

DHCD has several programs that can help develop a new business or expand your current business. Below is a list of programs that may meet your needs.

### **[Building Entrepreneurial Economies \(BEE\)](#)**

Building Entrepreneurial Economies (BEE) is the next evolution of Virginia's commitment to micro-entrepreneurship. Formerly known as Virginia Enterprise Initiative (VEI), BEE is taking a more local approach to developing stronger businesses that help build stronger communities.

### **[Virginia Enterprise Zone \(VEZ\)](#)**

VEZ is a partnership between state and local government that encourages job creation and private investment. VEZ accomplishes this by designating Enterprise Zones throughout the state and providing two grant-based incentives, the Job Creation Grant (JCG) and the Real Property Investment Grant (RPIG), to qualified investors and job creators within those zones, while the locality provides local incentives.

### **[Virginia Individual Development Account \(VIDA\)](#)**

VIDA encourages saving and improving personal financial management by providing matching funds for individuals saving into a designated account for a specific purpose, such as homeownership, education or business start-up. Match and savings can be used to purchase inventory and equipment, as well.