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Economic Development Incentive Payments

Item 105	First Year - FY2013	Second Year - FY2014
Economic Development Services (53400)	\$69,861,384	\$65,108,594
Financial Assistance for Economic Development (53410)	\$69,861,384	\$65,108,594
Fund Sources:		
General	\$69,326,384	\$64,733,594
Dedicated Special Revenue	\$535,000	\$375,000

Authority: Discretionary Inclusion.

A.1. Out of the amounts in this Item, \$11,811,055 the first year and \$11,811,055 the second year from the general fund shall be deposited to the Governor's Development Opportunity Fund, as established in § 2.2-115, Code of Virginia. Such funds shall be used at the discretion of the Governor, subject to prior consultation with the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees, to attract economic development prospects to locate or expand in Virginia. If the Governor, pursuant to the provisions of § 2.2-115, E.1., Code of Virginia, determines that a project is of regional or statewide interest and elects to waive the requirement for a local matching contribution, such action shall be included in the report on expenditures from the Governor's Development Opportunity Fund required by § 2.2-115, F., Code of Virginia. Such report shall include an explanation on the jobs anticipated to be created, the capital investment made for the project, and why the waiver was provided.

2. The Governor may allocate these funds as grants or loans to political subdivisions. Loans shall be approved by the Governor and made in accordance with procedures established by the Virginia Economic Development Partnership and approved by the State Comptroller. Loans shall be interest-free unless otherwise determined by the Governor and shall be repaid to the general fund of the state treasury. The Governor may establish the interest rate to be charged, otherwise, any interest charged shall be at market rates as determined by the State Treasurer and shall be indicative of the duration of the loan. The Virginia Economic Development Partnership shall be responsible for monitoring repayment of such loans and reporting the receivables to the State Comptroller as required.

3. Funds may be used for public and private utility extension or capacity development on and off site; road, rail, or other transportation access costs beyond the funding capability of existing programs; site acquisition; grading, drainage, paving, and other activity required to prepare a site for construction; construction or build-out of publicly-owned buildings; grants or loans to an industrial development authority, housing and redevelopment authority, or other political subdivision pursuant to their duties or powers; training; or anything else permitted by law.

4. Consideration should be given to economic development projects that 1) are in areas of high unemployment; 2) link commercial development along existing transportation/transit corridors within regions; and 3) are located near existing public infrastructure.

5. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Virginia Economic Development Partnership shall work with localities awarded grants from the Governor's Development Opportunity Fund to recover such moneys when the economic development projects fail to meet minimal agreed-upon capital investment and job creation targets. All such recoveries shall be deposited and credited to the Governor's Development Opportunity Fund.

6. Up to \$5,000,000 of previously awarded funds and funds repaid by political subdivisions or business beneficiaries and deposited to the Governor's Development Opportunity Fund may be used to assist Prince George County with site improvements related to the location of a major aerospace engine manufacturer to the Commonwealth.

7. Any funds appropriated in Item 105, paragraph B. 6, Chapter 781, Acts of Assembly of 2009, to offset training expenses for a major automotive employer operating a diesel assembly and test facility in the City of Newport News, contingent upon such employer having entered into a performance agreement with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership describing the employer's commitments regarding job creation and retention, remaining on June 30, 2012, shall be carried forward and available for expenditure. The funds shall be administered in a manner similar to existing training grant programs permitted under § 2.2-902, Code of Virginia. The major automotive employer shall certify to the Secretary of Commerce and Trade that it has retained at least 500 jobs in the Commonwealth and has taken actions to increase employment by at least 250 new full-time jobs in the Commonwealth.

B. Out of the appropriation for this Item, \$5,400,000 the first year and \$5,400,000 the second year from the general fund shall be deposited to the Semiconductor Memory or Logic Wafer Manufacturing Performance Grant Fund to be used to pay semiconductor memory or logic wafer manufacturing performance grants in accordance with § 59.1-284.14.1, Code of Virginia.

C.1. Out of the appropriation for this Item, \$3,042,329 the first year and \$5,322,539 the second year from the general fund shall be deposited to the Investment Performance Grant subfund of the Virginia Investment Partnership Grant Fund to be used to pay investment performance grants in accordance with § 2.2-5101, Code of Virginia. In the first year, \$160,000 from the Investment Performance Grant subfund of the Virginia Investment Partnership Grant Fund is hereby appropriated and shall be used to pay investment performance grants in accordance with § 2.2-5101, Code of Virginia.

2. Consideration should be given to economic development projects that 1) are in areas of high unemployment; 2) link commercial development along existing transportation/transit corridors within regions; and 3) are located near existing public infrastructure.

D.1. Out of the appropriation for this Item, \$5,000,000 the first year and \$5,000,000 the second year from the general fund shall be deposited to the Major Eligible Employer Grant subfund of the Virginia Investment Partnership Grant Fund to be used to pay investment performance grants in accordance with § 2.2-5102, Code of Virginia.

2. Consideration should be given to economic development projects that 1) are in areas of high unemployment; 2) link commercial development along existing transportation/transit corridors within regions; and 3) are located near existing public infrastructure.

E. Out of the appropriation for this Item, \$3,500,000 the first year and \$3,500,000 the second year from the general fund and an amount estimated at \$375,000 the first year and \$375,000 the second year from nongeneral funds shall be deposited to the Governor's Motion Picture Opportunity Fund, as established in § 2.2-2320, Code of Virginia. These nongeneral fund revenues shall be deposited to the fund from revenues generated by the digital media fee established pursuant to § 58.1-1731, et seq., Code of Virginia. Such funds shall be used at the discretion of the Governor to attract film industry production activity to the Commonwealth.

F. Out of the appropriation for this Item, \$1,000,000 the first year from the general fund shall be used to pay grants in accordance with § 2.2-2240.1, Code of Virginia. It is the intent of the General Assembly to fulfill the commitment made to provide incentive payments for the location of a research related entity in accordance with the time frames set out in § 2.2-2240.1 D, Code of Virginia.

G. Out of the appropriation for this Item, \$9,273,000 the first year and \$10,400,000 the second year from the general fund shall be used in support of the location of an aerospace engine facility in Prince George County. In accordance with a memorandum of understanding between the Commonwealth and the aerospace engine manufacturer, the funds may be used for chaired professorships, research, community college programs, graduate student and internship endowments, workforce training, project management, and training grants in accordance with § 59.1-284.22, Code of Virginia. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget shall transfer these funds to the impacted state agencies and institutions upon request to the Director, Department of Planning and Budget by the respective state agency or institution.

H.1. Out of the appropriation for this Item, \$800,000 the first year and \$1,300,000 the second year from the general fund shall be deposited to the Virginia Economic Development Incentive Grant subfund of the Virginia Investment Partnership Grant Fund to be used to pay investment performance grants in accordance with § 2.2-5102.1, Code of Virginia.

2. Consideration should be given to economic development projects that 1) are in areas of high unemployment; 2) link commercial development along existing transportation/transit corridors within regions; and 3) are located near existing public infrastructure.

I. Out of the appropriation for this Item, \$5,000,000 the first year and \$5,000,000 the second year from the general fund shall be deposited to the Advanced Shipbuilding Training Facility Fund to be used to pay grants in accordance with § 59.1-284.23, F., Code of Virginia.

J.1. Out of the appropriation for this Item, \$7,500,000 the first year from the general fund is included to assist impacted localities in funding needs associated with the implementation of and response to the recommendations of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) which were subsequently agreed to by the President and the United States' Congress. Grants allocated from this appropriation shall be aimed at fostering collaborative efforts among state agencies, local governments and regional entities to address quantifiable costs or impacts resulting from specific actions to implement the recommendations of the BRAC or to protect the Commonwealth's strategic, homeland security, and economic interests in response to such implementation and similar actions. Individual grants may be for either operating or capital expenses but shall be matched by either cash or in-kind contributions. Moreover, no grant shall be used to supplant funding currently provided by other levels of government or by private sources.

2. Notwithstanding 1.B of Chapter 266 of the 2006 Acts of Assembly, any locality in which a United States Navy Master Jet Base is located may use state funds appropriated in paragraph J.1. of this Item and local funds set aside for this purpose and administered by the Office of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security to mitigate adverse affects on any military operations caused by the encroachment of incompatible land uses. However, state funds shall be used only to mitigate adverse impacts in Accident Potential Zone 1 and Clear Zone areas. On or before November 1 of each fiscal year, the locality shall report to the Chairmen of House Appropriations, Senate Finance Committees, and the Governor on the specific properties purchased and the balance of monies remaining.

3. The Governor shall approve all grants from this appropriation based on a written evaluation of the proposals received. The evaluation shall be prepared by staff from the Office of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security, the Office of the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, and the Office of the Secretary of Finance, and among other factors, shall consider the significance of the impact being addressed, the likelihood that the proposal will achieve its intended objective, and the amount and type of commitment to match state funds. In

allocating state funds, priority shall be given first to any locality in which a United States Navy Master Jet Base is located, and then to proposals which have regional impact. The Governor shall notify the chairmen of the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Finance Committee of the recipient and the purpose of each approved grant at least 15 days prior to the actual distribution of funds.

4. All proceeds from the lease, disposal or conveyance of any property acquired through the use of this appropriation, or any prior appropriation for this purpose, shall only be used for additional property acquisition pursuant to Chapter 266 of the 2006 Acts of Assembly.

K. Out of the appropriation for this Item, \$2,000,000 the first year shall be deposited to the site planning fund created pursuant to § 2.2-2240.2, Code of Virginia, to assist political subdivisions in the performance of site and site development work for prospective Major Employment and Investment (MEI) Projects, as defined in § 2.2-2260, Code of Virginia. Grants allocated from this appropriation shall be approved by the Governor and made in accordance with procedures and guidelines established by the Virginia Economic Development Partnership. The guidelines and procedures shall give consideration in order to (i) ensure geographical representation of awards, (ii) limit the amount of annual recipients, (iii) identify strategic targets and select sites that are compatible with the strategic targets, and (iv) promote regional revenue sharing.

L. Out of the appropriation for this Item, \$2,000,000 the second year shall be provided to the Commonwealth Center for Advanced Manufacturing for workforce development. Upon request filed with the Director, Department of Planning and Budget, by the Commonwealth Center for Advanced Manufacturing, the director is authorized to provide these funds to the center.

M. Out of the appropriation for this Item, \$10,000,000 the second year from the general fund, shall be utilized for the purposes set forth in Chapter 816 and Chapter 874, 2011 Acts of Assembly, as follows: \$4,000,000 shall be deposited into the Center for Innovative Technology's GAP Funds and \$6,000,000 shall be deposited into the Commonwealth Research Commercialization Fund created pursuant to § 2.2-2233.1, Code of Virginia. Of the amounts provided for the Commonwealth Research Commercialization Fund, \$2,000,000 shall be used for a Small Business Innovation Research Matching Fund Program for Virginia-based technology businesses.

N.1. Out the appropriation for this Item, \$5,000,000 the first year and \$5,000,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided for a non-stock corporation research consortium initially comprised of the University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, George Mason University and the Eastern Virginia Medical School. The consortium will contract with private entities, foundations and other governmental sources to capture and perform research in the biosciences. Initial exclusive focus will be around the Virginia core strength areas of Bio-Informatics and Medical Informatics, Point of Care Diagnostics and Drug Discovery and Delivery. The funding to be provided for research under this Item must be matched at least dollar-for-dollar by funding provided by such private entities, foundations and other governmental sources. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget, is authorized to provide these funds to the non-stock corporation research consortium referenced in this paragraph upon request filed with the Director, Department of Planning and Budget by the non-stock corporation research consortium.

2. Other publicly-supported institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth may choose to join the consortium. Participation in the consortium by the five founding institutions and by other institutions choosing to join will require a cash contribution from each institution in each of the first and second years of at least \$50,000, or a larger amount to be determined by the consortium.

3. No research will be funded by the consortium unless at least two of the participating institutions are actively and significantly involved in collaborating on the research. No research will be funded by the consortium unless the research topic has been vetted by a scientific advisory board and holds potential for high impact near-term success in generating other sponsored research, creating spin-off companies or otherwise creating new jobs. The consortium will set guidelines to disburse research funds based on advisory board findings. The consortium will

have near-term sustainability as a goal, along with corporate-sponsored research gains, new Virginia company start-ups, and job creation milestones.

4. Of these funds, up to \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the second year may be used to pay the administrative, promotional and legal costs of establishing and administering the consortium, including the creation of intellectual property protocols, and the publication of research results.