

The Joint Alleghany County, Town of Clifton Forge and City of Covington Enterprise Zone (VA #53)

Local Incentives

1. <u>Utility Consumer Tax Reduction</u>

A payment equal to the amount of a 3-yr. reduction of utility consumer tax for qualifying new businesses. A 70% reduction in year one, 40% reduction for year two and 20% reduction for the third year.

2. Business License Tax Reduction

A payment equal to the amount of a 3-yr. reduction of business license taxes for qualifying new businesses. 70%-40%-20% reductions.

3. Real Estate Tax Reduction

A payment equal to the amount of a 3-yr. reduction in real estate taxes for qualifying new businesses. 70%-40%-20% reductions.

4. Machinery and Tools Tax Reduction

A payment equal to the amount of a 3-yr. reduction in the machinery and tool tax for qualifying new businesses. 70%-40%-20% reductions.

5. Rezoning Fees Reimbursement

A payment equal to the amount of the rezoning application fees for qualifying new businesses.

6. Building Permit Fee Reimbursement

A payment equal to the amount of the building permit fees for qualifying new businesses.

State Incentives

1. Virginia Job Creation Grant

Up to \$500/year per net new permanent, full-time position earning at least 175% of the federal minimum wage with health benefits.

Up to \$800/year per net new permanent full-time position earning at least 200% of federal minimum wage with health benefits.

Grant Term

Available for a five-consecutive year term for net new permanent fulltime positions above the four-job threshold, which meet the wage and health benefit requirement.

Eligibility Requirement

Creation of at least four net new permanent full-time positions.

Net new permanent full-time positions created over the four-job threshold that meet wage and health benefit requirements are eligible.

Excludes retail, personal service, personal care services, hair, nail, and skin care services, barber shops, beauty salons, nail salons, other personal care services, diet and weight reducing centers, death care services, funeral homes and funeral services, cemeteries and crematories, dry-cleaning and laundry services, coin-operated laundries and drycleaners, linen and uniform supply, industrial launderers, pet care, except veterinary services, photo finishing, photo finishing laboratories, except one-hour, one-hour photo finishing, parking lots and garages and all other personal services.

2. Virginia Real Property Investment Grant

Up to \$100,000 per building or facility for qualifying real property investments of less than \$5 million.

Up to \$200,000 per building or facility for qualifying real property investments of \$5 million or more.

Grant Term

Capped per building or facility at a maximum of \$200,000 within a five-consecutive year term.

 Grants are available in amounts up to 20% of the total amount of qualified real property investments, not to exceed \$200,000 per building within a five-year period.

Eligibility Requirement

Commercial, industrial, or mixed-use buildings or facilities.

For rehabilitation and expansion, at least \$100,000 incurred in qualified real property investments (grant award applied against the amount of qualified real property investment over and above the \$100,000 threshold).

For new construction, at least \$500,000 incurred in qualified real property investments (grant award applied against the amount of qualified real property investment over and above the \$500,000 threshold).

What Constitutes Qualified Real Property Investment?

Qualified Real Property Investments

Carpentry

Ceilings

Cleaning and clean-up

Demolition

Doors, windows

Driveway

Drywall

Cabinetry (if taxed as real property)

Electrical improvements, such as

In-wall wiring system (equipment unrelated to construction and labor and material cannot be included in this category)

Excavation, grading

Exterior repair

Fencing

Fire suppression systems

Fixtures

HVAC

Landscaping

Mechanical improvements (equipment unrelated to construction and labor and material cannot be included in this category)

Painting

Plumbing

Masonry

Roofing and flashing

Sheetrock, plater

Shelving

Sidewalks

NOT Qualified Real Property Investments

Lead and termite abatement

Appraisals, architectural, engineering, and interior design fee

Bids

Blinds

Bonding

Closing Costs

Furnishings (such as window treatment or appliance)

Insurance

Land or building acquisition

Legal, accounting, realtor, sales and marketing or other professional fees

Loan fees; capitalized interest

Outbuildings (if ancillary to the function of the main building)

Permits, user fees, zoning fees, impact fees, inspection fees

Rent loss

Signage or signs

Temporary facilities

Utilities

Utility hook-up or access fees

Well, septic, or sewer systems

Roads

Basis of any property: i. For which a grant was previously awarded; ii. Which was previously placed in service in Virginia by the taxpayer, a related party, or a trade or business under common control; iii. Which was previously in service in Virginia and has a basis in the hands of the person acquiring it, determined in whole or in part by reference to the basis of such property in the hands of the person from whom acquired, or Internal Revenue Code § 1014 (a).

