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OSIG FINDS NEED FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT TOBACCO REGION REVITALIZATION COMMISSION

The Virginia Office of the State Inspector General (OSIG) found that the Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission (TRRC) has not implemented the requirements of the Financial Viability Manager legislation to assess grant projects, does not adequately monitor program results and has not rectified findings from previous OSIG reports. These are among the findings of the latest performance audit performed by OSIG as part of its statutory obligations in Code of Virginia [§2.2-309.2](#).

“OSIG conducted this performance audit to identify potential improvements to the financial viability assessment process, measuring intended outputs and matching requirements and loans processed through the Virginia Resources Authority,” said State Inspector General Michael C. Westfall. “Among OSIG’s recommendations is that TRRC staff follow the Code of Virginia by objectively analyzing, documenting and reporting the financial viability of projects and feasibility of all grants, loans and other distributions of money.” TRRC does not have written guidance for program managers to monitor awarded grants.

The report also recommends that TRRC staff conduct and document site visits, which is a recommendation made by OSIG previously.

“TRRC staff should develop specific policies and procedures to determine which projects should have site visits, when and how the site visits should be performed and how these site visits should be documented,” said Westfall. TRRC staff did not complete documentation of site visits for 23 out of the 30 grant files reviewed during the audit.

TRRC has developed action plans to address OSIG’s findings by December 2020, with earlier dates for many of the corrective actions.

Read the complete report [here](#).

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