



WETA and the Commonwealth of Virginia

WETA is projected to receive \$229,680 in Community Service Grants from the Commonwealth for FY2011.

WETA serves more than 2 million residents of Northern Virginia in the counties of Arlington, Caroline, Clarke, Culpeper, Essex, Fairfax, Fauquier, Greene, King George, Loudoun, Madison, Orange, Prince William, Rappahannock, Richmond, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Warren and Westmoreland, as well as the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Fredericksburg, Manassas and Manassas Park.

The support of the Commonwealth helps WETA provide programs on the air and in the community, such as:

- More than 200 hours of children's educational programming each week; all of these programs are based on scientifically-proven methods for teaching reading, math, communication and social skills to young children.
- Programs designed to keep Virginians informed about what is happening in their state and across the country, such as *PBS NewsHour* and *Washington Week with Gwen Ifill*, both of which are produced in WETA's Arlington studios, as well as the Governor's annual *State of the Commonwealth* address.
- Classical WETA 90.9 FM's partnership with area performers and venues to promote a vibrant arts community, including the Signature Theatre, Fairfax Symphony Orchestra, Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, George Mason University Center for the Arts Concert Hall and Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center.
- Special workshops to educate our community, especially young people, about financial literacy, such as a recent workshop for area teachers based on the WETA Kids' program *BizKid\$* which teaches school-age children about saving, budgeting, investing and philanthropy.
- **Ready To Learn (RTL)** workshops, which teach methods for building reading and communication skills in low-income children ages 2-8. Last fiscal year, WETA provided 96 free RTL workshops at area childcare agencies, schools, libraries and other such venues to an estimated 1,459 parents, childcare providers and educators, and distributed nearly 1,400 free books so that the lessons learned in the workshops would be reinforced at home.

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