



TOBACCO REGION OPPORTUNITY FUND

The Tobacco Region Opportunity Fund (TROF) makes grants to localities in Virginia's tobacco producing regions to assist with specific projects that result in the creation of new jobs and investment.

Grants are made to the community at the discretion of the Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission. The goal of the Fund is to attract competitive projects expected to have a regional impact due to the magnitude of new employment and investment, and the possibility of follow-on industry.

Grant requests are made by the community for a project under the following conditions:

- A minimum private capital investment of \$1 million within 36 months (amounts spent to acquire real estate will be counted as capital investment)
- A minimum of 10 jobs created within 36 months (the job minimum may be lowered if the jobs pay much higher than the local prevailing wage or the jobs are created in a locality with a very high unemployment rate)

A performance agreement will be required for all grants, and repayment of all or part of grant funds is required if performance is not met. The Commission determines grant amounts based on local unemployment rates, prevailing wage rates, capital investment levels, industry type, and other factors.

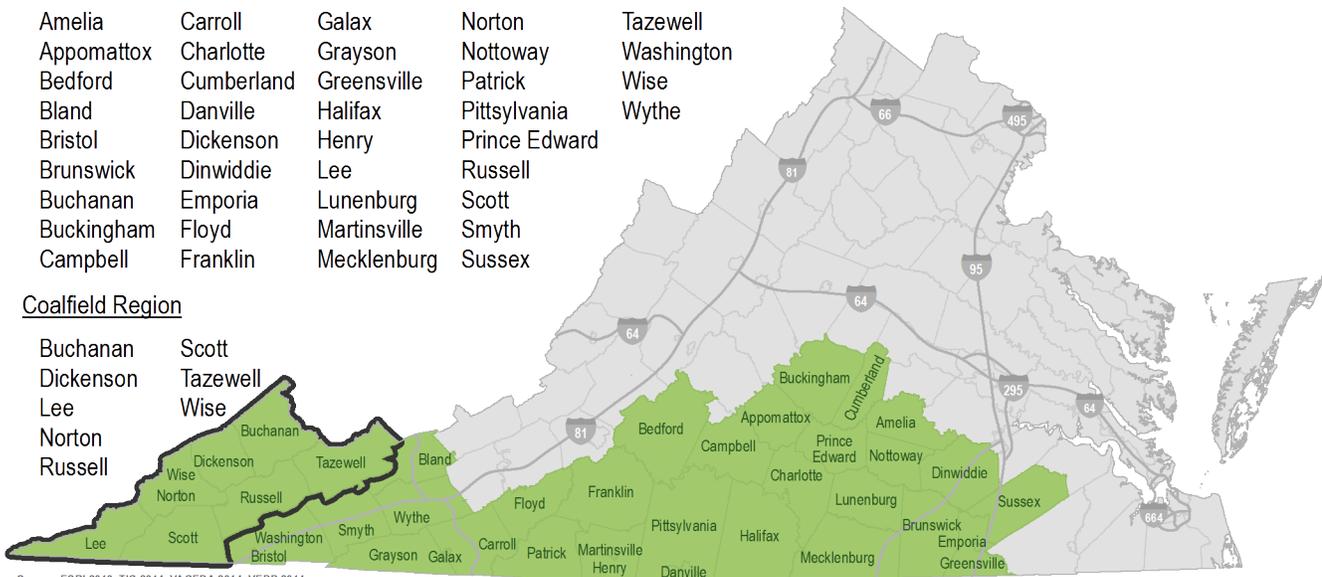
Grants are limited to three per county per fiscal year. Applications from incorporated towns count against the county limit, but independent cities do not.

Tobacco Region

Amelia	Carroll	Galax	Norton	Tazewell
Appomattox	Charlotte	Grayson	Nottoway	Washington
Bedford	Cumberland	Greensville	Patrick	Wise
Bland	Danville	Halifax	Pittsylvania	Wythe
Bristol	Dickenson	Henry	Prince Edward	
Brunswick	Dinwiddie	Lee	Russell	
Buchanan	Emporia	Lunenburg	Scott	
Buckingham	Floyd	Martinsville	Smyth	
Campbell	Franklin	Mecklenburg	Sussex	

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Source: ESRI 2013, TIC 2014, VACEDA 2014, VEDP 2014

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