

Program Contacts

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Building Collaborative Communities is designed to assist regions in creating and sustaining new economic opportunities across Virginia. The program promotes regional economic collaborations in economically-distressed areas to stimulate job creation, economic development and build community capacity and leadership.

Building Collaborative Communities is a broad-based program that provides the financial and technical resources from a number of state entities. By working collaboratively, regions are able to capitalize upon the regional place based assets that create appealing and unique communities where people want to live and work.

### **Eligibility**

Eligible applicants may be units of local government, regional partnerships, planning district commissions, nonprofits, and economic development organizations. Applicants must be broad-based partnerships comprised of leaders from relevant organizations and stakeholder groups. It is not necessary for a formal structure to be in place at the time of application, instead, the organizational development of an entity can be proposed as an output of the project. Proposals should target areas that do not have existing, regionally focused organizations, or those that have newly formed, emerging, regional entities.

### **Program Resources**

Applications for the 2018 BCC funding cycle are due by April 7, 2017. If you would like to discuss a potential project, please contact Michelle Jones at (804) 371-7131.

- [How to Apply Workshop Presentation](#)
- [2017-2018-Building Collaborative Communities Grant Program Design](#)
- [CAMS](#)

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### **Program Highlights**

#### **Funded Building Collaborative Communities Projects**

2017

- [Accomack-Northampton Planning District](#) -- Regional Entrepreneurial and Workforce Development Planning
- [The Advancement Foundation](#) -- Regional Small Business Collaborative
- [Middle Peninsula Economic Development and Resource Organization](#) -- Regional Economic Collaborative

2016

- [New River Valley Regional Tourism](#) -- Regional Tourism Plan
- [Northern Neck High-Tech Center](#) -- Regional Center for Innovation and Development
- [Northern Shenandoah Valley Collaborative](#) -- Asset Based Entrepreneurial Development
- [West Piedmont Planning District Regional Strategic Plan](#) -- Regional Project Capacity Building

2015

- [My Southwest Virginia Opportunity](#) -- Entrepreneurial Strategies
- [Middle Peninsula Regional Economic Development](#) -- Regional Economic Collaborative
- [Region 2000 Regional Food Distribution Planning](#) -- Regional Food Hub Development Strategy
- [Virginia's Growth Alliance Regional Economic Development Blueprint](#) -- Regional Economic Development Collaborative Expansion
- [George Washington Carver Agriculture Center](#) -- Regional Agri-Business Development Strategies

2014

- [Northern Neck Planning District Commission](#) -- Entrepreneurial Development Strategies
- [Roanoke Regional Partnership](#) -- Regional Industrial Authority

- [Southern Virginia Regional Alliance](#) – Economic Sector Study

2013

- [Fields of Gold](#) Asset Based Economic Development
- [Spearhead Trails](#) Regional Recreation Asset Development
- [Virginia's Gateway Region](#) Entrepreneurial Development
- [Virginia's Growth Alliance](#) Regional Economic Collaborative
- [West Piedmont Workforce Investment Board](#) Regional Entrepreneurial Development

Strategies

2012

- [Region 2000](#) Entrepreneurship Initiative
- [Spearhead Trails](#) Regional Recreation Asset Development
- [Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facility Authority](#)
- [Virginia's Growth Alliance](#) Regional Economic Collaborative