

Congressionally Directed Spending in FY2024 Government Funding Bill

Commonwealth of Virginia (Statewide/Multiple Locations)



U.S. Senators Mark R. Warner and Tim Kaine

- **The Senators successfully secured \$1,961,000** for activities to augment An Achievable Dream’s efforts in **Virginia Beach, Newport News, and Henrico County** to disrupt the School-to-Prison pipeline, including by enhancing mental health, extending day programming, and providing enrichment activities to broaden students’ horizons and classes to teach social and emotional skills preparing students for success.
The Senators successfully secured \$1,500,000 for Virginia Foundation for Community College Education to improve access to skilled trades training credentials through the purchase of equipment necessary to receive an industry-recognized certification.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$1,028,000** for the Virginia Department of Education to support Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education in Virginia, by increasing awareness of STEM programs among students and families and providing educators with the necessary resources to teach those courses.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$974,000** for Enough is Enough to expand its existing Internet Safety 101 Academy to develop and pilot a community-based training series. Topics include pornography, predators, social media, mobile and wireless, online gaming, and cyberbullying, as well as safety and prevention. This “train the trainer” pilot program will equip law enforcement with the updated tools to provide parents, caregivers, and communities with high impact training and timely resources supporting internet safety for children.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$969,000** for the Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association Foundation to support a pilot program to improve treatment for individuals after a non-fatal overdose and to prevent deaths from fentanyl.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$949,000** for STEPS, INC. to open a center in **Farmville** that will provide domestic violence and sexual assault services in **Amelia, Buckingham, Cumberland, Lunenburg, Nottoway, and Prince Edward counties**, which have been without these services since a November 2022 domestic violence shelter closure.

- **The Senators successfully secured \$900,000** for the University of Virginia to update their Youth Leadership Initiative resources. This is a virtual program helping students across Virginia and the nation.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$853,000** for Resolution Virginia to pilot police-referred mediation at Virginia’s community mediation centers in **Fairfax, Warrenton, Amherst, Charlottesville, and Harrisonburg**. This project would provide Virginians access to free mediation, conciliation, and conflict coaching services; reduce reliance on police departments and courts; and decrease levels of community violence.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$500,000** for the Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Program. The scholarship provides educational opportunities to descendants of individuals who were impacted by the resistance of school integration between 1954 and 1964.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$305,000** for Laurel Ridge Community College Educational Foundation to support a virtual reality training system for prospective surgical technologists and assistants—including Virginians from Clarke, Fauquier, Frederick, Page, Rappahannock, Shenandoah, and Warren Counties—at Laurel Ridge Community College.
- **The Senators successfully secured \$100,000** for the Jefferson Area Board for Aging’s Respite and Enrichment Centers to support older adults living with dementia or disabilities, and their caregivers.