

## Regulatory Requirements

Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

(276)-676-4800 <http://www.deq.virginia.gov>

Bristol Health Department (276)-642-7335  
[www.vdh.virginia.gov/LHD/mtrogers/bristol.htm](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/LHD/mtrogers/bristol.htm)

Building Inspector (276)-645-7470  
[www.bristolva.org/PlanningBuildingQuestions.htm](http://www.bristolva.org/PlanningBuildingQuestions.htm)

Cooperative Extension (276)-676-6309  
<http://offices.ext.vt.edu/washington>

## Financing

### US Government Guaranteed Loan Programs

US Small Business Administration (SBA)  
(800)-827-5722 <http://www.sba.gov>

US Department of Agriculture-Rural Development  
(276) 228-4547 <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>

### State & Local Loan Programs

Bristol City-Mount Rogers (276)-783-5103  
<http://www.mrpdc.org>

Virginia Community Capital (540) 260-3126  
<http://www.vacommunitycapital.org>

Virginia Small Business Financing Authority  
(866) 248-8814  
[http://www.dba.state.va.us/financing\\_business.shtml](http://www.dba.state.va.us/financing_business.shtml)

Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP)  
(276) 623-1556 <http://www.YesVirginia.org>

Virginia Health Care Foundation (804) 828-5804  
<http://www.vhcf.org>

Virginia's Tobacco Indemnification & Community Revitalization  
Commission (804)-225-2027  
<http://www.tic.virginia.gov>

Natural Capital Investment Fund (304) 876-2815 ext.207  
<http://www.wvncif.org>

People Inc. Financial Services (276)-623-9000  
[www.businesstart.org](http://www.businesstart.org)

Southern Appalachia Fund (865)-220-2020  
[www.southappfund.com](http://www.southappfund.com)

Small and Minority Owned Business Assistance Program  
[www.tnsmob.org](http://www.tnsmob.org) (423)-424-4298

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## Business Licensing & Registration

### Local Requirements

Bristol City (423)-989-4850  
<http://www.bristolchamber.org>

### State Requirements

VA Department of Professional & Occupational Regulation (804) 367-8500  
<http://www.dpor.virginia.gov>

Virginia Department of Taxation (804) 367-8037  
<http://www.tax.virginia.gov>

## Utilities & Business Services



### Water/Sewer

Bristol PSA (276)-645-7363  
[www.bristolva.org/Engineering.htm](http://www.bristolva.org/Engineering.htm)

### Gas/Utilities



Bristol City Utility Electric (276)-669-4112  
<http://www.bvu-optinet.com/>

### Telecommunication/Internet



BVU Optinet services all phone, internet and cable needs:  
(276)-669-4112  
[www.bvu-optinet.com](http://www.bvu-optinet.com)

## Zoning

Bristol Zoning Board (276)-645-7363

## Small Business Development

Virginia's Philpott Manufacturing Extension Partnership  
(434) 582-6136  
[www.vpmep.org](http://www.vpmep.org)

Virginia Economic Development Partnership  
(276)-623-1536  
<http://www.YesVirginia.org>

Bristol Business Research Center (423)-989-4850  
[www.bristolchamber.org/Bristolchamber/html/business\\_resource\\_center.html](http://www.bristolchamber.org/Bristolchamber/html/business_resource_center.html)

Virginia Department of Business Assistance (866)-248-8814  
[www.dba.state.va.us](http://www.dba.state.va.us)

Virginia Small Business Development Center (276)-7392474  
[www.virginiasbdc.org](http://www.virginiasbdc.org)

Virginia Business Incubation Association (757)-926-5368  
[www.vbia.org](http://www.vbia.org)

## Location-Buildings & Sites

Director of Community Development (276)-645-7471

Virginia Construction Supply Inc. (276)-642-0451

Virginia Woodworking Company (276)-669-3133