

# Funding Opportunities to Support Economic Development & Water Quality

Virginia's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) manage several funding sources which can be leveraged to benefit economic development and water quality issues:

Issue:	DHCD Funding Source:*	DEQ Funding Source:*
Excess stormwater/flooding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF)</li> <li>Clean Water Revolving Loan</li> <li>319(h) TMDL Implementation Funds</li> </ul>
Safe drinking water/Contaminated water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clean Water Revolving Loan</li> </ul>
Wastewater treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG)</li> <li>Self-Help Virginia</li> <li>Construction Ready</li> <li>SW VA Regional Water/ Wastewater Funds</li> <li>Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clean Water Revolving Loan</li> </ul>
Failing residential septic systems; straight pipes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indoor Plumbing Rehabilitation (IPR)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>319(h) TMDL Implementation Funds</li> <li>Water Quality Improvement Fund (WQIF)</li> </ul>
Business District Revitalization (removal of blight and/or contaminated material)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG)</li> <li>Industrial Revitalization Fund (IRF)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Voluntary Remediation/Brownfield Program</li> <li>Petroleum Storage Tank Fund (VPSTF)</li> </ul>
Other issues:	<p><b>Broadband</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG)</li> <li>Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI)</li> </ul> <p><b>Heritage and Cultural Tourism, Workforce Training for skilled trades and professionals, regional economic restructuring efforts and development of access roads to support the location or expansion of an industry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Agricultural best management practices</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>319(h) TMDL Implementation Funds</li> <li>Agricultural BMP Loan Program</li> </ul> <p><b>Streambank erosion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>319(h) TMDL Implementation Funds</li> <li>Water Quality Improvement Fund (WQIF)</li> </ul> <p><b>Environmental Education/Petwaste Stations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>319(h) TMDL Implementation Funds</li> </ul>

\* Brief description of funding source on backside.

## Description of Funding Opportunities:



<p><b><u>Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)</u></b>- Grants for projects, only available in designated ARC Distressed Counties, that create opportunities for sustainable economic development and improved quality of life for Appalachia residents. Non-Profits, Educational Institutions, Local Development Districts (PDC's) and governmental entities can apply. Range: Up to \$500,000 and based on local need.</p>	<p><b><u>Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG)</u></b>- Grant for projects that address critical community development needs for units of local government in Non-Entitlement localities. Must meet one of three national objectives: benefit low to moderate income, prevent or eliminate slum and blight, or urgent need. The installation of a new wastewater line is prioritized before line replacement. Stormwater flooding can only be funded as a secondary activity in a Comprehensive Housing or Business District Revitalization project. Planning Grant Range: \$10,000 to \$60,000. Block Grant Range: Up to \$1.4 million.</p>
<p><b><u>Construction Ready</u></b>- Assist localities that are fully ready to provide water or sewer services to an LMI community except for a portion of the construction funds. Range: Up to \$500,000 but CDBG can't account for &gt;75% of construction costs. Can't be leveraged with CDBG funds.</p>	<p><b><u>Indoor Plumbing Rehabilitation (IPR)</u></b>- No interest, subsidized loans to localities for installation of indoor plumbing to owners that do not have indoor plumbing or have a failed wastewater disposal systems. Loan repayments are tailored to individual borrower circumstances.</p>
<p><b><u>Industrial Revitalization Fund (IRF)</u></b>- Targeted toward vacant industrial structures whose poor condition creates physical and economic blight to the surrounding area. Eligible properties (1 per project) shall include those formerly used for manufacturing, warehousing, mining, transportation and power production, department stores, theaters, hotels and shopping centers. Structures whose original intended use was solely residential are not eligible.</p>	<p><b><u>Self-Help Virginia</u></b>- Grant for small communities to meet the challenge of creating viable and affordable water and wastewater systems. Utilizes neighborhood talent, manpower, and creativity to provide water and sewer services in areas where those services are difficult to provide through conventional means.</p>
<p><b><u>SW VA Regional Water/Wastewater Funds</u></b>- Funds from the Virginia General Assembly for planning and construction of public water and wastewater projects for planning districts 1-3.</p>	<p><b><u>Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI)</u></b>- Supplements construction costs by private sector broadband service providers to extend service to areas that presently are unserved by any broadband provider.</p>
<p><b><u>Agricultural BMP Loan Program</u></b>- Source of low cost financing to Virginia's agricultural producers to assist in efforts to reduce agricultural non-point source pollution. Incentives include: 0% interest on all loans, no long term loan requirements, potential for principal forgiveness, additional eligible conservation practices, and expanded list of eligible applicants.</p>	<p><b><u>319(h) TMDL Implementation Funds</u></b>- Grants to address bacteria and/or sediment pollution within TMDL /IP watershed areas. Cost-share funds for agricultural best management practices, failing residential septic improvements and urban practices to improve water quality. Grant is 100% <i>reimbursable</i>; match required. Range: \$100,000- \$400,000.</p>
<p><b><u>Clean Water Revolving Loan</u></b>- Low interest loan for the construction of wastewater treatment installation or improvements, stormwater BMPs, or Brownfield sites to reduce ground water contamination or risk to public health.</p>	<p><b><u>Petroleum Storage Tank Fund (VPSTF)</u></b>- Reimbursement for clean-up costs only or for both clean-up and third party costs of leaking petroleum tank. Tank owner/operator eligible to request reimbursement for costs that exceed their financial responsibility for clean-up, up to \$1 million per occurrence.</p>
<p><b><u>Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF)</u></b>- Matching grant for local governments to implement stormwater best management practices (BMPs) based on pollution reductions. This is only for capital improvement projects. Grant is 50% <i>reimbursable</i>. Range: \$50,000- \$5 million.</p>	<p><b><u>Voluntary Remediation/Brownfield Restoration and Economic Redevelopment Assistance Fund</u></b>- Grant or loan to local government to promote the restoration and redevelopment of brownfield sites and to address environmental problems/obstacles to reuse so that these site can be effectively marketed to new economic development prospects. Site Assessment and Planning grant up to \$50k, Site Remediation Grant up to \$500k.</p>
<p><b><u>Water Quality Improvement Fund (WQIF)</u></b>- Grants for point and non-point source water quality improvements. Grants is 100% <i>reimbursable</i> and are available only when sufficient funding in the state budget allows.</p>	

