

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 15.2-4217 of the Code of Virginia, relating to incentives for inter-local*
3 *service delivery.*

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5 Approved

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6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That § 15.2-4217 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 15.2-4217. Regional Cooperation Incentive Fund created; administration thereof.

9 A. There is hereby created a Regional Cooperation Incentive Fund for the purpose of encouraging
10 inter-local strategic and functional area planning and other regional cooperative activities. *In addition,*
11 *the fund shall have the purpose of fostering inter-local service delivery consolidation or coordination*
12 *where such consolidation or coordination will result in the more efficient use of local funds.* The Fund
13 shall be administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development. Fund availability is
14 subject to the Appropriation Act.

15 B. From time to time the General Assembly and the Governor may designate specific functional
16 areas or activities which are to be given highest priority for funding, including but not limited to
17 economic development, criminal justice, solid waste management, water supply, emergency management
18 and transportation.

19 C. Disbursements from the Regional Cooperation Incentive Fund shall be made on a matching grant
20 basis to planning district commissions, *or in the case of inter-local service delivery consolidation or*
21 *coordination, to two or more cooperating localities.* The Department of Housing and Community
22 Development shall promulgate regulations for the administration of the funds, including application
23 forms, eligibility requirements and terms and duration of grants. In establishing regulations, the
24 following criteria shall be met:

25 1. The planning district commission or member localities must provide, at a minimum, a ~~twenty-five~~
26 25 percent match to the grant, *or in the case of inter-local service delivery consolidation or*
27 *coordination, the Regional Cooperation Incentive Fund may provide up to 50 percent of the cost of*
28 *implementation; and*

29 2. Any project for which a grant is sought shall use private initiative and enterprise insofar as
30 feasible, and emphasize coordination of available governmental and private financial and technical
31 resources.

32 D. The Department of Housing and Community Development shall require periodic reports from
33 grant recipients concerning progress of the project and the use of funds.

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