Aid To Localities



The Code of Virginia requires the Governor's Executive Budget Document to show the, "amount of each primary agency's budget that represents direct aid to localities." In addition, the Department of Planning and Budget includes the recommended Aid to Local School Divisions.

The amount of aid supplied to localities benefits Virginia residents by funding the operations of public schools, police departments, and construction and maintenance of secondary roads. The salaries of local elected officials, such as treasurers, commissioners of the revenue, commonwealth attorneys, sheriffs, and clerks of court are funded by the state as well. Local sheriffs' offices and jails receive the largest share of state support for Constitutional officers. The Commonwealth also funds local social services and health departments, programs for community operated juvenile corrections, and for individuals with mental illness, intellectual disabilities, or substance abuse problems, and a wide range of local activities and services. These include local libraries, improvements to local airports, parks and recreation programs, local emergency services teams, litter control and recycling, and wastewater treatment plants. The majority of the money sent to localities goes to public schools.

The Commonwealth shares with local governments the revenue obtained from certain sources, such as recordation taxes and profits earned from the sale of alcoholic beverages.

In general, "state aid to localities" is defined as any payment made directly to a local government or school division; any payment made on behalf of a local government or school division, or any payment made to an organization or group that provides a direct benefit to a local government or its residents, such as a public library, planning district commission, or Community Services Board. However, state aid to localities excludes payments to local governments for the purchase of goods and services provided (such as surplus equipment, services rendered by a locality for rent, or utilities.)

State aid programs and activities are coded in the state's accounting system to be monitored and reported to the General Assembly and taxpayers. The tables that follow summarize the recommended aid to localities in the Governor's Executive Budget in two ways:

Aid to local school divisions:

Identifies the estimated funding distribution for each local school division for the state's share of programs in elementary and secondary education in the Governor's proposed budget.

Aid to localities by agency:

Summarizes the proposed funding given to localities by each state agency, with a total for each secretarial area. The total represents general and nongeneral funds, and reflects the Governor's proposed budget.

Aid to Local School Divisions

Counties:

	FY 2026 Estimated Local Distribution	FY 2027 Estimated Local Distribution	FY 2028 Estimated Local Distribution
Total, All Counties (School Divisions)	7,556,623,802	\$7,863,809,671	\$7,936,777,127
Accomack	\$50,605,728	\$51,999,811	\$51,647,364
Albemarle	\$74,215,156	\$86,447,451	\$87,713,743
Alleghany	\$33,307,052	\$31,499,351	\$31,308,344
Amelia	\$15,554,675	\$15,263,068	\$15,352,728
Amherst	\$42,771,174	\$42,579,574	\$42,780,342
Appomattox	\$25,546,035	\$26,588,227	\$26,890,962
Arlington	\$119,215,608	\$124,575,186	\$126,228,440
Augusta	\$91,978,307	\$93,402,155	\$93,880,683
Bath	\$2,796,654	\$2,887,754	\$2,947,427
Bedford County	\$83,988,573	\$86,863,482	\$86,347,577
Bland	\$8,504,516	\$9,306,274	\$9,358,114
Botetourt	\$39,242,344	\$39,718,909	\$40,066,829
Brunswick	\$15,449,049	\$17,410,716	\$17,800,576
Buchanan	\$27,771,293	\$29,154,463	\$29,504,495
Buckingham	\$19,464,998	\$19,389,167	\$19,084,458
Campbell	\$77,220,828	\$80,793,281	\$81,078,570
Caroline	\$43,490,158	\$45,459,854	\$45,864,933
Carroll	\$38,269,046	\$37,816,145	\$37,808,803
Charles City	\$4,279,736	\$4,131,336	\$4,219,465
Charlotte	\$19,862,952	\$20,117,588	\$19,870,241
Chesterfield	\$572,320,713	\$606,245,105	\$615,011,804
Clarke	\$12,096,406	\$13,603,795	\$13,808,741
Craig	\$5,820,674	\$5,664,161	\$5,751,720
Culpeper	\$80,915,913	\$86,494,322	\$87,527,690
Cumberland	\$15,357,108	\$15,484,544	\$15,608,848
Dickenson	\$21,979,105	\$22,080,503	\$22,059,035
Dinwiddie	\$44,758,042	\$46,445,075	\$46,097,678

Essex	\$10,985,907	\$9,605,935	\$9,653,724
Fairfax County	\$1,063,390,611	\$1,148,345,407	\$1,158,222,116
Fauquier	\$71,702,076	\$77,437,245	\$78,217,933
Floyd	\$15,546,168	\$16,591,882	\$16,760,505
Fluvanna	\$31,173,991	\$34,016,183	\$34,540,794
Franklin County	\$50,189,245	\$50,687,428	\$50,383,395
Frederick	\$127,932,702	\$132,080,517	\$134,917,786
Giles	\$44,165,485	\$46,742,003	\$48,814,003
Gloucester	\$42,637,001	\$42,379,582	\$42,185,144
Goochland	\$11,485,242	\$11,786,890	\$12,011,357
Grayson	\$18,201,865	\$18,440,269	\$18,456,382
Greene	\$29,808,241	\$27,704,014	\$28,041,598
Greensville	\$10,804,106	\$11,057,719	\$11,042,036
Halifax	\$50,765,598	\$49,682,617	\$49,422,283
Hanover	\$120,432,459	\$121,657,408	\$122,160,027
Henrico	\$449,902,710	\$448,418,998	\$454,701,002
Henry	\$84,499,325	\$83,367,657	\$83,086,570
Highland	\$2,304,599	\$2,911,951	\$3,014,022
Isle Of Wight	\$49,138,717	\$50,692,826	\$50,841,648
James City	\$71,651,716	\$76,400,854	\$77,230,893
King George	\$38,261,853	\$40,466,685	\$40,554,269
King and Queen	\$6,398,379	\$6,391,228	\$6,136,189
King William	\$21,336,507	\$21,717,687	\$22,015,997
Lancaster	\$5,153,686	\$5,034,778	\$5,067,944
Lee	\$39,456,759	\$43,073,604	\$43,171,463
Loudoun	\$561,093,799	\$562,980,704	\$572,266,590
Louisa	\$41,680,257	\$41,873,809	\$42,904,118
Lunenburg	\$20,222,510	\$21,112,778	\$21,082,488
Madison	\$12,652,740	\$13,537,900	\$13,501,090
Mathews	\$6,107,815	\$5,811,803	\$5,814,826
Mecklenburg	\$35,249,907	\$31,321,699	\$31,419,803
Middlesex	\$8,810,028	\$9,313,927	\$9,329,951
Montgomery	\$82,842,791	\$85,136,920	\$85,511,830

Nelson	\$9,850,249	\$8,866,169	\$8,908,473
New Kent	\$28,893,260	\$29,820,841	\$30,788,753
Northampton	\$13,028,628	\$12,351,349	\$12,375,541
Northumberland	\$5,801,576	\$6,570,971	\$6,613,491
Nottoway	\$20,996,308	\$22,474,096	\$22,641,914
Orange	\$42,433,515	\$44,445,848	\$44,526,275
Page	\$29,869,372	\$30,634,624	\$30,755,271
Patrick	\$23,278,484	\$22,357,876	\$22,408,266
Pittsylvania	\$83,507,851	\$84,609,771	\$85,580,021
Powhatan	\$30,131,203	\$28,103,107	\$27,707,261
Prince Edward	\$19,357,812	\$20,042,347	\$20,501,710
Prince George	\$66,726,267	\$69,109,982	\$69,405,040
Prince William	\$877,953,074	\$921,908,277	\$928,284,200
Pulaski	\$42,633,950	\$43,483,527	\$43,371,623
Rappahannock	\$3,740,896	\$4,049,482	\$4,165,021
Richmond County	\$14,551,900	\$14,967,143	\$15,226,423
Roanoke County	\$121,575,681	\$129,351,598	\$130,054,862
Rockbridge	\$20,134,570	\$20,031,315	\$20,100,241
Rockingham	\$99,066,038	\$112,546,477	\$115,099,321
Russell	\$39,137,204	\$39,803,742	\$39,863,831
Scott	\$59,169,811	\$57,760,563	\$58,796,437
Shenandoah	\$52,505,863	\$55,705,842	\$56,365,219
Smyth	\$48,677,134	\$48,166,755	\$48,001,716
Southampton	\$26,341,748	\$26,691,759	\$26,544,728
Spotsylvania	\$229,059,075	\$241,419,485	\$244,416,785
Stafford	\$301,647,611	\$328,610,389	\$333,462,314
Surry	\$3,920,476	\$4,127,489	\$4,210,521
Sussex	\$13,690,657	\$14,525,522	\$14,803,716
Tazewell	\$58,794,095	\$57,908,699	\$57,764,560
Warren	\$42,091,649	\$43,700,598	\$43,382,522
Washington	\$70,617,196	\$68,654,501	\$69,302,443
Westmoreland	\$17,283,948	\$17,152,974	\$17,454,074
Wise	\$65,385,933	\$67,445,790	\$67,207,404

Wythe	\$39,311,246	\$38,059,507	\$37,601,390
York	\$112,692,876	\$119,149,053	\$120,986,377
Aid to Local School Divisions - Citi	es: FY 2026 Estimated	FY 2027 Estimated	FY 2028 Estimated
		LV 1017 / Estimated	LV 7017X Estimated
	Local Distribution	Local Distribution	Local Distribution
Total, All Cities (School Divisions)			
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Total, All Cities (School Divisions)	\$3,246,489,116	\$3,374,481,237	\$3,401,018,235
Alexandria	\$73,632,198	\$80,059,318	\$80,898,125
Bristol	\$27,557,614	\$27,326,365	\$27,235,259
Buena Vista	\$12,553,890	\$11,533,172	\$11,737,873
Charlottesville	\$24,326,478	\$24,064,763	\$24,377,676
Colonial Heights	\$28,207,725	\$32,063,571	\$32,793,392
Danville	\$72,307,670	\$73,677,263	\$74,005,933
Falls Church	\$11,557,146	\$11,279,926	\$11,509,727
Fredericksburg	\$25,214,532	\$28,599,334	\$28,604,414
Galax	\$15,448,824	\$16,381,025	\$16,469,858
Hampton	\$210,751,307	\$219,544,949	\$221,122,178
Harrisonburg	\$69,511,275	\$76,510,866	\$77,335,298
Hopewell	\$47,329,331	\$50,130,339	\$49,981,682
Lynchburg	\$78,120,596	\$82,257,091	\$82,979,140
Martinsville	\$22,493,578	\$23,518,077	\$23,348,839
Newport News	\$281,535,077	\$291,758,417	\$290,308,173
Norfolk	\$280,210,767	\$287,859,749	\$288,645,037
Norton	\$10,144,704	\$10,687,141	\$10,857,916
Petersburg	\$54,039,267	\$55,895,242	\$56,179,528
Portsmouth	\$151,571,301	\$151,928,038	\$150,781,229
Radford	\$35,547,114	\$34,325,837	\$33,964,106
Richmond City	\$187,777,829	\$200,136,289	\$203,587,790
Roanoke City	\$153,944,845	\$159,275,267	\$159,665,358
Staunton	\$29,479,456	\$29,604,545	\$30,367,998
Suffolk	\$136,141,906	\$136,398,457	\$138,884,596
Virginia Beach	\$513,646,485	\$537,610,976	\$544,298,966
Waynesboro	\$30,190,832	\$31,818,336	\$32,151,137
Williamsburg	\$7,763,283	\$8,010,805	\$8,147,404

Winchester	\$40,591,003	\$41,934,093	\$42,401,010
Fairfax City	\$12,957,948	\$13,219,368	\$13,332,010
Franklin City	\$14,000,808	\$13,562,380	\$13,698,880
Chesapeake	\$384,148,655	\$400,926,458	\$405,904,067
Lexington	\$5,360,054	\$5,313,987	\$5,351,866
Emporia	\$11,453,761	\$12,390,921	\$12,600,985
Salem	\$38,057,588	\$39,936,750	\$40,107,976
Poquoson	\$18,484,604	\$18,419,637	\$18,759,048
Manassas City	\$89,442,972	\$95,693,111	\$98,169,764
Manassas Park	\$40,986,696	\$40,829,372	\$40,453,999
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^{*}The City of Covington consolidated with Alleghany County effective FY 2023.

Aid to Local School Divisions - Towns:

	FY 2026 Estimated Local Distribution	FY 2027 Estimated Local Distribution	FY 2028 Estimated Local Distribution
Total, Applicable Towns (School Divisions)	\$15,510,611	\$15,032,294	\$15,203,845
Colonial Beach	\$6,660,274	\$5,982,526	\$5,923,064
West Point	\$8,850,337	\$9,049,768	\$9,280,780
TOTAL, ALL LOCAL SCHOOL DIVISIONS	\$10,818,623,530	\$11,253,323,203	\$11,352,999,207

Aid to Localities by Agency

Secretarial Area / Agency	FY 2027 Estimated Local Distribution	FY 2028 Estimated Local Distribution
Administration		
Compensation Board	\$992,719,994	\$992,719,994
Department of Elections	\$12,004,241	\$12,004,241
Administration Total	\$1,004,724,235	\$1,004,724,235
Agriculture and Forestry		
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	\$10,661,069	\$10,669,069
Department of Forestry	\$900,000	\$900,000
Agriculture and Forestry Total	\$11,561,069	\$11,561,069
Commerce and Trade		
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$143,427,940	\$143,427,940
Commerce and Trade Total	\$143,427,940	\$143,427,940
Education		
Direct Aid to Public Education	\$13,093,393,430	\$12,953,475,230
The Library Of Virginia	\$27,429,726	\$27,429,726
Virginia Commission for the Arts	\$854,329	\$251,273
Education Total	\$13,121,677,485	\$12,981,156,230
Finance		
Department of Accounts Transfer Payments	\$1,445,380,000	\$1,445,380,000
Finance Total	\$1,445,380,000	\$1,445,380,000
Health and Human Resources		
Children's Services Act	\$543,329,220	\$577,779,519
Department of Health	\$155,523,747	\$150,175,147
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	\$69,706,219	\$69,706,219
Grants to Localities	\$816,747,052	\$816,747,052
Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services	\$64,109,052	\$64,109,052

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Department of Social Services	\$1,047,062,723	\$1,050,349,665
Virginia Board for People with Disabilities	\$401,475	\$401,475
Health and Human Resources Total	\$2,696,879,488	\$2,729,268,129
Office of Natural and Historic Resources		
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$29,694,091	\$29,694,091
Department of Environmental Quality	\$233,621,516	\$41,556,108
Department of Historic Resources	\$7,894,161	\$7,734,161
Office of Natural and Historic Resources Total	\$271,209,768	\$78,984,360
Public Safety and Homeland Security		
Department of Corrections	\$284,851	\$0
Department of Criminal Justice Services	\$454,067,142	\$452,067,142
Department of Emergency Management	\$90,961,503	\$61,126,863
Department of Fire Programs	\$53,707,527	\$53,707,527
Department of Juvenile Justice	\$59,814,678	\$59,814,678
Public Safety and Homeland Security Total	\$658,835,701	\$626,716,210
Transportation		
Department of Aviation	\$32,262,020	\$32,262,020
Department of Motor Vehicles Transfer Payments	\$135,346,529	\$135,346,529
Department of Rail and Public Transportation	\$788,301,061	\$788,358,141
Virginia Passenger Rail Authority	\$847,679,835	\$229,479,228
Department of Transportation	\$1,383,765,527	\$1,414,532,897
Department of Transportation Transfer Payments	\$1,032,752,686	\$1,072,058,566
Virginia Port Authority	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Transportation Total	\$4,222,107,658	\$3,674,037,381
Independent Agencies		
Virginia Lottery	\$75,005,337	\$75,005,337
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Independent Agency Total	\$75,005,337	\$75,005,337