

**Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission**  
**Education Committee – May 21, 2024**  
**Workforce Financial Aid for the FY2024-25 School Year**

The Education Committee will meet at 2:30pm on May 21, 2024, to consider the following Workforce Financial Aid (WFA) proposals.

The FY24 Commission budget has allocated \$2.2 million to support Workforce Financial Aid grants in the 2024-25 school year. Staff requested that institutions apply for workforce financial aid needs based on two tier levels:

- **Tier I Requests:** Community Colleges where the majority of the student population is from TRRC localities may apply for up to \$240,000. Tier I institutions include the following Community Colleges: Central Virginia, Danville, Mountain Empire, Patrick & Henry, Southside Virginia, Southwest Virginia, Virginia Highlands, and Wytheville.
- **Tier II Requests:** Community Colleges without a majority of TRRC localities in service area, and Higher Education Centers in the region may apply for up to \$100,000. Tier II Community Colleges and Higher Education Centers include Brightpoint, New River, Virginia Western; New College Institute, Southern Virginia Higher Education Center, and Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center.

Staff received 11 applications totaling \$2,195,000 (\$1,145,000, Southern; \$1,050,000, Southwest).

*Education applicants were instructed to align their requests with the Commission’s six funding categories. Below is an excerpt from the 2024-2025 WFA Guidelines:*

**Funding Categories & Application Requirements:** The Commission’s eligible funding priorities for the WFA Program are listed below.

Category	Program	Definition	Required for Submission
1	<b>Workforce Credentials*</b>	Short term, non-credit certificates approved by VCCS under Fast Forward Training Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of all short-term, noncredit workforce credential training requested for scholarship support under Category 1</li> </ul>
2	<b>Non-G3 Eligible Programs in STEM-H and Advanced Manufacturing</b>	For Credit Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees in STEM-H and Advanced Manufacturing fields not eligible for G3 program. DO NOT INCLUDE DUAL ENROLLMENT HERE (see Category #4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of all Non-G3 STEM-H and Advanced Manufacturing, requested for scholarship support under Category 2</li> <li>• Total scholarship funding requested for Non-G3-Eligible Programs for non-dual enrollment students.</li> </ul>
3	<b>G3 Eligible Programs in STEM-H and Advanced Manufacturing</b>	For Credit Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees in STEM-H and Advanced Manufacturing fields eligible for G3 program. DO NOT INCLUDE DUAL ENROLLMENT HERE (see Category #4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of all G3-Eligible programs requested for scholarship support under Category 3</li> <li>• Total amount of scholarship funding requested for G3-Eligible Programs for non-dual enrollment students.</li> </ul>
4	<b>Dual Enrollment Programs in IT and Advanced Manufacturing</b>	For Credit Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees in IT and Advanced Manufacturing fields targeted to high school students in 9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade who meet the admissions requirements of the college.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of all G3 and Non-G3 Information Technology and Advanced Manufacturing requested for scholarship support under Category 4</li> <li>• Total amount of scholarship funding requested for programs that are for dual enrollment students.</li> </ul>

5	<b>High-demand occupations (to be approved by TRRC)</b>	For Credit Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees. Non STEM-H or Advanced Manufacturing. Limited to two (2) specific areas of study (General Studies degrees not eligible).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of training under Category 5</li> <li>• Total amount of scholarship funding requested for specified high demand programs.</li> <li>• Must include documentation of employer demand.</li> </ul>
6	<b>Testing Fees</b>	50% of fees for first time credential certification testing for Students in for-credit programs for STEM-H or Advanced Manufacturing fields.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of credential tests to be supported under Category 6</li> <li>• Total amount of scholarship funding requested for defined students. Limited to total of \$24,000 for Tier I/ \$10,000 Tier II</li> </ul>

\*For Students receiving FastForward Workforce Credential funding, TRRC will support one-sixth of the cost of training program and certification (half of one-third share the student is responsible for), with the remainder to be covered by FFWC and potentially state FANTIC funds or other sources. However, TRRC will allow up to 50% tuition reimbursement for FFWC-eligible training cohorts conducted during periods when FFWC funding is not available due to state funding limitations. When requesting reimbursement, documentation should include the date FFWC funds were exhausted or limited by Virginia Community College System.

**Eligible uses of WFA:** WFA support shall be used only for tuition and mandatory fees. WFA may also be used to cover 50% of testing fees for industry-related credentials in eligible pre-approved by the TRRC (see Grant Conditions section for more information). WFA funds may not be used for books, transportation, and other expenses.

**Staff Comments:**

All requests comply with the Committee’s long-standing objectives of providing last-dollar assistance to students working to obtain a nationally recognized workforce or academic credential. The schools that propose to use WFA funding for Priority #5 programs provided evidence of regional employer demand for certain types of jobs relevant to a corresponding credential/program.

The requests anticipate serving 1,955 students and resulting in the issuance of 1,893 credentials issued in the 2024-2025 school year. An estimated 1,462 students will receive scholarships towards college tuition and fees, and an additional 493 students will benefit from assistance with testing fees for industry credentials required for employment. The proposals also estimate matching funds of more than \$2.8 million for students receiving TRRC support and students in TRRC scholarship priority areas.

Staff recommends approval of the requests as summarized on the following pages, for last-dollar Workforce Financial Aid for Tobacco Region residents in the 2024-25 school year, contingent on the following conditions:

- **Matching Funds:** Grantees must provide at least dollar-for-dollar matching funds.
- **Documentation Requirements:**
  - Grantees must report, on an individual student basis, the full distribution of all financial aid and/or other funding used to meet that student’s financial responsibility. This documentation may be marked “confidential” to protect student privacy, and the Commission asks that any other sensitive data (such as security numbers, student health or disability status, etc.) be redacted. Grantees are expected to work with the college’s financial aid office to track scholarship commitments through the People Soft system.
  - Grantees must report the program/major for each scholarship recipient for TRRC staff to validate eligibility under the approved category.
- **Dual Enrollment:** Dual Enrollment funding will be limited to regional high school program offerings at community college facilities. These scholarship funds will be limited to Advanced Manufacturing and Information Technology career programs. At least fifty percent 50% match must be provided toward Dual Enrollment tuition and fees.

- **Credential Testing Fees:** Support is limited to students in for-credit STEM-H and Advanced Manufacturing programs who qualify at or below the 500% poverty level. This funding will support 50% of the fees for the first testing attempt for the student, and for one attempt per student per credential. Support is limited to third-party certifications that are required for the student to be eligible for employment in their field. Total support for this purpose is limited to \$24,000 for Tier I institutions, and \$10,000 for Tier II.
- **Poverty Level Income Requirements:** Grantees will limit scholarships for G3 Eligible and Non-G3 Eligible for credit programs to students with family income up to 500% of Poverty Level for their family size (See below). Grantees must work with the college’s financial aid office to verify income eligibility and to track scholarship commitments through the People Soft system.
- **Final Reimbursement:** Grantees **must** submit a final reimbursement request no later than October 31<sup>st</sup> following the end of the academic year.

**Federal Poverty Guidelines:**

TRRC utilizes the U.S. Federal Poverty Guidelines issued annually by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to determine financial eligibility for its WFA programs. HHS Poverty Guidelines for 2024 are below.

**2024 Poverty Guidelines: 48 Contiguous States (for Virginia):**

<b>Persons in family/household</b>	<b>Poverty guideline</b>	<b>500% of Poverty Guideline</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>\$ 15,060</b>	<b>\$ 75,300</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>\$ 20,440</b>	<b>\$ 102,200</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>\$ 25,820</b>	<b>\$ 129,100</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>\$ 31,200</b>	<b>\$ 156,000</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>\$ 36,580</b>	<b>\$ 182,900</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>\$ 41,960</b>	<b>\$ 209,800</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>\$ 47,340</b>	<b>\$ 236,700</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>\$ 52,720</b>	<b>\$ 263,600</b>
<b>Each additional person</b>	<b>\$ 5,380</b>	<b>\$ 26,900</b>

<b>Req #</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Request Amount</b>
<b>Southern Virginia</b>			
4258	Brightpoint Community College Foundation	2024-25 Tobacco Region Scholarship at Brightpoint Community College	\$85,000
4231	Central Virginia Community College Educational Foundation, Inc.	CVCC Workforce Financial Aid 2024-2025	\$240,000
4252	Danville Community College Educational Foundation, Inc.	DCC Educational Foundation Workforce Financial Aid 2024-2025	\$240,000
4249	Patrick & Henry Community College Foundation	P&HCC 2024-2025 Workforce Financial Aid	\$240,000
4257	Southside Virginia Community College Foundation	Investing in Southside Students	\$240,000
4250	Virginia Western Community College Educational Foundation	Workforce Financial Aid and Community College Access Program for Franklin County	\$100,000
<b>Southwest Virginia</b>			
4254	Mountain Empire Community College	MECC Works	\$240,000
4253	New River Community College Educational Foundation	Floyd County ACCE (Access to Community College Education) Program	\$90,000
4255	Southwest Virginia Community College	2024-2025 Tobacco WFA Scholarship Grant	\$240,000
4251	Virginia Highlands Community College Educational Foundation	Virginia Highlands Community College - Workforce Financial Aid FY25	\$240,000
4256	Wytheville Community College	Wytheville Community College Forging Futures Scholarship Program	\$240,000

**Total (11 Applications)      \$2,195,000**

**Southern Virginia**

**Brightpoint Community College Foundation**

***2024-25 Tobacco Region Scholarship at Brightpoint Community College (#4258)***

**\$85,000 Requested**

Anticipated Results							
Program Summary			Unduplicated # of Students Completing in School Year:				
TRRC Category	TRRC \$ Requested	# of Students Served	Career Studies Certificates (CSC)	Certificates (CERT)	Diplomas (DIPL)	Associates (AAS)	Total
Workforce Credentials	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-G3 Eligible Programs in STEM-H and Advanced Manufacturing	\$9,427.50	3	0	0	0	1	1
G3 Eligible Programs in STEM-H and Advanced Manufacturing	\$21,997.50	7	3	1	0	2	6
Dual Enrollment Programs in IT and Advanced Manufacturing	\$53,575.00	54	21	0	0	0	21
High-demand occupations (to be approved by TRRC)	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
Testing Fees	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$85,000</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>28</b>

**Match:** \$463,620 from other state and federal sources.

**Dual Enrollment:**

- Industrial Electricity CSC
- Basic Precision Machining CSC
- Welding CSC

**Staff Comments:** Brightpoint CC service area includes Amelia, Dinwiddie, and Sussex County. A detailed list of programs to be supported under each TRRC Category was provided. Dual Enrollment opportunities are coordinated with all three county school systems (students provide their own transportation to campus).

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a \$85,000 grant award.

**Central Virginia Community College Educational Foundation, Inc.**  
**CVCC Workforce Financial Aid 2024-2025 (#4231)**  
**\$240,000 Requested**

Anticipated Results							
Program Summary			Unduplicated # of Students Completing in School Year:				
TRRC Category	TRRC \$ Requested	# of Students Served	Career Studies Certificates (CSC)	Certificates (CERT)	Diplomas (DIPL)	Associates (AAS)	Total
Workforce Credentials	\$70,000	27	0	27	0	0	27
Non-G3 Eligible Programs in STEM-H and Advanced Manufacturing	\$65,000	20	8	0	0	12	20
G3 Eligible Programs in STEM-H and Advanced Manufacturing	\$95,000	33	8	3	8	14	33
Dual Enrollment Programs in IT and Advanced Manufacturing	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
High-demand occupations (to be approved by TRRC)	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
Testing Fees	\$10,000	20	0	20	0	0	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$240,000</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>100</b>

**Match:** \$240,000 from other state and federal sources.

**Staff Comments:** CVCC’s service area includes Appomattox, Bedford, and Campbell Counties. CVCC also services students from ten other TRRC localities, in part, because of specialized degree program opportunities. A detailed list of programs to be supported under each TRRC Category was provided. CVCC is allocating \$10,000 for Testing Fees which may support Advanced Manufacturing certifications for NCCER, NOCTI (Precision Machining), MSI, AWS, NIMS, OSHA; Information Technology certifications for CompTIA, CISCO; and Healthcare certifications including Advanced EMT, Paramedic, Medical Laboratory Technician, Radiological Technician, Respiratory Therapy Technician.

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a \$240,000 grant award.

**Danville Community College Educational Foundation, Inc.**  
**DCC Educational Foundation Workforce Financial Aid 2024-2025 (#4252)**  
**\$240,000 Requested**

Anticipated Results							
Program Summary			Unduplicated # of Students Completing in School Year:				
TRRC Category	TRRC \$ Requested	# of Students Served	Career Studies Certificates (CSC)	Certificates (CERT)	Diplomas (DIPL)	Associates (AAS)	Total
Workforce Credentials	\$100,000	50	60	0	0	0	60
Non-G3 Eligible Programs in STEM-H and Advanced Manufacturing	\$70,000	40	0	0	2	6	8
G3 Eligible Programs in STEM-H and Advanced Manufacturing	\$70,000	36	0	3	5	5	13
Dual Enrollment Programs in IT and Advanced Manufacturing	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
High-demand occupations (to be approved by TRRC)	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
Testing Fees	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$240,000</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>81</b>

**Match:** \$240,000 from other state and federal sources.

**Staff Comments:** DCC services the City of Danville, Pittsylvania County and Halifax (western) Counties. A detailed list of programs supported under each Priority Category was provided.

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommend a \$240,000 grant award.

**Patrick & Henry Community College Foundation**  
***P&HCC 2024-2025 Workforce Financial Aid (#4249)***  
**\$240,000 Requested**

Anticipated Results							
Program Summary			Unduplicated # of Students Completing in School Year:				
TRRC Category	TRRC \$ Requested	# of Students Served	Career Studies Certificates (CSC)	Certificates (CERT)	Diplomas (DIPL)	Associates (AAS)	Total
Workforce Credentials	\$15,000	27	0	25	0	0	25
Non-G3 Eligible Programs in STEM-H and Advanced Manufacturing	\$30,000	23	0	0	0	20	20
G3 Eligible Programs in STEM-H and Advanced Manufacturing	\$129,596	117	38	13	0	52	103
Dual Enrollment Programs in IT and Advanced Manufacturing	\$60,404	48	8	2	0	15	25
High-demand occupations (to be approved by TRRC)	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
Testing Fees	\$5,000	65	25	15	0	10	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$240,000</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>223</b>

**Match:** \$308,388.92 from other state and federal sources.

**Dual Enrollment:**

- Precision Machining CSC
- Welding CSC
- Mechatronics CSC

**Staff Comments:** P&HCC services the City of Martinsville, and Henry, Patrick, and Franklin (southern) Counties. A detailed list of programs to be supported under each TRRC Category was provided. P&HCC coordinates with Martinsville and Henry County school system on Dual Enrollment offerings at the Media Technology (MET) campus. Testing Fees are requested for AWS, NIMS, and IT Certifications.

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a \$240,000 grant award.



**Southside Virginia Community College Foundation**  
**Investing in Southside Students (#4257)**  
**\$240,000 Requested**

Anticipated Results							
Program Summary			Unduplicated # of Students Completing in School Year:				
TRRC Category	TRRC \$ Requested	# of Students Served	Career Studies Certificates (CSC)	Certificates (CERT)	Diplomas (DIPL)	Associates (AAS)	Total
Workforce Credentials	\$30,000	25	0	25	0	0	25
Non-G3 Eligible Programs in STEM-H and Advanced Manufacturing	\$10,000	3	0	0	0	3	3
G3 Eligible Programs in STEM-H and Advanced Manufacturing	\$60,000	20	0	5	0	15	20
Dual Enrollment Programs in IT and Advanced Manufacturing	\$140,000	125	125	125	0	0	250
High-demand occupations (to be approved by TRRC)	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
Testing Fees	\$0.00	0	2	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$240,000</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>298</b>

**Match:** \$240,000 from other state and federal sources.

**Dual Enrollment:**

- Welding
- Information Technology
- HVAC
- Electricity

**Staff Comments:** SVCC services Brunswick, Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland, Greensville, Halifax (eastern), Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Nottoway, and Prince Edward Counties; and the City of Emporia. A detailed list of programs to be supported in each TRRC Category was provided. Staff notes that the highest need for WFA support is to support dual enrollment tuition for high school students. SVCC works with the 10 public school systems, and one private school (Brunswick Academy) for providing dual enrollment opportunities at SVCC campus/satellite campus locations in Clarksville, Emporia, Halifax, and Keyville.

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a \$240,000 grant award.

**Virginia Western Community College Educational Foundation Inc (#4250)**  
**Workforce Financial Aid and Community College Access Program for Franklin County**  
**\$100,000 Requested**

Anticipated Results							
Program Summary			Unduplicated # of Students Completing in School Year:				
TRRC Category	TRRC \$ Requested	# of Students Served	Career Studies Certificates (CSC)	Certificates (CERT)	Diplomas (DIPL)	Associates (AAS)	Total
Workforce Credentials	\$10,793	21	0	31	0	0	31
Non-G3 Eligible Programs in STEM-H and Advanced Manufacturing	\$28,844	17	4	0	0	6	10
G3 Eligible Programs in STEM-H and Advanced Manufacturing	\$44,640	32	14	0	0	10	24
Dual Enrollment Programs in IT and Advanced Manufacturing	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
High-demand occupations (to be approved by TRRC)	\$15,723	16	0	0	0	8	8
Testing Fees	\$0.00	2	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>73</b>

**Match:** \$240,796 from other state and federal sources.

**High-Demand Occupations:**

- Business Administration AAS
- Business Management AAS

**Staff Comments:** VWCC serves Franklin County (northern). A detailed list of programs to be supported under reach TRRC Category was provided. Long-Term Occupational Growth projections data for 2032 (10 years) was provided to support the High-Demand occupations in Business Administration and Business Management.

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a \$100,000 grant award.

## Southwest Virginia

Mountain Empire Community College  
 MECC Works (#4254)  
 \$240,000.00 Requested

Anticipated Results							
Program Summary			Unduplicated # of Students Completing in School Year:				
TRRC Category	TRRC \$ Requested	# of Students Served	Career Studies Certificates (CSC)	Certificates (CERT)	Diplomas (DIPL)	Associates (AAS)	Total
Workforce Credentials	\$30,000	48	0	0	0	0	0
Non-G3 Eligible Programs in STEM-H and Advanced Manufacturing	\$40,000	20	15	0	0	5	20
G3 Eligible Programs in STEM-H and Advanced Manufacturing	\$106,000	75	30	15	0	30	75
Dual Enrollment Programs in IT and Advanced Manufacturing	\$30,000	10	0	10	0	0	10
High-demand occupations (to be approved by TRRC)	\$10,000	20	10	0	0	10	20
Testing Fees	\$24,000	50	10	20	0	20	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$240,000</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>175</b>

**Match:** \$240,000 from other state and federal sources.

### Dual Enrollment:

- Electromechanical Technology

### High Demand Occupations:

- Education Career Pathways
  - Early Childhood Development – Early Childhood
  - Early Childhood Development – Special Needs
  - Pre-Teacher Education
- Police & Corrections Science Career Pathways
  - Law Enforcement Management and Supervision
  - Police Science
  - Corrections Management and Supervision
  - Corrections Science

**Staff Comments:** The MECC service area includes Lee, Scott, Wise, and Dickenson (partial) counties and the City of Norton. All required information was provided including a list of programs to be supported under this category. The application allocates \$30,000 to support students in a soon to be launched Electromechanical Dual Enrollment Academy located on MECC's campus. The College will partner with Eastman Chemical Company to develop the program. The application also allocates \$24,000 to support testing fees for an extensive list of programs. Staff will work with the applicant to ensure that all testing fees are related to qualifying programs (STEM-H and advanced manufacturing).

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a \$240,000 grant award.

**New River Community College Educational Foundation**  
***Floyd County – Access to Community College Education (ACCE) (#4253)***  
**\$90,000.00 Requested**

Anticipated Results							
Program Summary			Unduplicated # of Students Completing in School Year:				
TRRC Category	TRRC \$ Requested	# of Students Served	Career Studies Certificates (CSC)	Certificates (CERT)	Diplomas (DIPL)	Associates (AAS)	Total
Workforce Credentials	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-G3 Eligible Programs in STEM-H and Advanced Manufacturing	\$35,000	20	0	5	0	15	20
G3 Eligible Programs in STEM-H and Advanced Manufacturing	\$35,000	20	0	5	0	15	20
Dual Enrollment Programs in IT and Advanced Manufacturing	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
High-demand occupations (to be approved by TRRC)	\$20,000	10	0	3	0	7	10
Testing Fees	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$90,000</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>50</b>

**Match:** \$90,000 from other state and federal sources.

**High Demand Occupations:**

- Police/Criminal Justice/Forensic Science
- Business Management/Administration

**Staff Comments:** Floyd County is the only TRRC region county included in NRCC’s service region. All required information, including a list of programs to be supported under each category, was provided. New River CC only serves new high school graduates enrolled in associate degree level programs. Although the College offers several short-term training programs that could qualify under Priority 1, NRCC chooses not to provide TRRC assistance to these students or to adult learners who may be returning to school. As a result, NRCC typically uses only a small portion of their WFA grant. Rather than providing TRRC scholarship assistance to any eligible student who resides in Floyd County, NRCC continues to push for the TRCC’s WFA Guidelines to be changed to allow General Studies and other non STEM-H and advanced manufacturing education programs. Programs of this nature have not been supported under TRRC WFA grants for many years.

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a \$90,000 grant award.

Southwest Virginia Community College  
 2024-2025 Tobacco WFA Scholarship Grant (#4255)  
 \$240,000.00 Requested

Anticipated Results							
Program Summary			Unduplicated # of Students Completing in School Year:				
TRRC Category	TRRC \$ Requested	# of Students Served	Career Studies Certificates (CSC)	Certificates (CERT)	Diplomas (DIPL)	Associates (AAS)	Total
Workforce Credentials	\$50,000	35	0	18	17	0	35
Non-G3 Eligible Programs in STEM-H and Advanced Manufacturing	\$50,000	26	11	0	0	15	26
G3 Eligible Programs in STEM-H and Advanced Manufacturing	\$116,000	48	30	8	0	10	48
Dual Enrollment Programs in IT and Advanced Manufacturing	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
High-demand occupations (to be approved by TRRC)	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
Testing Fees	\$24,000	358	120	50	10	178	358
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$240,000</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>467</b>

**Match:** \$240,000 from other state and federal sources.

**Staff Comments:** The SWCC service area includes Buchanan, Dickenson (partial), Russell, and Tazewell counties. All required information was provided including a list of programs to be supported under each category. The application allocates \$24,000 to provide testing fee assistance for 358 students in a variety of healthcare, information technology, and advanced manufacturing programs. The costs of these tests range from \$120 to \$506.

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a \$240,000 grant award.

Virginia Highlands Community College Educational Foundation  
*Virginia Highlands Community College Workforce Financial Aid FY25 (#4251)*  
**\$240,000.00 Requested**

Anticipated Results							
Program Summary			Unduplicated # of Students Completing in School Year:				
TRRC Category	TRRC \$ Requested	# of Students Served	Career Studies Certificates (CSC)	Certificates (CERT)	Diplomas (DIPL)	Associates (AAS)	Total
Workforce Credentials	\$36,000	48	0	0	0	0	0
Non-G3 Eligible Programs in STEM-H and Advanced Manufacturing	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
G3 Eligible Programs in STEM-H and Advanced Manufacturing	\$164,000	115	60	0	0	55	115
Dual Enrollment Programs in IT and Advanced Manufacturing	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
High-demand occupations (to be approved by TRRC)	\$40,000	77	60	0	0	17	77
Testing Fees	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$240,000</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>172</b>

**Match:** \$240,000 from other state and federal sources.

**High Demand Occupations:**

- Education
- Early Childhood Development

**Staff Comments:** The VHCC service area includes the City of Bristol, Washington and Smyth (partial) counties. All required information, including a list of programs to be supported under each category, was provided.

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a \$240,000 grant award.

Wytheville Community College  
*Wytheville Community College Forging Futures Scholarship Program (#4256)*  
**\$240,000.00 Requested**

Anticipated Results							
Program Summary			Unduplicated # of Students Completing in School Year:				
TRRC Category	TRRC \$ Requested	# of Students Served	Career Studies Certificates (CSC)	Certificates (CERT)	Diplomas (DIPL)	Associates (AAS)	Total
Workforce Credentials	\$26,000	26	0	26	0	0	26
Non-G3 Eligible Programs in STEM-H and Advanced Manufacturing	\$95,000	50	10	5	5	30	50
G3 Eligible Programs in STEM-H and Advanced Manufacturing	\$30,000	25	13	1	1	10	25
Dual Enrollment Programs in IT and Advanced Manufacturing	\$15,000	20	10	10	0	0	20
High-demand occupations (to be approved by TRRC)	\$50,000	25	5	0	0	20	25
Testing Fees	\$24,000	0	0	80	0	0	80
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$240,000</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>226</b>

**Match:** \$292,000 from other state and federal sources.

**Dual Enrollment:**

- Industrial Maintenance
- Welding

**High Demand Occupations:**

- Criminal Justice/Corrections Science
- Education



**Staff Comments:** The WCC service area includes Bland, Carroll, Grayson, Smyth (partial), and Wythe counties and the City of Galax. All required information was provided including a list of programs to be supported under each category. Dual Enrollment funds will support students at Carroll County High School and Grayson County High School. Due to lack of space at WCC's primary off-site welding lab at The Crossroads Institute, the College has established off-site welding labs at each of the two high schools. In addition to providing the training equipment, WCC will also provide the instructor. Students at these locations will be subject to the same tuition requirements as those receiving training at any other WCC site. The application also included tuition fee assistance for 10 healthcare programs. The cost of exams for these programs ranges from \$164 per test to \$1,815 per test.

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a \$240,000 grant award.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Southside Virginia Community College Foundation**  
***Expansion of Industrial Technology Programs (#3647)***  
**Current Project End Date: 5/18/2020 – 5<sup>th</sup> Year Extension Requested**

**Staff Comments:** The Commission approved this \$347,651 grant with SVCC Foundation in May 2020. This project is focused on increased enrollment and expanding learning environments for three Industrial Technology programs: electrical technology, solar photovoltaic installation, and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning. Modifications will be made to the SVCC satellite campus at the Lake Country Advanced Knowledge Center in South Hill to support high-demand employment opportunities in Construction Trades. A modular solar unit would facilitate training at locations across the Tobacco Region footprint. A balance of \$63,766.78 remains in the TRRC project account. SVCC is requesting an extension to allow this funding to support the HVAC & Electricity programs, as well as the purchase of a new mobile training unit that can be used at Lake Country Advanced Knowledge Center and the John Daniels campus in Keysville. SVCC Foundation is requesting a fifth-year extension.

**Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of an extension to May 31, 2025.**