

2025 SESSION

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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 2453**

2 Offered January 13, 2025

3 Prefiled January 8, 2025

4 *A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 28.2-104.2, relating to Living Shoreline*
5 *Grant Fund established.*

6 Patron—Hodges

7 Referred to Committee on Appropriations

8 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

9 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 28.2-104.2 as follows:**

10 **§ 28.2-104.2. Living Shoreline Grant Fund.**

11 *A. There is hereby created in the state treasury a special nonreverting fund to be known as the Living*
12 *Shoreline Grant Fund, referred to in this section as "The Fund." The Fund shall be established on the books*
13 *of the Comptroller. The Fund shall consist of sums appropriated to it by the General Assembly and such*
14 *other moneys as may be available from any other source, public or private, including any federal grants*
15 *solicited or received for the specific purposes of the Fund, and all interest and income from investment of the*
16 *Fund. Interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it. Any moneys*
17 *remaining in the Fund, including interest thereon, at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general*
18 *fund but shall remain in the Fund. Moneys in the Fund shall be used solely for the purpose of awarding*
19 *grants pursuant to subsection B. Expenditures and disbursements from the Fund shall be made by the State*
20 *Treasurer on warrants issued by the Comptroller upon written request signed by the Commissioner.*

21 *B. The Fund shall be administered by the Commission for the sole purpose of making grants to a local*
22 *government or any federally recognized tribe in the Commonwealth to match federal or other matching*
23 *funds. Such grants shall be used for the construction, renovation, or improvement of living shorelines, as*
24 *defined in § 28.2-104.1, that are greater than 1.5 miles in any shore angle direction. The Commission shall*
25 *develop guidelines for the administration of such grants and shall determine the terms and conditions of any*
26 *grant from the Fund. In awarding grants, the Commission shall give priority to projects that (i) are located*
27 *on public lands, (ii) demonstrate the ability for the living shoreline to migrate upland over time through*
28 *documented control of upland properties, or (iii) are identified as priorities in the Virginia Coastal*
29 *Resilience Master Plan.*

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