

# **Machinery and Equipment Program Guidelines and Approvable Purchases**

**(HB 1767)**

## **Program**

Up to \$500,000 shall be used to support the Machinery and Equipment Program (House Bill 1767) to acquire engines, machines, motors, mechanical devices, laboratory trainers, computers, printers, tools, parts, and similar machinery and equipment as set forth in guidelines developed by the State Council of Higher Education and the Virginia Community College System. Equipment for this program may be acquired from a business that purchased the new machinery and equipment in good working condition within 12 months prior to acquisition by the community college. Payments to the business shall be in an amount equal to 20 percent of the purchase price of the machinery or equipment, not to exceed an aggregate amount of \$5,000 to any one business during a calendar year. The Virginia Community College System shall report to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees by June 30 of each year on the equipment purchased through this program.

## **House Bill 1767**

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 3 of Chapter 16 of Title 23 a section numbered 23-231.1:1 as follows: § 23-231.1:1. Machinery and Equipment Donation Grant Program established.

A. As used in this section, unless the context requires a different meaning: "Chancellor" means the Chancellor of the System. "Machinery and equipment" means engines, machines, motors, mechanical devices, laboratory trainers, computers, printers, tools, parts, and similar machinery and equipment as set forth in guidelines developed by the System. "Machinery and equipment" includes specialized software required for the operation of machinery and equipment qualified for a grant pursuant to this section. "Vocational school" means any entity that offers career or technical education administered by the Department of Education pursuant to § 22.1-227.



"Vocational school" does not include instructional programs that are intended solely for recreation, enjoyment, or personal interest, or as a hobby, or courses or programs of instruction that prepare individuals to teach such pursuits.

B. From such funds as may be appropriated by the General Assembly and any gifts, grants, or donations from public or private sources, there is hereby created in the state treasury a special no reverting fund to be known as the Machinery and Equipment Donation Grant Fund, hereafter referred to as "the Fund." The Fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller. Interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it. Any moneys remaining in the Fund, including interest thereon, at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. Moneys in the Fund shall be used solely for the purposes of awarding grants for qualified donations of machinery and equipment to comprehensive community colleges and vocational schools. Expenditures and disbursements from the Fund shall be made by the State Treasurer on warrants issued by the Comptroller upon written request signed by the Chancellor.

C. 1. A business that donates new machinery and equipment in good working condition, purchased within the 12 months prior to the donation, to a comprehensive community college or vocational school shall be eligible to apply to the System for a grant from the Fund. Such grant shall be in an amount equal to 20 percent of the purchase price of the machinery or equipment, not to exceed an aggregate grant of \$5,000 for all such donations during a calendar year.

2. In order to be eligible for a grant, the application shall include a written certification made by the donee comprehensive community college or vocational school that identifies the donee comprehensive community college or vocational school, the business donating the machinery or equipment, the date of the donation, and the number of units of each item of machinery and equipment donated. The certification shall also include a statement by the donee comprehensive community college or vocational school that the machinery and equipment was needed and can be utilized by the comprehensive community college or vocational school for teaching or training students, and that such machinery and equipment will be principally used in Virginia in teaching or training students.



3. Grants shall be issued in the order that each completed application is received. In the event that the amount of eligible grants requested in a fiscal year exceeds the funds available in the Fund, such grants shall be paid in the next fiscal year in which funds are available.

4. In consultation with the Department of Education and the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, the System shall maintain and update as necessary on its website a list of vocational schools to which donations of machinery and equipment may qualify for a grant under this section.

### **Excluded From Funding From Machinery and Equipment Program**

The Following Items:

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a. Library Books, Films, Videotapes  
and Library Materials

All Programs

b. Microfilm Collection and  
Materials

All Programs

c. Library Shelving

All Programs

d. Office Appurtenances (Blinds,  
Carpets, File Cabinets and  
Similar Items)

All Programs

e. Office Furniture (Desks, Chairs,  
Tables and Similar Items)

All Programs

f. Transportation Equipment

All Programs

g. Equipment Normally Affixed to a  
Building or Functional as a part of  
An Operating System of a Building

All Programs

h. Climate Control and Security  
Systems

All Programs

i. General Telecommunications  
Equipment

Public Service and  
Physical Plant

j. Buildings

All Programs



k. Equipment With a Useful Life Less Than 3 Years	All Programs
l. General Applications Software (Lotus, Excel, WordPerfect, etc.)	All Programs
m. Items Costing Less Than \$500	All Programs
n. Used Equipment Older than 12 Months	All Programs

