CHAPTER XI: A LIST OF POSSIBLE SOURCES For funding, assistance or information

Potential Funding Sources:

FEDERAL:

- FHWA's Transportation Enhancement Grant Program is an excellent source for funding. Eligible Activities include:
 - Provision of pedestrian and bicycle facilities
 - o Provision of pedestrian and bicycle safety and education activities
 - Acquisition of scenic or historic easements and sites
 - o Scenic or historic highway programs including tourist and welcome centers
 - o Landscaping and scenic beautification
 - Historic Preservation
 - Rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities
 - o Conversion of abandoned railway corridors to trails
 - o Control and removal of outdoor advertising
 - Archaeological planning and research
 - Environmental mitigation of highway runoff pollution, reduce vehiclecaused wildlife mortality, maintain habitat connectivity
 - Establishment of transportation museums
 Visit their website at http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/te/
- National Scenic Byway Grant Program http://www.bywaysonline.org/grants/

Eligible Activities include

- State and Tribal Programs
- Corridor Management Plan
- Safety Improvements
- Byway Facilities
- Access to Recreation
- o Resource Protection
- Interpretive Information
- Marketing Program

Erica Jeter is the state contact for Virginia Byway, National Scenic Byway and Transportation Enhancement programs. Her contact information is:

Erica Jeter, VDOT Byways Program Manager 1401 East Broad Street Richmond, VA 23219 Phone: (804)786-9125 Erica.Jeter@VDOT.Virginia.gov

National Office for the DOT FHWA National Scenic Byways Program is located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE HEPH-30, Washington, DC 20590 1-800-4BYWAYS (1-800-429-9297) 1-202-366-1586 Program Director: nsb-director@byways.org



- REI/Bicycle Friendly Communities Grant Program http://www.bikesbelong.org/what-we-do/bikes-belong-foundation/reibicycle-friendly-communities-grant-program/
- Safe Routes to School Grant Program http://www.saferoutespartnership.org/state/network/virginia
- Recreational Trails Fund Program Synthia Waymack, Grant Administrator Department of Conservation & Recreation 203 Governor Street, Suite 326 Richmond, VA 23219-2049 (804)786-4379
- Grants for Public Works & Infrastructure Development Public Works Division, Economic Development Administration Department of Commerce Herbert C. Hoover Building Washington, DC 20230 (202) 482-5265
- Distressed Counties Program Virginia Appalachian Regional Commission 1666 Connecticut Avenue NW Suite 700 Washington DC 20009-1068 (202)884-7700
- Design Arts Program
 National Endowment for the Arts
 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
 Washington, DC 20506
 (202) 682-5437
- Historic Preservation Fund Cultural Resources National Park Service Department of the Interior Washington, DC 20240 (202) 208-7625
- Coal Heritage National Area Funding Capitol Complex Charleston, WV 25305 (304) 558-0224
- Highway Planning and Construction: Federal Aid Highway Program Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington DC 20590

- Small Business Administration 409 3rd Street SW Washington DC 20416 800-U-ASK-SBA
- USDA Rural Development Grants Room 205-W Mail Stop 0107 1400 Independence Avenue SW Washington DC 20250-0107
- Appalachian Community Fund 517 Union Avenue, Suite 206 Knoxville, TN 37902 (423) 523-5783
- Small Cities Development Block Grant U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development 451 7th Street S.W. Washington DC 20410 (202)708-1112

STATE:

- Virginia Tourism Corporation 901 E. Byrd St. Richmond, VA 23219 (804) 545-5500 www.vatc.org
- Ninth District Development Financing 117 W. Main St. Abingdon, VA 24210 (276) 623-9000 www.nddf.org
- Virginia Department of Transportation
 Office of Public Affairs
 1401 East Broad Street
 Richmond, VA 23219
 vdotinfo@VDOT.Virginia.gov
 Erica Jeter Erica.Jeter@VDOT.Virginia.gov
 Lynn Crump Lynn.Crump@dcr.viginia.gov
- Virginia Office of Intermodal Planning & Investment Richmond, VA http://www.vtrans.org
- Virginia Community Action Partnership

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700 East Franklin Street Suite 14T2 Richmond, VA 23219 (804) 644-0417

- Virginia Commission on the Arts Lewis House 223 Governor Street Richmond, VA 23219 (804) 225-3132 arts@arts.virginia.gov
- Virginia Historic Preservation **DHR Central Office** 2801 Kensington Ave. Richmond, VA 23221 (804) 367-2323 ann.andrus@dhr.virginia.gov
- Virginia Community Development Grants Ms. Shea Hollifield, Deputy Director Department of Housing and Community Development 501 N. Second St., Third Floor Richmond, VA 23219 (804) 731-7000 shollifield@dhcd.virginia.gov
- Main Street Program Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development Main Street Centre 600 East Main Street, Suite 300 Richmond, VA 23219 (804) 371-7000
- Community Partnership Grants
- Small Cities Community Development Block Grant 600 East Broad Street Richmond, VA 2319-4920 (804)771-2100
- Local Economic Development Districts
 - Lenowisco Planning District Commission P.O. Box 366

Duffield, Virginia 24244

E-mail: lenowisco@lenowisco.org Website: http://www.lenowisco.org

Counties: Lee, Scott, Wise, and City of Norton Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission

P.O. Box 548

Lebanon, Virginia 24266

E-mail: andrewchafin@bvunet.net

Website: http://cppdc.org

Counties: Buchanan, Dickenson, Russell, Tazewell

Economic Development Authority #901 East Byrd Street P.O. Box 798 Richmond, VA 23218-0798 (804)545-5600 yesvirginia.org

Information, Guidance & Resources:

VDOT Bristol District primary contact for roadway-related questions: Steve Buston, VDOT Bristol District Transportation and Land Use Director 870 Bonham Road Bristol, VA 24201-2002 (276)669-9959 Steven.Buston@VDOT.Virginia.gov

VDOT Bristol District Administrator
Michael A. Russell, P.E. VDOT Bristol District Administrator
870 Bonham Road
Bristol, VA 24201-2001
(276)669-9902
Michael.Russell@VDOT.Virginia.gov

VDOT Bristol District contact for issues related to outdoor advertising, billboards, etc. Dave Sims, VDOT Outdoor Advertising Agent 870 Bonham Road Bristol, VA 24201-2001 (276)642-2507 ext 614 Dave.Sims@VDOT.Virginia.gov

Central Office contact for byway-wide signage questions (designs, guidelines, etc.)
Rick Burgess, VDOT Directional and Service Signage Program Manager
1401 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219
(804)255-4903
RM.Burgess@VDOT.Virginia.gov

Also visit the VDOT Integrated Directional Signing Program webpage at:
 http://www.virginiadot.org/programs/sign-default.asp
and the Integrated Direction Signage Participation Criteria at:
 http://www.virginiadot.org/programs/sign-faqs.asp

For general transportation inquiries to the VDOT Bristol District Office, call (276)669-6151 or e-mail: bristolinfo@vdot.virginia.gov

Additional Resource on Scenic Byways, Trails etc.:

Department of Conservation & Recreation Lynn Crump Environmental Program Planner 203 Governor Street Richmond VA 23219 (804)786-5054 Lynn.Crump@dcr.virginia.gov

Marketing Resource:

Virginia Tourism Corporation
Randall Rose
Partnership Marketing Development Specialist
305 Canterbury Road, Box 9
Bluefield, VA 24605
(276) 322-2044 W (276) 730-4717 Cell
rrose@virginia.org

There is also the Board of Supervisors Manuel updated annually and downloadable at http://www.virginiadot.org/business/resources/local_assistance/2010BOS_Manual_final that provides new members of the County Board of Supervisors and other public officials with a better understanding of the Department of Transportation. It is an excellent quick reference guide to common VDOT activities.

During the process of researching and interviewing the communities, it was discovered that Hill Studio had conducted an in-depth study of Pocahontas, providing information about many of the historic buildings downtown and recommendations for how each could be improved or renovated and the cost it would take to make those improvements. Later, it was discovered they had also conducted studies for the communities of Haysi, Richlands. And St. Paul and Big Stone Gap had similar downtown plans developed by other agencies. These documents are invaluable resources. It is suggested that each of these documents be further reviewed by the communities, and used as a resource as they begin making their communities "visitor-ready".