

## Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB642

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed  
**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

2. **Patron:**    Glass

3. **Committee:** General Laws

4. **Title:**    Virginia Creative Economy Grant Program.

5. **Summary:** Establishes the Virginia Creative Economy Grant Program, to be administered by the Virginia Innovation Partnership Corporation, for the purpose of awarding grants to independent content creators and creative economy entrepreneurs, as those terms are defined in the bill, for the purpose of developing and expanding the creative economy, as defined in the bill, in the Commonwealth. The bill provides for the award of grants of no more than \$20,000 to any recipient.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, to capitalize the new program.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill creates a new program. The Virginia Innovation Partnership Corporation (VIPC), in consultation with the Virginia Commission for the Arts, is tasked with managing and administering the new program. To operationalize the program, an appropriation is required. The bill does not identify a funding source.

VIPC is a political subdivision of the Commonwealth and is not a part of the state accounting system Cardinal. This bill specifies all funds appropriated for use in the Program and any gifts, donations, grants, bequests, and other funds received on its behalf shall be paid into the state treasury. As such, a fiscal agent will be necessary to assist with administration of the Fund. Currently, the Division of Executive Administrative Services under the Secretary of Administration serves as fiscal agent for VIPC for other grant funds.

The bill specifies that monies appropriated to support the program may be used in the program's implementation and administration. The size and scope of the grant program is unknown at this time. The bill provides that VIPC shall work in consultation with the Commission for the Arts. It is anticipated that a memorandum of understanding may be established between VIPC and the Commission which may detail administrative needs.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Innovation Partnership Corporation; Virginia Commission for the Arts; Division of Executive Administrative Services under the Secretary of Administration.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.