

“My GRASP advisor has been instrumental in helping me adjust to college, both in affirming the things I am doing right and helping me where I struggle... I came into college carrying so much fear about my future, and between my GRASP advisor’s support, GRASP’s investment in me, and the mental health improvements GRASP has helped me achieve, I feel better than ever heading into another academic year.”

Jake, Richmond City
Studying mechanical engineering



“I would like to thank all of the donors and staff that made it possible for me to achieve a dream of mine. You all have provided me with many resources that are necessary for me to achieve in furthering my education...”

Tania, Rappahannock High School
Studying business



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2019 Impact Report

Thanks to your support, GRASP inspires students to pursue futures they had not known were possible.

Your generous gifts allow the caring and dedicated GRASP advisors in 87 high schools across Virginia to help students navigate the financial aid process and guide them in determining their least-cost options, whether they're aiming for community college, a university, or even the military.

GRASP steps into the lives of young Virginians and gives them hope.

From assisting families with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to administering and awarding scholarships that get students started in community college or cover those "last-dollar" expenses of books and computers, GRASP ensures career and college access for all.

We couldn't do it without you.

2018–19 Program Highlights

In-School Advising

- » Your gift helped us assist 8,066 high school students in accessing financial aid for post-secondary education.
- » We mentored 965 of these students through SOAR Virginia®, helping them obtain \$554,750 in scholarships funded by Virginia529.
- » More than two-thirds came from low-income households.

College Success Program

- » With your help, we supported 139 college students on their path to degree completion through email programs, financial aid advising, problem-solving support, and summer boot camps.
- » Thanks to you, we awarded \$156,189 in College Success Scholarships to 72 participants.

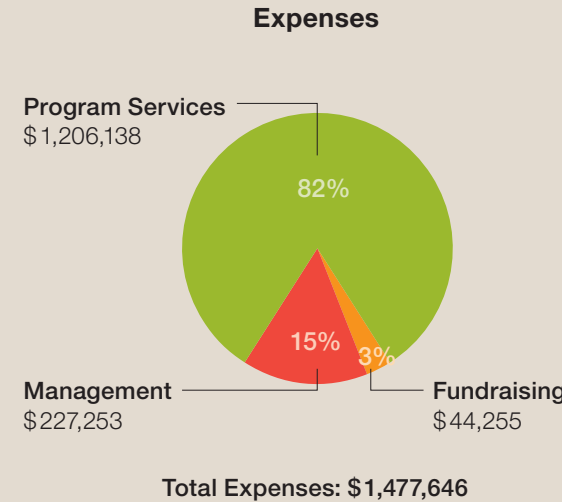
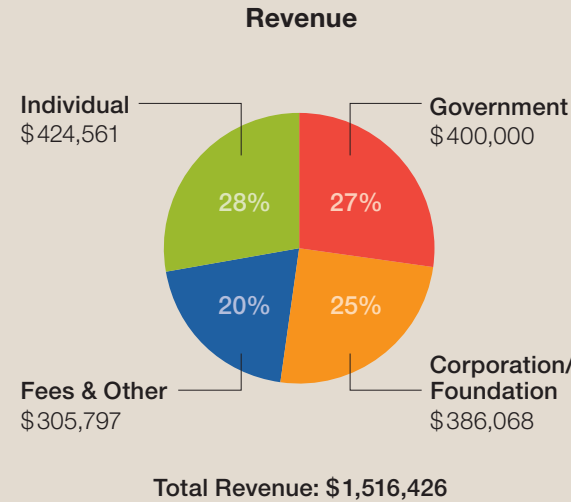
Financial Aid & Scholarships

- » For every dollar invested in GRASP, our advisors helped students secure an estimated \$114 in financial aid.
- » Your generosity allowed us to award \$107,500 in Last Dollar Scholarships to 121 graduating seniors.
- » And we were able to award \$87,536 in Community College Pathway Scholarships.

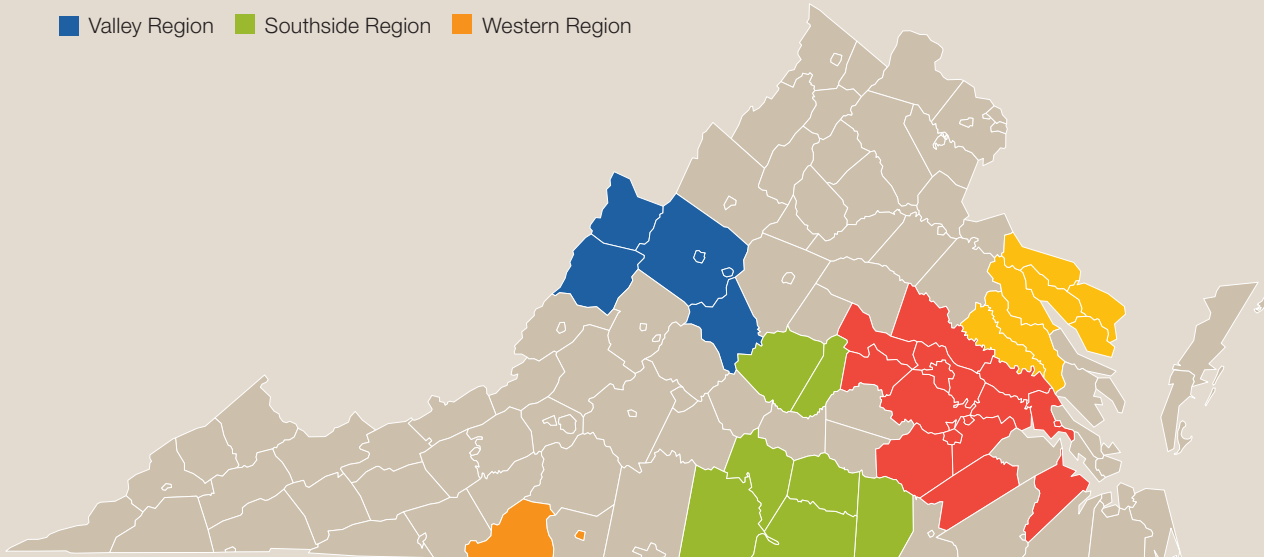
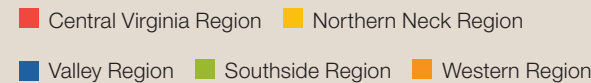
Middle School Pilot Program

- » More than 700 seventh and eighth grade students explored career options, including skilled trades, and the requisite post-secondary degrees or credentials.
- » This program was funded by an Altria Success360 grant in partnership with Henrico County Public Schools.

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The GRASP Footprint



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