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Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development announces \$2.2 million in Appalachian Regional Commission Grants

– Grants leverage cultural, natural, community, structural and economic assets in Southwest Virginia –

RICHMOND – The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) today announced \$2.2 million in Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) grants for 11 projects in the ARC region, which encompasses 25 counties and eight independent cities in Southwest Virginia.

“ARC funds are aimed at generating economic development in the Appalachian region,” said Bill Shelton, Executive Director of DHCD. “By funding projects which support job creation, asset-based development, workforce development and entrepreneurship, we are encouraging development in communities that are poised for future growth.”

Established in 1965, the general goal of the ARC program is to assist the region in achieving economic prosperity that more completely reflects the nation’s overall prosperity. ARC funds are broadly aimed at providing economic development in the Appalachian Region by funding projects that support the goal of building a strong and sustainable asset-based economy by bringing jobs and prosperity to Appalachian communities while preserving their character.

2013 Virginia Appalachian Regional Commission Program Grants:

Applicant	Project Name	ARC Award
New College Foundation	New College Institute Construction	\$ 500,000
The Highland Center	The Highland Center Renovation Project	\$ 499,995
Virginia Community Capital	Appalachian Community Capital	\$ 250,000
A L Philpott Manufacturing Extension Partnership	E3 (Energy, Environment and Economy) in the City of Martinsville, Henry County and Patrick County	\$ 100,000
Southwest Regional Recreation Authority	Adventure Playground of the East	\$ 100,000
Mountain Empire Community College	Building On-Ramps to EMT Careers	\$ 93,926
Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Allied Health Professions	Anesthesia in Appalachia	\$ 65,000
Settlers Museum	Settlers Museum of Southwest Virginia Enhancement	\$ 46,651

Foundation	Project – Phase II	
Artisans Center of Virginia	Artisans Center of Virginia: Handcrafting Virginia’s Artisan Economy in Henry County with City of Martinsville	\$ 32,000
City of Galax	Chestnut Creek School of the Arts Woodworking Studio	\$ 500,000
Patrick Henry Community College	High-Demand Occupational Programs for Employment: HOPE	\$ 56,838
	Total	\$ 2,244,410

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