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# VIRGINIA STATE BUDGET

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2024 Special Session I

## Budget Bill - HB6001 (Chapter 2)

Bill Order » Office of Health and Human Resources » Item 341

Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired

Item 341	First Year - FY2025	Second Year - FY2026
<b>Rehabilitation Assistance Services (45400)</b>	<b>\$15,524,499</b>	<b>\$15,524,499</b>
Low Vision Services (45401)	\$52,000	\$52,000
Vocational Rehabilitation Services (45404)	\$9,694,010	\$9,694,010
Community Based Independent Living Services (45407)	\$5,307,915	\$5,307,915
Vending Stands, Cafeterias, and Snack Bars (45410)	\$470,574	\$470,574
Fund Sources:		
General	\$3,644,238	\$3,644,238
Special	\$570,218	\$570,218
Federal Trust	\$11,310,043	\$11,310,043

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Authority: § 51.5-1 and Title 51.5, Chapter 1, Code of Virginia; P.L. 93-516 and P.L. 93-112, Federal Code.

A. It is the intent of the General Assembly that visually impaired persons who have completed vocational training as food service managers through programs operated by the Department be considered for food service management position openings within the Commonwealth as they arise.

B. 1. The annual federal vocational rehabilitation grant award that will be received by the Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (DBVI) is estimated at \$11,869,311 for federal fiscal year 2024; \$11,869,311 for federal fiscal year 2025; and \$11,869,311 for federal fiscal year 2026. In addition to the base annual award amount, DBVI may request up to \$2,000,000 of additional federal reallotment dollars in each of these years. Assuming these amounts, the annual 21.3 percent state matching requirement would equate to \$3,753,702 for federal fiscal year 2024; \$3,753,702 for federal fiscal year 2025; and \$3,753,702 for federal fiscal year 2026.

2. Based on the projection of federal award funding in paragraph B.1., DBVI shall not request federal vocational rehabilitation grant dollars in excess of \$13,869,311 for federal fiscal year 2024; \$13,869,311 for federal fiscal year 2025; and \$13,869,311 for federal fiscal year 2026, without prior written concurrence from the Director, Department of Planning and Budget. Any approved increases in grant award requests shall be reported by DARS to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees within 30 days.