

ITSP Summary Biennium 2026-28

Agency Name: 146 The Science Museum of Virginia (SMV)

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Agency Mission, Goals and Objectives:

Agency Mission:

The Science Museum of Virginia (SMV) inspires all Virginians to enrich their lives through science. Compelling science inspires and we are the marketing agency for science.

Agency Goals:

Goal 1: Museum Experience Energize the Science Museum's indoor and outdoor physical spaces through building and site improvements, new exhibit galleries, facility updates, and investment in satellite campuses with the Danville Science Center and the Northern Virginia Science Center. With the adoption of this plan, the Science Museum has formalized commitments which will guide decisions made regarding investment in and changes to its campus in the future.

Goal 2: Community Gathering and Partnerships Invest resources to protect and build community gathering places, and cultivate partnerships that will inform Science Museum content to ensure its programming reflects, respects, and addresses the needs of the communities it serves.

Goal 3: Connect citizens with science in meaningful ways, empowering them with information, skills, and resources that spur both individual and collective action that leads to positive change.

Goal 4: Informal Learning Now, more than ever, it is vital that people actively engage with STEM in ways that are not only exciting, but also meaningful and relevant. The Science Museum will explore new (and revisit old) methods of successfully engaging audiences in

STEM, highlighting real world applications shared over a variety of media and educational platforms. The Science Museum will play an integral part in helping unify efforts and increase collaboration across the commonwealth to meet the aspirational goals for growing STEM initiatives in Virginia.

Goal 5: Engagement The Science Museum will continue to focus on DEAI in its continuous improvement efforts. From removing barriers to Science Museum programming to reinvigorating staff culture driven by our values, the organization will build on the foundational work of Science Within Reach and the Center for IDEAs (the internal staff committee focused on DEAI efforts) to further engage both external audiences and the staff.

Agency Objectives:

Since 1977, the Science Museum of Virginia has served as a community gathering place, a leader in informal learning practices, and a resource for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education for the Commonwealth of Virginia. While the Science Museum is headquartered in Richmond, it operates a recently reimagined satellite in Danville and is developing a new satellite in Northern Virginia that is scheduled to open in 2025. These three distinct geographical locations represent three very different audiences in Virginia. But the Science Museum is more than the physical elements housed within our walls or the content we create.

Current IT State:

In this section, describe the high-level strategy the agency will use to manage existing operational IT investments over the next year to 6 years in support of the strategic objectives of your agency.

At this time, the agency anticipates that all Current Operational IT Investments will continue to meet agency business needs in the foreseeable future and will not need enhancement or additional investment.

Will any of the following areas require additional funding over the next 6 years beyond that currently forecast by your agency? (please check all that apply)

Looking ahead over the next 6 years, please list any IT initiatives needed to support the business Mission, Goals, and Objectives of your agency not addressed by application modernization (other than staffing levels and applications detailed elsewhere). These could include disaster recovery, network upgrades, radio communications etc.

External Factors Impacting IT:

In this section, describe changes or mandates from external sources to the agency's current IT investments. These are requirements and mandates from external sources, such as new federal or state legislation, executive orders, regulatory bodies, or legal requirements. The agency must identify the change, any important deadlines that must be met, and the consequences if the deadlines are not met.

At this time, the agency is not aware of any external factors, requirements or mandates that will require IT investments by the agency in the foreseeable future.

Are there any mandate driving changes in your current IT environment? (Yes/No)

No

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Future IT Solutions:

This section will discuss how the agency's IT investments and investment strategies support the business strategies over the next 6 years. The agency does not need to discuss specific technologies at this time.

At this time, the agency does not have any Proposed IT Solutions or investments that will support agency strategic objectives, service area strategic objectives, commonwealth, enterprise, or secretariat-level strategic priorities, agency performance measures, or societal indicators.

IT Strategic Plan Budget Tables

Current IT Services				
	Costs Year 1		Costs Year 2	
Category	GF	NGF	GF	NGF
Projected Service Fees	\$36,780	\$9,674	\$37,884	\$9,964
VITA Infrastructure Changes				
Estimated VITA Infrastructure	\$36,780	\$9,674	\$37,884	\$9,964
Specialized Infrastructure	\$2,177		\$2,177	
Agency IT Staff	\$409,970	\$34,406	\$409,970	\$34,406
Non-agency IT Staff				
Cloud Computing Service				
Other Application Costs				
Total:	\$448,927	\$44,080	\$450,031	\$44,370

Proposed IT Investments				
	Costs Year 1		Costs Year 2	
Category	GF	NGF	GF	NGF
Major IT Projects:				
Non-Major IT Projects:				
Agency-Level IT Projects:				
Major Stand Alone IT Procurements:				
Non-Major Stand Alone IT Procurements:				
Agency-Level Stand Alone IT Procurements:				
Procurement Adjustment:				
Total:				

Projected Total IT Budget				
	Costs Year 1		Costs Year 2	
Category	GF	NGF	GF	NGF
Current IT Services	\$448,927	\$44,080	\$450,031	\$44,370
Proposed IT Investments				
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Commonwealth Projects >= \$250,000.00

There are no projects for this agency.

Commonwealth Procurements $\geq$ \$250,000.00

There are no stand alone procurements for this agency.