

Regional eCivis license for RAFT

The Board voted to procure a **regional license for eCivis®**, a software and database system used to research and apply for government grants and private foundation funding. The \$70,006 cost of the regional license represents a 56% savings from the price if each of the Region's nine jurisdictions purchased the software individually. The Board's vote followed a recommendation from the Regional Area Funding Team (RAFT), the newly established regional grants warehouse within the RRPDC. RAFT consists of grants personnel from all nine jurisdictions.



Jurisdictions were given a month to discuss individually whether their locality could benefit from the software and opt-in to participate in the regional license.

The City of Richmond and Town of Ashland currently use eCivis, and Powhatan County was planning to purchase its own license, but held off pending the Board's action.

The expenditure will be funded by the RRPDC's unallocated fund balance with the software available for use by

July.