



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACCESS PROGRAM

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) administers a program that assists localities in providing adequate road access to new and expanding manufacturing or processing companies, research and development facilities, distribution centers, regional service centers, corporate headquarters, or other basic employers.

The program may be used to:

- Improve existing roads in the secondary highway system and city streets to handle additional traffic generated by either an industrial expansion or a new facility
- Construct a new road from a publicly maintained road to the property line of the new eligible establishment when no road exists

Access road construction is scheduled for completion simultaneous with the start-up of operations. The access road is not intended to serve as a haul road during the construction.

Before VDOT will act on a particular proposal, a resolution from the local governing body requesting the allocation of access road funds must be submitted to the Department through the office of VDOT's local representative. This resolution must address the commitment of right-of-way and any adjustments to utilities (at no cost to the program). It also must describe the extent of private investment made by the project.

The maximum award for an economic development access road is \$500,000. However, the state will fund an additional \$150,000 if the amount is matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis from sources other than VDOT. The amount of the award is limited by the eligible capital investment of the company and the estimated cost of the access road. In the absence of eligible capital investment, the local government may request a project and guarantee, by provision of acceptable surety, the establishment of investment. In this case, the amount of the award is based on the estimated cost of the road project and the amount of the bond is determined by the amount of the award. The total yearly allocation for the Economic Development Access Program and the Rail Industrial Access Program is \$5.5 million.

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