

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWSLETTER

Construction bid awarded, grant opportunities coming up, and more!

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AWARDS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR 103,000SF INDUSTRIAL BUILDING

Following a competitive bid process, Campbell County awards Coleman-Adams Construction, Inc. of Forest, Virginia for the first phase of construction on a 103,000sf industrial building in Seneca Commerce Park.

Phase one involves the construction of a dark shell building, where the core building envelope will be constructed (foundation, structural framing, exterior walls, roof, and basic utility connections) and will begin securing permits as soon as possible. Architectural Partners of Lynchburg will be providing construction management.

Seven contractors submitted bids in response to the Invitation for Bid (IFB), posted through the Commonwealth of Virginia's eVA procurement system, demonstrating strong market interest and competitive pricing. Following initial review, Coleman-Adams Construction, Inc. was identified as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder with a bid amount of \$5,675,000.



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 **COLEMAN-ADAMS
CONSTRUCTION, Inc.**

FIRE UP ALTAVISTA APPLICATIONS OPEN

The Spark Innovation Center and Altavista On Track are excited to announce the opening of applications for Fire-Up Altavista, a Community Business Launch (CBL) program aimed at supporting aspiring and existing entrepreneurs within Downtown Altavista. This initiative focuses on filling vacant storefronts by providing training and mentorship, along with the opportunity to secure start-up grant funding through a competitive business plan pitch competition.

\$50,000 in grant funding is available for award. While this cycle is only open to businesses wishing to relocate in the Downtown Altavista district, years 2 and 3 will be open to all of Campbell County.

Participants in Fire-Up Altavista will undergo an eight-week business development training program facilitated by the Small Business Development Center – Lynchburg Region. The curriculum covers essential business topics, including sales and marketing, legal structure, compliance, operations, and finance.

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REGISTER NOW: SPRING 2026 START SMALL CAMPBELL GRANT INFO SESSION

Want \$5,000 to add to your business' bottom line?

Join Kristina Smith, Business Programs Coordinator, in this free informational session as she goes over:

- Application basics and best practices
- Business plan and financial document requirements
- Helpful tips for a successful application
- Q&A session

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START SMALL CAMPBELL GRANT INFO SESSION



Planning to apply to the Spring 2026 Start Small Campbell Grant? Kickstart your application with Kristina Smith, Business Programs Coordinator for Campbell County Economic Development



THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 19, 2026



TIME
6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.



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Small Business Spotlight



At only 22 years old, Erin Tucker took ownership of Airabella's, a long-standing floral shop in downtown Altavista. Since that transition, the business has experienced nearly 200% growth.

While the shop, located in downtown Altavista, has changed hands several times over the years, it remains a familiar presence in the community. Tucker's path to ownership began while she was still in college and looking for a job. After reaching out to several local businesses, she landed a position as a part-time florist at Airabella's. About a year into the role, the opportunity to purchase the business arose.

"I only had about a month of prep before I became the owner," Tucker said. "It was really just a full faith moment."

Erin Tucker
Owner



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LOOKING FOR INTERNS? LYH INTERN CONNECT IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

If you're looking for interns this spring or summer, this is your chance to connect with local talent across diverse industries from our region's many colleges and universities. Be sure to register early for this event - space is limited to the first 50 employers!



**300 Lucado Place
Lynchburg VA 24504**



**February 10, 2026
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

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300 Lucado Pl, Lynchburg, VA 24504

10 February 2026
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

lynchburgregion.org/events

Boost Your Business

Kickstart your growth this February with these business training opportunities! Click on each title to learn more about the program.

SBA LOAN PROGRAM TRAINING FEB. 4

Small Business Administration loans can be used for a wide variety of needs including working capital, inventory purchasing, refinancing business debt, and more. Join the VA SBDC for this webinar to discuss the three main SBA loan programs: 7(a), 504, and Microloans.

STARTUP TOOLBOX: FIND YOUR FIRST SPACE FEB. 5

The right location can make or break your business - but how do you find the right one the first time around? Join the SBDC-Lynchburg Region for this workshop to learn about practical tools and how to avoid common pitfalls.

STARTUP TOOLBOX MARATHON FEB. 12

Whether you're still shaping your concept or already have customers waiting, this full day, multi-part workshop will equip you with the tools, knowledge, and confidence to move forward. Each session includes expert guidance, tools, and a Q&A session.

HOW TO MANAGE YOUR WORDPRESS WEBSITE FEB. 17

Looking for a simple yet effective website for your business? WordPress may be a great option! In this workshop, the Virginia SBDC will cover the basics of WordPress including user management, page creation, plugin management, and more.

2026 CVCC WEBSITE BUILDERS PROGRAM APPLICATIONS DUE FEB. 4

Each year, the Lynchburg SBDC partners with a Central Virginia Community College web design class to pair small businesses with students to develop a website for their business. You are a great candidate for the 2026 program if your business needs a new website or complete teardown, and you're committed to finishing the project with a student team. There is no cost for this program other than purchasing a URL/website hosting, but only five slots are available, so apply early. Applications are due February 4!

