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[Virginia State Agencies Partner with USDA Rural Development on Innovative Housing Pilot Program](#)

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[Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development launches new online building and fire code change process system](#)

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[Virginia is the First State in the Nation to Functionally End Veteran Homelessness](#)

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[Governor McAuliffe Announces \\$500,000 in Telecommunication Planning Grants](#)

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[2015 Weatherization Day Proclamation](#)

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[Governor McAuliffe Announces \\$300,000 Community Development Block Grant for Albemarle County](#)

October 26, 2015

[Governor Announces Southwest Virginia receives Partnership for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization \(POWER\) Implementation Grant](#)

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[Preservation Virginia Releases Economic Impact Study of Virginia Main Street Program](#)

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[Governor McAuliffe Announces More Than \\$971 Million in Travel Expenditures for Southwest Virginia](#)

September 8, 2015

[Governor McAuliffe Announces Winners of First-ever Virginia Velocity Business Plan Competition](#)

August 18, 2015

[Governor McAuliffe Announces More Than \\$8.2 Million in Community Development Block Grants](#)

July 8, 2015

[Governor McAuliffe Announces Virginia Moving Forward in Natural Disaster Resilience Competition](#)

June 30, 2015

[Governor McAuliffe announces 14 winners of first-ever Community Business Launch](#)

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[Governor kicks off 100-day challenge to improve housing for individuals with disabilities](#)

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[Governor McAuliffe Announces Launch of Virginia Business Plan Competition](#)

May 8, 2015

[May is recognized as Virginia Building Safety Month](#)

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[Two Virginia Regional Projects Receive Stronger Economies Together Awards](#)

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March 20, 2015

[Virginia Housing Policy Advisory Council holds first meeting](#)

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[Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development announces Virginia Main Street Milestone Achievement Awards](#)

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[Governor McAuliffe announces \\$226,000 in Building Entrepreneurial Economies funding](#)

March 9, 2015

[Governor McAuliffe announces more than \\$2 million in Industrial Revitalization Funds](#)

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[Governor McAuliffe announces development of Resiliency Plan for coastal communities](#)

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[Governor McAuliffe announces more than \\$3 million in Community Development Block Grant Funding](#)

February 13, 2015

[Governor McAuliffe announces \\$200,000 Local Innovation Grant for Nelson County](#)

January 14, 2015

[Governor McAuliffe Announces \\$200,000 in Building Collaborative Communities Funding](#)

2014

December 22, 2014

[Governor McAuliffe Announces more than \\$700,000 in Community Development Block Grants for Charles City And Wise Counties](#)

December 18, 2014

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December 5, 2014

[Governor McAuliffe unveils the Virginia Community Business Launch](#)

November 10, 2014

[Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development announces more than \\$129,000 in Virginia Main Street grants](#)

November 5, 2014

[Governor McAuliffe Announces \\$300,000 Local Innovation Grant](#)

October 30, 2014

[Governor McAuliffe Signs Executive Order Strengthening Virginia's Housing Policy](#)

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[2014 Weatherization Day Proclamation](#)

September 29, 2014

[Energy Efficiency Program Available to Many Across Virginia](#)

September 24, 2014

[Virginia Moves to End Veteran Homelessness by the End of 2015](#)

September 4, 2014

[Governor McAuliffe announces recipients of 2014 Governor's Public Service Awards](#)

August 19, 2014

[Governor McAuliffe announces creation of Virginia Oyster Trail](#)

August 2, 2014

[Governor McAuliffe announces grand opening of Birthplace of Country Music Museum](#)

August 1, 2014

[Neighborhood Stabilization Program recycles more than \\$25 million in program income](#)

June 26, 2014

[Governor McAuliffe announces more than \\$8.5 million in Community Development Block Grant funding](#)

June 9, 2014

[Governor McAuliffe Signs Agreement to Help End Veteran Homelessness](#)

June 5, 2014

[Governor McAuliffe Announces Decrease in Homelessness](#)

June 1, 2014

[Business Appreciation Month Proclamation](#)

May 30, 2014

[Governor McAuliffe announces June as Business Appreciation Month](#)

May 20, 2014

[Harrisonburg recognized as the 2014 Great American Main Street](#)

May 6, 2014

[Building Safety Month Proclamation](#)

March 19, 2014

[Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development announces Virginia Main Street Milestone Achievement Awards](#)

March 19, 2014

[Multi-agency Effort Brings New Home to Wounded Veteran](#)

March 12, 2014

[Disabled Veteran receiving home in Suffolk](#)

January 15, 2014

[Governor McAuliffe Announces Two Appointments to ABC Board and Reappointment of 17 Agency Heads](#)

2013

December 12, 2013

[Governor McDonnell Announces Additional \\$4.1 Million in Community Development Block Grant Funding](#)

December 11, 2013

[Governor McDonnell Announces Awarding of \\$200,000 for the Building Collaborative Communities Program](#)

December 10, 2013

[Governor McDonnell Announces more than \\$2 million in Industrial Revitalization Fund Grants](#)

December 6, 2013

[Governor McDonnell Announces \\$2.2 Million in Appalachian Regional Commission Grants](#)

December 6, 2013

[Governor McDonnell to Propose New Funding to Help Ongoing Efforts to Reduce Homelessness in Virginia](#)

November 21, 2013

[2013 Virginia Housing Awards winners announced](#)

October 17, 2013

[Governor McDonnell Announces Four Virginia Enterprise Zone Designations](#)

September 20, 2013

[Southwest Virginia region announces tourism milestone of \\$927 million for 2012](#)

September 19, 2013

['Round the Mountain: Southwest Virginia's Artisan Network receives 2013 Dominion ArtStars Rising Star Award at 2013 Creative Economy Conference](#)

September 13, 2013

[Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development announces more than \\$920,000 in Virginia Housing Trust Fund grants](#)

September 9, 2013

[Governor McDonnell Announces 2013 Governor's Technology Award Winners](#)

August 19, 2013

[Governor McDonnell Announces \\$405,000 in Community Development Block Grant Urgent Needs Funding](#)

August 1, 2013

[Multi-agency Effort Brings New Home to Wounded Veteran](#)

July 26, 2013

[Virginia Board of Housing and Community Development Elects Chairman and Vice Chairman](#)

June 24, 2013

[Governor McDonnell Announces 16 Percent Decrease in Overall Homelessness in Virginia](#)

June 21, 2013

[McDonnell Announces More Than \\$6.8 Million in Community Development Block Grant Funding](#)

June 7, 2013

[Governor McDonnell Announces Designation of Two New Virginia Main Street Communities](#)

April 2, 2013

[Governor McDonnell Announces \\$1 Million in Permanent Supportive Housing Grants](#)

March 22, 2013

[Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development Announces Virginia Main Street Milestone Achievement Awards](#)

March 13, 2013 [Governor's Task Force for Local Mandate Review Issues Second Interim Report to the Governor](#)
February 5, 2013 [Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development announces \\$900,000 in Industrial Revitalization Fund Grants](#)
February 5, 2013

[Governor McDonnell Announces \\$225,000 for the Building Collaborative Communities Program](#)

February 5, 2013

[Governor McDonnell Announces an Additional \\$3.9 Million in Community Development Block Grant Funding](#)

February 4, 2013

[Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development announces \\$2.2 million in Appalachian Regional Commission Grants](#)

2012

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December 19, 2012 [Governor McDonnell Announces \\$111,000 Grant for Greensville County](#)

August 31, 2012

[Virginia Board of Housing and Community Development Elects Chairman and Vice Chairman](#)

August 15, 2012

[Lieutenant Governor Bolling Presents State, CSX Grant to City of Hopewell](#)

August 10, 2012

[Governor McDonnell Announces \\$1.3 million in Grants for Louisa and Southampton Counties](#)

June 19, 2012

[Governor McDonnell Announces More Than \\$6.2 Million in Community Development Block Grant Funding](#)

June 7, 2012

[Governor McDonnell Signs Legislation to Reduce Mandates on Local Governments](#)

May 15, 2012

[DHCD receives 2012 RichTech Technology Innovation Developer Award](#)

March 19, 2012

[Governor McDonnell announces \\$2.16 million in Appalachian Regional Commission Grants](#)

February 7, 2012

[Governor McDonnell Announces an Additional \\$3.15 Million in Community Development Block Grant Funding](#)

2011

December 28, 2011

[Governor McDonnell Announces \\$2.8 Million in Industrial Revitalization Fund Grants](#)

November 17, 2011

[New Public – Private Partnership Aims to Reduce Homelessness for Virginia's Children](#)

October 18, 2011

[Governor McDonnell Announces \\$700,000 in Community Development Block Grant Urgent Needs Funding](#)

October 3, 2011

[Governor McDonnell Announces Awarding of \\$280,000 for the Building Collaborative Communities Program](#)

September 22, 2011

[Governor McDonnell Announces Governor's Task Force for Local Government Mandate Review](#)

September 22, 2011

[Governor McDonnell Announces \\$1.4 Million in Community Development Block Grant Urgent Needs Funding for Pulaski](#)

August 15, 2011

[Governor McDonnell Announces Designation of Four New Virginia Main Street Communities](#)

July 27, 2011

[Governor McDonnell Announces \\$3 million Program to Revitalize Derelict Commercial and Industrial Structures](#)

June 28, 2011

[Governor McDonnell Announces Nearly \\$9 Million in Community Development Block Grant Funding](#)

April 19, 2011

[Governor McDonnell announces \\$220,000 in economic development Community Development Block Grant funds for Franklin County](#)

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[Governor McDonnell Announces Two New Virginia Enterprise Zone Designations](#)

2010

June 1, 2010

[Through VIDA, family realizes dream of homeownership](#)

May 11, 2010

[Virginia's NSP Turning Foreclosed Homes into Homeowner Opportunities](#)

April 28, 2010

[Governor McDonnell Announces Administration Effort to Reduce Homelessness and Expand Affordable Housing in Commonwealth](#)

March 29, 2010

[Virginia Main Street celebrates "25 Years of Entrepreneurship and Investment on Virginia's Historic Main Streets"](#)

March 22, 2010

[Visit 25 Treasures of Main Street](#)

February 19, 2010

[DHCD announces free community capacity building workshops for community-based and nonprofit organizations](#)

February 17, 2010

[Deadline approaching to file for Virginia's Livable Homes Tax Credit](#)

February 4, 2010

[Got your tax refund? Pay yourself first with VIDA](#)

January 6, 2010

[Governor Kaine Announces More than \\$4 Million in Community Block Grants for Five Localities](#)

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It was announced today at the 2013 Southwest Virginia Creative Economy Conference that the Southwest Virginia region generated more than \$927 million in travel expenditures in 2012.

According to the Virginia Tourism Corporation's 2012 Economic Impact Report, Southwest Virginia saw a 43 percent increase in total travel expenditures for the region since 2004. During the same time, the commonwealth has seen a 41 percent increase in tourism revenue across the state, putting the region above the state average. The highest localities for increase in travel expenditures during the eight-year period were the city of Galax, with a 71 percent increase, and Floyd County, with a 55 percent increase. The percentage growth of travel expenditures for several of the localities that make up this region were among the highest in Virginia.