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## GO VIRGINIA REGION 9 RELEASES GRANT OPPORTUNITY FOR REGIONAL ECONOMIC RESILIENCY AND RECOVERY

The GO Virginia Region 9 Council is soliciting grant project ideas for the new GO Virginia Economic Resiliency and Recovery (ERR) Grant program that would help the region respond and recover from the economic crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Council is seeking ideas for qualified regionally focused projects to be considered for the ERR Program. Region 9 has a total of \$1,000,000 available over the next year. Project proposals requesting less than \$100,000 in GO Virginia funding may be eligible for an expedited approval process. Additional funds are currently available for projects with potential statewide impact.

GO Virginia also continues to accept grant applications for projects that advance opportunities identified in the Region 9 Growth Plan. In fact, the match requirements for those grants have been eased significantly. Through the new ERR grant program, projects with a regional or sub-regional focus that will help target industries or locally traded sectors recover are eligible. A non-exhaustive list of possible initiatives might include projects that:

- Drive exponential growth of testing and PPE availability to accelerate safe return to work
- Support infrastructure to help displaced workers find new employment opportunities
- Help locally traded sector and traded sector industry build out or adapt to web based operations
- Expand businesses ability to manage remote a remote workforce

“The need has never been greater for collaborative and innovative projects that will drive regional solutions to the economic crisis we are experiencing,” says Jim Cheng, Chair GO Virginia Region 9 Council. “The ERR program opens the door to high impact projects that can make a difference in the short and mid-terms.”

GO Virginia is a statewide economic development initiative that is in a unique position to help drive recovery on a regional basis. Region 9 includes eleven localities including the City of Charlottesville and





the Counties of Albemarle, Culpeper, Fauquier, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, Orange, Rappahannock.

The Central Virginia Partnership is the support organization for the Region 9 Council.

To learn more about the grant opportunities go to [www.GOVirginia9.org](http://www.GOVirginia9.org) or email Shannon Holland, Director, GO Virginia Region 9 at [sholland@centralvirginia.org](mailto:sholland@centralvirginia.org)

For additional information, such as the Region 9 Growth Plan Update, the ERR Grant Program White Paper and related applications go to the Application and Information page at [www.GOVirginia9.org](http://www.GOVirginia9.org).

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