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**GOVERNOR KAINE LAUNCHES \$10 MILLION GRANT
PROGRAM FOR LOCALITIES IMPACTED BY MILITARY
BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE**

RICHMOND - Governor Timothy M. Kaine today announced the availability of \$5 million in state grants for each of the next two years to support communities impacted by the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure process (BRAC). The Virginia Military Strategic Response Fund (VMSRF) will be administered by the Virginia National Defense Industrial Authority (VNDIA), a 16-member authority created by the General Assembly. The Authority works as an advocate for military communities as they implement BRAC recommendations and plan for future military expansions and other opportunities.

Grants will be made available to eligible organizations on a competitive basis to support local efforts involved in the implementation of BRAC recommendations. Eligible activities could include planning and implementation of programs in transportation, housing, public infrastructure, environmental issues, encroachment, workforce transition, and historic preservation. Grant decisions will be based on the merits of the request, degree of local support, regional impact, and overall feasibility of the project.

The application deadline is November 17, 2006, and funding will be considered upon receipt of completed documentation and evidence that the applicant can make the required financial match. Eligible applicants include political subdivisions and non-profit organizations, such as cities, towns, authorities, and planning district commissions.

“These state funds will help regions and localities respond to the challenges and opportunities inherent in BRAC 2005 decisions, whether it involves an expansion, a reduction, or a transfer of military-related operations and personnel,” Governor Kaine said. “The Commonwealth is committed to continue making the investments needed to provide an excellent quality of life for our military personnel and their families.”

“Virginia has a proud history of military and defense support. VNDIA’s number one priority is advocating for military personnel and communities across the Commonwealth,” said VNDIA Chairman Joe Reeder, a former U.S. Under Secretary of

the Army. “This funding underscores our strong commitment to the growth and transformation of military operations statewide.”

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