

House Version of Budget Boosts Local Projects

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The Virginia House of Delegates' version of the state's biennial budget will provide more than \$3 million for local institutions and programs, if senators and Gov. Timothy M. Kaine don't cut any of the amendments.

Both the House and Senate passed divergent plans Sunday that detail how they would spend \$72 million.

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Winchester; and \$50,000 to Belle Grove Plantation.

The Winchester-Frederick County Historical Association could receive \$40,000, while the same association in Clarke County could get \$37,500.

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\$25,000 and the cemetery could get \$9,660.

"These worthwhile projects deserve assistance from the commonwealth of Virginia," Del. Beverly J. Sherwood, R-Winchester, a member of the House Appropriation's Committee, said in the release.

Del. C. Todd Gilbert, R-Woodstock, and Del. Clifford L. "Clay" Athey Jr., R-Front Royal, agreed with Sherwood.

"I feel that it is my responsibility to try to secure the matching grant funding for worthy projects in my district," Athey said.