



**Regional Council 9 Member Nomination**  
*At-Large Nominee Form*

**To nominate (or self-nominate) a community business leader, email this form along with the nominee's resume and/or biography by May 9, 2025.**

**Nominee Personal Information**

First and Last Name	Email address	
Street address	Street address line 2	
City	State	Zip code
Phone number	Gender	
	Male	Female
Ethnic Categories		
Hispanic or Latino	Not Hispanic or Latino	
Racial Categories		
American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	
Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	
White	Other	
Years of business leadership experience		
5-9	10-19	20+

**Nominee Company Information**

Company name				
Industry				
Biomedical & Biotechnology	IT & Communications			
Financial & Business Services	Light Manufacturing			
Food & Beverage Manufacturing				
Other				
Number of employees				
Under 50	50-99	100-199	200-499	500+

**Nominated By:**

Self                      Other

First and Last Name

Email address

Phone number

Company name

Why should this person be selected to serve on Regional Council 9?

Please provide a resume and/or biography of nominee along with this form.

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Email to:

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More details at: **[www.GOVirginia9.org](http://www.GOVirginia9.org)**

Questions: Contact Shannon Holland (information provided above)



## GO VIRGINIA REGIONAL COUNCIL 9 PRIVATE SECTOR SERVICE

Thank you for your interest in serving on the GO Virginia Region 9 Council. The first page of this document highlights the program and the second page highlights Council structure and responsibilities.

### GO Virginia Program Overview

#### What is GO Virginia?

The Virginia Initiative for Growth & Opportunity in each Region, known as GO Virginia, seeks to promote private-sector growth and high-paying job opportunities across all regions of the Commonwealth. GO Virginia operates on three core principles: 1) strong private sector growth and job creation are necessary; 2) collaboration among business, government, and higher education is crucial for economic growth and diversification; and 3) the state government should provide incentives for strategic job-focused collaboration in each region.

#### How is GO Virginia funded?

The General Assembly initially allocated \$35.95 million for the statewide GO Virginia initiative. The program continues to be funded through the Virginia Biennial Budget.

#### What is Regional Council 9?

GO Virginia started with nine Regional Councils to facilitate regional projects. Region 9, or the Piedmont Opportunity Corridor, includes Charlottesville and eleven counties: Albemarle, Culpeper, Fauquier, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, Orange, and Rappahannock. This region aligns with Planning Districts 9 and 10 and Virginia Career Works – Piedmont Region.

#### What types of projects are eligible for funding?

Proposed projects must align with the opportunities specified in each region's Growth & Opportunity Plan, as well as state GO Virginia priorities. Each project requires participation from at least two localities. The Region 9 Plan outlines eligible project strategies for specific target industries, as highlighted here:

##### **Strategies**

- Talent Development
- Innovation/Entrepreneurship
- Growing Existing Businesses
- Site Development

##### **Target Industries**

- Information Technology
- Food & Beverage Manufacturing
- Financial & Business Services
- Light Manufacturing
- Biotechnology

#### What is the Central Virginia Partnership's role with GO Virginia?

The Central Virginia Partnership for Economic Development fiscally and administratively supports the GO Virginia Region 9 Council. They are the region's sole regional economic development organization. For more details, visit [www.centralvirginia.org](http://www.centralvirginia.org).

#### Where can I learn more about GO Virginia?

To learn more, go to:

- [www.GOVirginia9.org](http://www.GOVirginia9.org)
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#### For More Information, Contact:

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## Regional Council 9 Structure and Responsibilities

The Region 9 Council consists of 23 members, primarily from the private sector. The Council is required to have a majority of Private Sector Members with at least five years of business leadership experience and to ensure gender and ethnic diversity.

### **Council Membership Seat Allocation**

#### **Private Sector (12 Members)**

Chambers of Commerce (4)\*  
At-Large Private Sector (5)\*\*  
Partnership Board Members (2)  
Workforce Development (1)

#### **Public Sector (11 Members)**

Regional Commission Directors (2)  
Localities/Elected Officials (4)  
Educational Institutions (3)  
Local Economic Development (2)

### **Private Sector Member representation should include:**

- Small businesses (up to 50 employees)
- Large businesses (50+ employees)
- Entrepreneurs
- Innovators in growing industries
- Experienced professionals
- Leadership/management experience required (five or more years in private business)

\* Only the Chambers of Commerce from Region 9 are authorized to nominate private sector businesspersons for designated seats on the Council, when available.

\*\*The public is invited to submit nominations for At-Large Private Sector Seats. Local business organizations and leaders are encouraged to nominate other distinguished business leaders, and self-nominations are also welcome.

### **Council Member Terms**

Unless a seat is vacated mid-term, there is a three year term commitment that begins on July 1. Vacancies are filled for the unexpired term.

### **Time Commitment**

Regular attendance and engagement at Council Meetings is expected. There are five meetings per year, each lasting two hours. In-person quorums are required in most cases.

Each member joins one of four Region 9 Task Forces: Sites, Talent Development, Growing Existing Business, or Innovation/Entrepreneurship. They support strategy development and review proposals. Additional service may be required for the Nominating or Executive Committees.

### **COIA**

Council Members must complete online training on the Conflict-of-Interest Act (COIA) within 30 days of their appointment. Regional Council members do not need to file economic interests unless specifically required.



**GO VIRGINIA REGIONAL COUNCIL  
PIEDMONT OPPORTUNITY CORRIDOR - REGION 9  
FY 2025**

**PRIVATE SECTOR MEMBERS**

**Chair:** Ethan Dunstan, Principal, Capital River Advisors

**Vice Chair:** Rob Archer, CEO Codebase Coworking

**Treasurer/Secretary:** Francoise Seillier-Moiseiwitsch, PhD, Managing Owner, Revaluation Vineyards  
Roque Castro, Global Head of Sales & Business Development, Elysium LD Technology, Inc.

Tom Click, President & CEO, Patriot Industries

Brian Cole, Executive Site Lead LexisNexis Reed Tech

Gizelle Curtis, Sr. Economic Development Market Specialist, Dominion Energy

Cheryl Kirby, Banking Relationship Manager, Atlantic Union Bank

Ray Knott, EVP Deputy Commercial Banking Executive, Blue Ridge Bank

Brandon Payne, Owner, Self-Storage of Louisa

Tom Thorpe, CEO, Afton Scientific

Tina Weaver, President, Papa Weaver's Pork, Inc.

**PUBLIC SECTOR MEMBERS**

**Educational Institutions**

Kim Blosser, President, Laurel Ridge Community College

Pace Lochte, Assistant Vice President for Economic Development, University of Virginia

Jean Runyon, President, Piedmont Virginia Community College

**Elected Officials**

The Hon. Ike Broaddus, Supervisor, Fauquier County

The Hon. Ned Galloway, Rio District Supervisor, Albemarle County

**Locality Administrators**

Cathy Schafrik, County Administrator, Greene County

Jonathon Weakley, County Administrator, Madison County

**Regional Commission Directors**

Christine Jacobs, Executive Director, Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission

Patrick Mauney, Executive Director, Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission

**Local Economic Development**

Paige Read, Director of Economic Development and Tourism, Town of Culpeper

Andy Wade, Director of Economic Development, Louisa County



VIRGINIA INITIATIVE FOR  
**GROWTH &  
 OPPORTUNITY**  
 IN EACH REGION  
 REGIONAL COUNCIL 9

GO Virginia is an economic development initiative designed to diversify and strengthen regional economies by offering grants that drive collaboration between **business, education, and local government.**

## Grant Opportunities Identified in Region 9 Growth Plan Update - 2023

*The Region 9 Council is seeking grant proposals that drive opportunities identified in the Region 9 Growth & Diversification Plan Update, as summarized below. For deadlines and details go to [www.GOVirginia9.org](http://www.GOVirginia9.org).*



### Talent Development

1. Build a comprehensive regional workforce coalition or initiative to drive collaboration and efficiency in the Region 9 talent development ecosystem for target sectors.
2. Drive target sector talent pathways planning efforts as described in the Region 9 Request for Letters of Interest for the Talent Pathways Initiative (TPI) planning grants.
3. Develop sector driven credentialing, apprenticeship, and internship programs for target industries.
4. Evaluate and/or drive strategies to address regional demand for Software Developers (SOC 15-1252).

Project Types	T a r g e t i n g
Talent Development	
Growing Existing Businesses	
Startup/Innovation/ Commercialization	
Site Readiness	
Target Industries	
Biomedical & Biotechnology	
Financial & Business Services	
Food & Beverage Manufacturing	
Information Technology & Communications	
Light Manufacturing	



### Growing Existing Businesses

1. For each target cluster, re-evaluate industries within each cluster as defined in 2017 and identify gaps in growth to develop recommendations for future implementation grants. (i.e. using Cluster Based Economic Development Model, DHCD, 2023)
2. Support implementation grants from gaps identified through planning grants or other regional reports such as the CEDS Plans to be published in 2024.
3. Support sector led verticals to address business-identified and validated sector gaps to traded sector growth.
4. Support implementation of a biotech wet lab accelerator/incubator model to support expansion in the sector.



## Startups/Innovation/Commercialization

1. Support recommended implementation grants that catalyze growth in target sector entrepreneurship as prioritized in the Regional Entrepreneurship Investment (REI) Plan in development.



## Sites

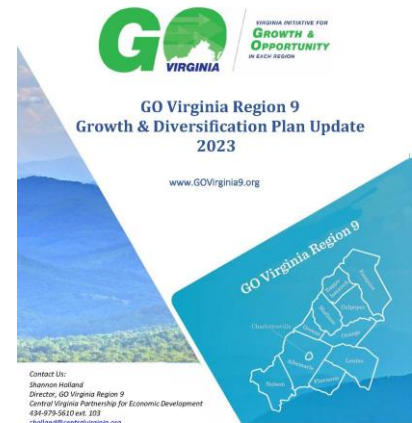
1. Develop a plan for regional site development with a goal of identifying priority target sector sites in the region and a sustainable plan for advancing a portfolio of sites and a regular cadence for site projects.
2. Support future planning and/or implementation projects identified in the regional sites plan.
3. Evaluate strategic advantages for site development collaboration
4. Drive the continued development of regionally prioritized sites.
5. Evaluate RIFA development opportunity.



## Other

1. Support planning grants to assess, map, and support the development of emerging industries for which this region may have a competitive advantage using Cluster Based Economic Development Model, DHCD, 2023) (i.e., Ag-Tech, Clean Energy, etc.)
2. Support implementation grants identified in the above report.
3. Evaluate grant opportunities that align with the Growth Plan that are identified through the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDs) to be published in February 2024

Download at [www.GOVirginia9.org](http://www.GOVirginia9.org)



### Program funding:

GO Virginia Region 9 has \$1,000,000 to award each funding year.

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## Funded Projects

Projects	Grant Leader   Partners	GO Virginia Funds	Committed Match	Project Types / Target Industries	FY Funds
Accelerating Regionally Significant Sites	Central Virginia Partnership   Counties of Culpeper and Louisa	\$786,333	\$413,167	Site Readiness / All Target Sectors	2021
BEACON's Kitchen	New Hill Development Corporation	\$189,000	\$94,500	Innovation & Entrepreneurship / Food & Beverage Manufacturing	2020
BioBridge Talent Pathways Initiative	CvilleBioHub  AgroSpheres, Albemarle County, Central Virginia Partnership for Economic Development, Piedmont Virginia Community College, City of Charlottesville, Rivanna Medical, Techonomy, Virginia Career Works - Piedmont	\$244,400	\$122,200	Talent Development / Biomedical & Biotechnology	2024
Biotech Innovation Cluster Growth	CvilleBioHub  City of Charlottesville, Albemarle County, University of Virginia Licensing & Ventures Group	\$548,000	\$552,840	Growing Existing Businesses / Biomedical & Biotechnology	2020
Business-Driven Workforce Recovery Initiative	Central Virginia Partnership   City of Charlottesville, Counties of Albemarle, Culpeper, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, and Orange	\$99,500	\$50,000	Talent Development / All Target Sectors	2020
Carver Food Business Incubator	Culpeper County	\$199,727	\$103,000	Innovation & Entrepreneurship / Food & Beverage Manufacturing	2023
Catalyst Accelerator Program	University of Virginia   City of Charlottesville, Albemarle County	\$475,200	\$475,200	Innovation & Entrepreneurship / All Target Sectors	2019
Central Virginia Cybersecurity Partnership	Piedmont Virginia Community College   Germanna Community College, Lord Fairfax Community College	\$100,000	\$136,400	Talent Development / Information Technology & Business Services	2018
Central Virginia Site Readiness	Central Virginia Partnership   Counties of Albemarle, Culpeper, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, and Orange	\$58,675	\$58,675	Site Readiness / Light Manufacturing	2018



Cluster Scale-Up Wine Industry Planning Grant	Nelson County   Counties of Albemarle, Culpeper, Greene, Fauquier, Fluvanna, Louisa, Madison, and Orange, City of Charlottesville, Central Virginia Partnership for Economic Development, Afton Mountain Vineyards, Revalation Vineyards Williams Compliance, PVCC Foundation, Charlottesville-Albemarle CVB	\$100,000	\$104,159	Growing Existing Business / Food & Beverage Manufacturing	2023
Commonwealth Biotech Accelerator	CvilleBioHub   City of Charlottesville, Albemarle County, University of Virginia, Cooley LLP, CSC Leasing Co., Evan Edwards, Manning Family Foundation, Quantitative Foundation, ThermoFisher Scientific, Virginia Biotechnology Association	\$4,302,887	\$2,702,158	Innovation & Entrepreneurship / Biomedical & Biotechnology	2024
Connector Platform	Charlottesville Business Innovation Council   City of Charlottesville, Albemarle County, Central Virginia Partnership	\$76,500	\$38,450	Growing Existing Businesses / All Target Sectors	2020
Crafting a New Normal	Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission   Counties of Madison and Nelson	\$44,000	\$22,000	Growing Existing Businesses / Food & Beverage Manufacturing	2020
Crafting Higher Paying Jobs and Adult Beverage Exports	Piedmont Virginia Community College   Counties of Madison and Nelson, Germanna Community College	\$249,472	\$251,800	Talent Development / Food & Beverage Manufacturing	2018
CvilleBioHub Planning Grant	CvilleBioHub   City of Charlottesville, Albemarle County, University of Virginia	\$83,540	\$93,540	Growing Existing Businesses / Biomedical & Biotechnology	2018
CvilleBioLab Planning Grant	CvilleBioHub   City of Charlottesville, Albemarle County, Louisa County, Quantitative Foundation	\$100,000	\$50,000	Growing Existing Businesses / Biomedical & Biotechnology	2022
Digital Business Resiliency	Central Virginia Small Business Development Center   City of Charlottesville, Counties of Albemarle, Culpeper, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, Orange, and Rappahannock, Community Investment Collaborative	\$131,220	\$65,800	Growing Existing Businesses / All Target Sectors	2020
Food & Beverage Business Accelerator	Venture Central   City of Charlottesville, Town of Culpeper, Counties of Albemarle, Fauquier, Greene, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, Orange	\$100,000	\$51,937	Growing Existing Business / Food & Beverage Manufacturing	2024

Future of Workforce Outreach	Virginia Career Works – Piedmont Region   City of Charlottesville, Counties of Albemarle, Culpeper, Fauquier, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, Orange, and Rappahannock, Central Virginia Partnership	\$148,689	\$74,250	Talent Development / All Target Sectors	2020
George Washington Carver Piedmont Technical Education Center	Culpeper County   Counties of Fauquier, Madison, Orange, and Rappahannock, Germanna Community College	\$244,300	\$431,625	Talent Development / Light Manufacturing	2018
Project Rebound	Charlottesville Regional Chamber of Commerce   City of Charlottesville, Albemarle County, University of Virginia Economic Development	\$80,000	\$40,000	Growing Existing Businesses / All Target Sectors	2020
Project Reconnect	Virginia Career Works – Piedmont Region   City of Charlottesville, Counties of Albemarle, Culpeper, Fauquier, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, Orange, and Rappahannock, Central Virginia Partnership	\$99,500	\$50,000	Talent Development / All Target Sectors	2020
Regional Business Park	Louisa County   Culpeper County, Orange County, Town of Culpeper, GovSmart	\$600,850	\$2,802,150	Site Readiness / All Target Sectors	2019
Regional Entrepreneurship Initiative	Community Investment Collaborative & Venture Central   City of Charlottesville, Counties of Albemarle, Culpeper, Fauquier, Fluvanna, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, and Orange, Town of Culpeper	\$300,000	\$164,375	Innovation & Entrepreneurship / All Target Sectors	2023
Rural Entrepreneurship Ecosystem	Community Investment Collaborative   Central Virginia Partnership	\$200,000	\$100,820	Innovation & Entrepreneurship / All Target Sectors	2023
Talent Supply Connector	Virginia Career Works Piedmont   Central Virginia Partnership	\$391,528	\$200,851	Talent Development / Food & Beverage Manufacturing, Light Manufacturing	2022
Tech Talent Retention	Central Virginia Partnership	\$307,800	\$155,500	Talent Development / All Target Sectors	2023
Technology Academies for Fauquier and Rappahannock Counties	Laurel Ridge Education Foundation	\$402,075	\$201,038	Talent Development / All Target Sectors	2023

Venture Central	Charlottesville Regional Chamber of Commerce   City of Charlottesville, Albemarle County, UVA Economic Development	\$300,000	\$210,000	Innovation & Entrepreneurship / All Target Sectors	2020
Young Entrepreneurs Resource Guide	Fauquier County   Counties of Orange, Culpeper, and Louisa	\$83,500	\$83,500	Innovation & Entrepreneurship / All Target Sectors	2019
		<b>\$11,046,696</b>	<b>\$9,899,935</b>		