



Virginia's Region 2000  
Local Government Council  
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December 3, 2012

Governor Bob McDonnell  
Office of the Governor  
Patrick Henry Building, 3rd Floor  
1111 East Broad Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Re: 2013 Legislative Priorities

Dear Governor McDonnell;

The Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council serves as the Planning District Commission for the counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, and Campbell and the cities of Bedford and Lynchburg.

At our meeting on October 18, 2012, the Council approved the following as our legislative priorities for the 2013 General Assembly session.

- **Transportation Funding**  
Create transportation funding solutions that develop new dedicated, sustainable, reliable, and permanent multimodal revenues for transportation, including funding for intercity passenger rail service.
- **State Budget**  
The Commonwealth should rebalance its resources and responsibilities so that the funding partnership with localities is restored, ensuring the delivery of critically needed services in communities throughout Virginia, including the elimination of reductions in "Aid to Localities"
- **Incentive funding for regional cooperation**  
Provide funding for the Regional Cooperation Incentive Fund to encourage:
  - inter-local strategic and functional area planning,
  - other regional cooperative activities, and
  - inter-local service delivery consolidation or coordination which will result in the more efficient use of local funds.

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➤ **Funding for planning district commissions**

Encourage Governor McDonnell to support the 2011 recommendation of Bill Shelton, Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, to increase funding for Planning District Commissions by an additional \$500,000 statewide which would restore PDC funding to traditional levels.

➤ **Unfunded State Mandates**

The Local Government Council urges the Governor and General Assembly:

- 1) to either not impose financial or administrative mandates on localities or provide a source of state funding for any new mandates placed on localities;
- 2) to not shift costs for state programs to localities; or
- 3) to not further restrict local revenue authority.

We appreciate your service to the Commonwealth and hope that you have much success during the upcoming session. If I can help in any way, please let me know

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gary", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gary Christie  
Executive Director

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