

PD 16 SITE INVENTORY

GO Virginia Region 6 Planning Grant



BACKGROUND

- GO Virginia Program currently has planning grant funding available up to \$100,000 for regional site identification and inventory.
- Grant funds are intended to be used by regions to hire a consultant to conduct a site evaluation study with the goal of identifying potential **business ready sites** in the region.
- VEDP has funding through VBRSP to characterize any sites identified in a locality.



BENEFITS

Each participating locality will have 2-3 sites identified and studied for future development.

Site selectors evaluate a region as a whole with speed to market and site readiness as **critical location factors**.

Having VBRSP certified business ready sites will help localities score higher for Smart Scale Projects.

APPLICATION PROCESS



- The FRA has been identified as the applicant for the planning grant, in partnership with the five PD 16 member jurisdiction staff, GWRC, and VEDP.
- There is a 2:1 match requirement for GO Virginia grants. To participate in the grant, the EDA can provide a \$5,000 cash match and \$5,000 in-kind match (staff time) requirement.
- The grant application is due on May 1, 2026. If approved, the grant start date will be in July, 2026 with 12-months for completion. The grant product will be a site analysis and report.

