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GO VIRGINIA REGION 9 COUNCIL SEEKING GRANT PROPOSALS FOR OPPORTUNITIES IN NEW PLAN UPDATE

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA — The GO Virginia Region 9 Council is now accepting grant inquiries for the opportunities identified in the recently released Region 9 Growth & Diversification Plan Update (Plan Update).

Region 9, also known as the Piedmont Opportunity Corridor, has over \$1 million in grant funding available for regional projects. There are also over \$29 million in funds available for state-wide or multi-regional projects. Region 9 includes the Counties of Albemarle, Culpeper, Fauquier, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, Orange, and Rappahannock, and the City of Charlottesville.

Project proposals must address specific opportunities listed in the recently released Plan Update and target growth in Food & Beverage Manufacturing, Light Manufacturing, Information Technology, Financial and Business Services or Biotechnology. Applications must also demonstrate regional collaboration among local government, business and higher education.

Since 2017, the Council has awarded eight projects a total of almost \$1.9 million leveraging over \$4.3 million in funding from project partners.

To review the recently released Region 9 Growth and Diversification Plan Update, related details and more resources visit www.GOVirginia9.org or contact Shannon Holland, GO Virginia Director, Central Virginia Partnership, by email at sholland@centralvirginia.org or by phone at 434-979-5610.

About GO Virginia

GO Virginia, where “GO” stands for Growth & Opportunity, is a statewide economic development initiative to promote private-sector economic growth and diversification across Virginia by targeting new investment and innovation in high-wage and export-oriented industry sectors. Nine business led regional councils are responsible for awarding grants that incentivize collaboration between higher education, business and local government and address opportunities outlined in respective regional growth plans.

About the Central Virginia Partnership for Economic Development

The Central Virginia Partnership for Economic Development (the Partnership), a not-for-profit public/private partnership, is the regional economic development organization for the City of Charlottesville and Counties of Albemarle, Culpeper, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, and Orange. The Partnership is the support organization for GO Virginia Region 9 Council. For information, visit www.centralvirginia.org.

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