacturing
- Logistics/Distribution
- Professional/Technical/Scientific Services
- Information/Data Centers

## Region 6 Project Application Process

### Project Types

- Enhanced Capacity Building Projects (\$50,000 maximum)
- Collaborative Grant Projects (\$300,000 maximum)

### Project Requirements

- Alignment with Economic Growth & Diversification Plan and priority clusters
- Contributes directly or indirectly to the creation of higher-paying jobs in the region
- Collaboration of at least 2 localities, political subdivisions, or public bodies corporate and politic
- 1:1 match from non-state appropriated sources (cash or in-kind)
  - 20% or \$50,000 (whichever is greater) from local sources (cash or in-kind)
- Completed within two years

### Project Application Process

- Application Posted/Advertised
- Letters of Interest Due to Regional Council
- Interested Applicants Meet with Staff
- Applications Due to Regional Council
- Staff Review
- Interview Panel Meetings
- Regional Council Meeting
- Applications Due to DHCD
- State Board Meeting

## **Region 6 Approved Projects**

**PamunkeyNet Business Plan:** The Middle Peninsula Alliance will receive a \$50,000 GO Virginia Enhanced Capacity Building Grant to create a new business enterprise owned by the Pamunkey Indian Tribe to deliver high-speed broadband to underserved areas of Region 6. The total project budget will be \$133,000, with several localities, political subdivisions, and nonprofit partners contributing a total of \$50,000 in local, cash match and \$33,000 in local and private in-kind resources to the project. This project ultimately aims to provide appropriate broadband capability to retain existing and attract new businesses in the Professional/Technical/Scientific Services, Information/Data Centers, and Manufacturing clusters.

**Flexible Office Space Due Diligence:** Westmoreland County will receive a \$50,000 GO Virginia Enhanced Capacity Building Grant to complete due diligence for a new 20,000 square foot flexible, multi-tenant office building in Montross, Virginia. The total project budget will be \$100,000, with Westmoreland County and the Northern Neck Chesapeake Bay Region Partnership each contributing \$25,000 in local, cash match to the project. This project ultimately aims to provide appropriate office space to attract new businesses in the Professional/Technical/Scientific Services cluster, the highest-wage priority cluster in Region 6.

## **Region 6 Upcoming Meetings**

**March 12, 2018: 11 AM-1 PM** (if needed)

Rappahannock Community College, Glenss Campus  
12745 College Drive, Glenss, VA 23149

**April 9, 2018: 11 AM-1 PM**

Rappahannock Community College, Warsaw Campus  
52 Campus Drive, Warsaw, VA 22572

**June 11, 2018: 11 AM-1 PM**

Bowling Green Town Hall  
117 Butler St, Bowling Green, VA 22427

**August 13, 2018: 11 AM-1 PM**

Rappahannock Community College, Glenss Campus  
12745 College Drive, Glenss, VA 23149

**October 8, 2018: 11 AM-1 PM**

Rappahannock Community College, Warsaw Campus  
52 Campus Drive, Warsaw, VA 22572

**December 10, 2018: 11 AM-1 PM**

Bowling Green Town Hall  
117 Butler St, Bowling Green, VA 22427