

PTF Grant Funding Applications



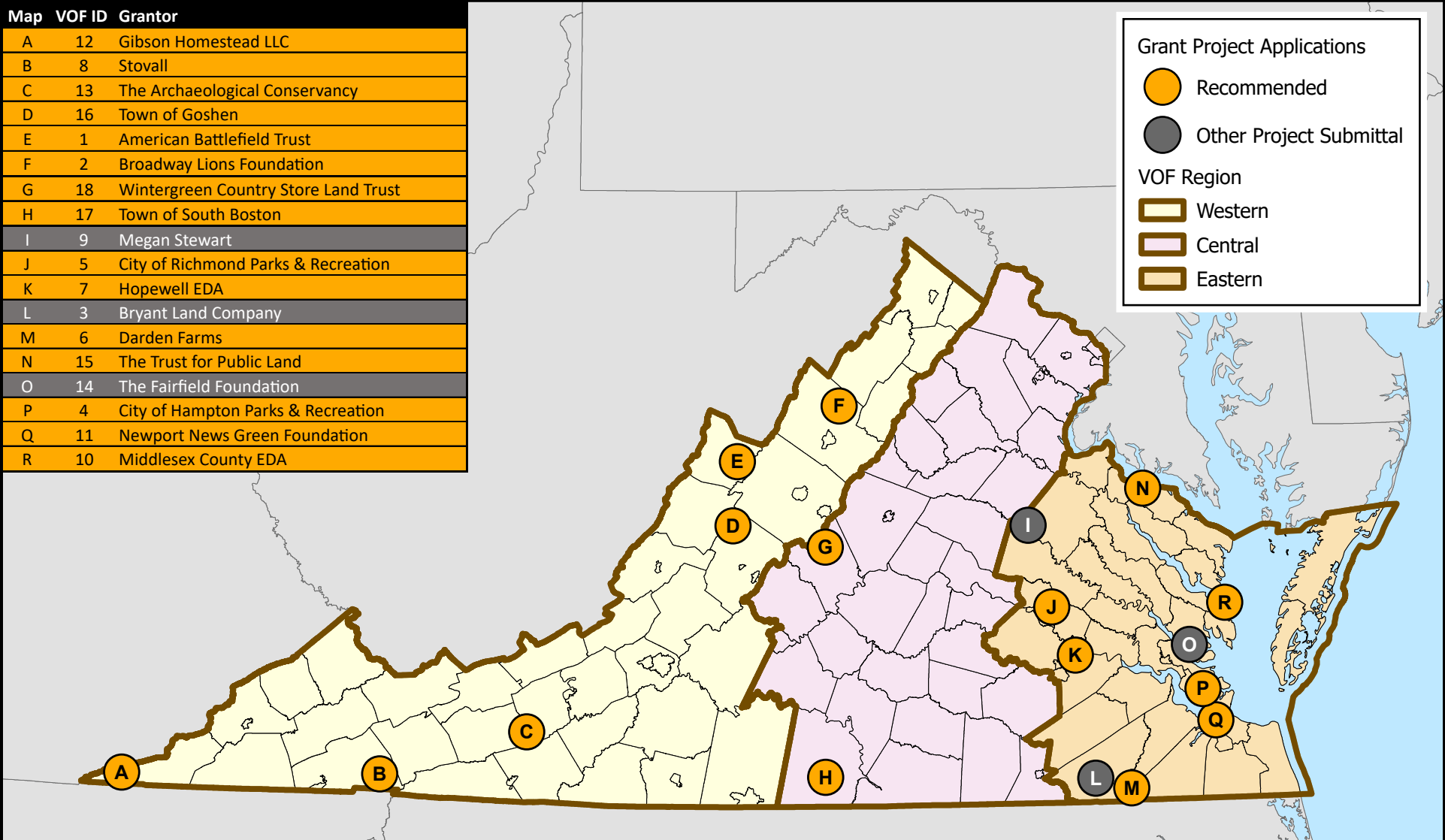
Map	VOF ID	Grantor
A	12	Gibson Homestead LLC
B	8	Stovall
C	13	The Archaeological Conservancy
D	16	Town of Goshen
E	1	American Battlefield Trust
F	2	Broadway Lions Foundation
G	18	Wintergreen Country Store Land Trust
H	17	Town of South Boston
I	9	Megan Stewart
J	5	City of Richmond Parks & Recreation
K	7	Hopewell EDA
L	3	Bryant Land Company
M	6	Darden Farms
N	15	The Trust for Public Land
O	14	The Fairfield Foundation
P	4	City of Hampton Parks & Recreation
Q	11	Newport News Green Foundation
R	10	Middlesex County EDA

Grant Project Applications

- Recommended
- Other Project Submittal

VOF Region

- Western
- Central
- Eastern



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Preservation Trust Fund Report Board of Trustees Meeting, June 11, 2026

Overview

Established by the Virginia General Assembly in 1997 and administered by the Virginia Outdoors Foundation (VOF), the Open-Space Lands Preservation Trust Fund (PTF) provides grants for acquisitions, easements, rights of way, and other methods of protecting open space for farming, forestry, recreation, wildlife, water quality, and more.

PTF Program Report & Recommendations

1. The Preservation Trust Fund (PTF) was funded in FY26 at \$4,000,000.
2. Due to project cancellations and excess easement assistance funds, there is \$2,659,245 available to allocate for projects in the Spring FY26 PTF grant round. Staff recommend 15 proposals for a total recommended funding amount of \$2,659,245. The recommended projects are listed on the agenda and project summary packets are provided in the board book. All submitted applications are provided in the online board meeting materials.
3. The proposed Virginia Land Conservation Foundation budget includes \$4,250,000 for the FY27 PTF program.
 - a. Staff recommend the following guidance for the use of FY27 funding
 - i. Easement Assistance \$250,000
 - ii. Locality Assistance \$250,000
 - iii. Grant Program \$3,750,000

Easement Assistance

4. FY26 Report

\$250,000 was set aside for PTF-Easement Assistance (PTF-EA), which is an income-based cost-share program to offset landowner expenses associated with conveying an easement such as surveys, legal and appraisal services, etc. Including a proposal being considered for funding by the Board of Trustees at the June 11, 2026 meeting, \$234,975.25 will be allocated to a total of 12 easement projects for the protection of 3,433.5 acres of farm and forestland during fiscal year 2026. A summary chart of the PTF-Easement Assistance is included for review. Awards of \$20,000 or less are granted administratively on delegated authority. Awards above \$20,000 require Board review.

Preservation Trust Fund (PTF) Proposal Summaries

Other Submittals

Spring 2026

Western

All proposals submitted in the western region were recommended for funding.

Central

All proposals submitted in the central region were recommended for funding.

Eastern

Applicant: 26-02-03 Bryant Land Company
Project Title: Bryant Land Company
Locality: Southampton County
VOF BOT Region: Eastern
Funds Requested: \$250,000.00
Description: The Bryant Land Company, a multi-generational family-owned business, proposes the purchase of an easement on their farm, located just south of Courtland, VA. The family grows soybeans, peanuts, and cotton in a rotational mix. The farm includes over a mile of road frontage and old growth Cypress wetlands which support a wide variety of terrestrial and aquatic species.

Applicant: 26-02-09 Megan Stewart
Project Title: Blackstone Meadows
Locality: Caroline County
VOF BOT Region: Eastern
Funds Requested: \$247,500.00
Description: This project, Blackstone Meadows, will result in the permanent protection of 25 acres of forest and meadow on a 49-acre property in Caroline County through the acquisition of a conservation easement. The project will provide managed public access via trails, wildlife viewing, and environmental education space. Development will be clustered to reduce fragmentation and to protect habitat and water quality. Without conservation, the property is at risk of subdivision due to growth along the I-95 corridor.

Applicant: 26-02-14 The Fairfield Foundation
Project Title: Preserving Historic Fairfield's Landscape
Locality: Gloucester County
VOF BOT Region: Eastern
Funds Requested: \$180,000.00
Description: The Fairfield Foundation seeks a grant to purchase 21.28 rare and desirable acres on Hickory Fork Road in south Gloucester County to protect a significant cultural landscape adjacent to Fairfield. Zoned suburban countryside, stiff development pressure exists from Hampton Roads commuters. The late-successional forested creek-side land in the York River watershed includes archaeological and natural resources, which Fairfield will protect while promoting public access for education and recreation.

