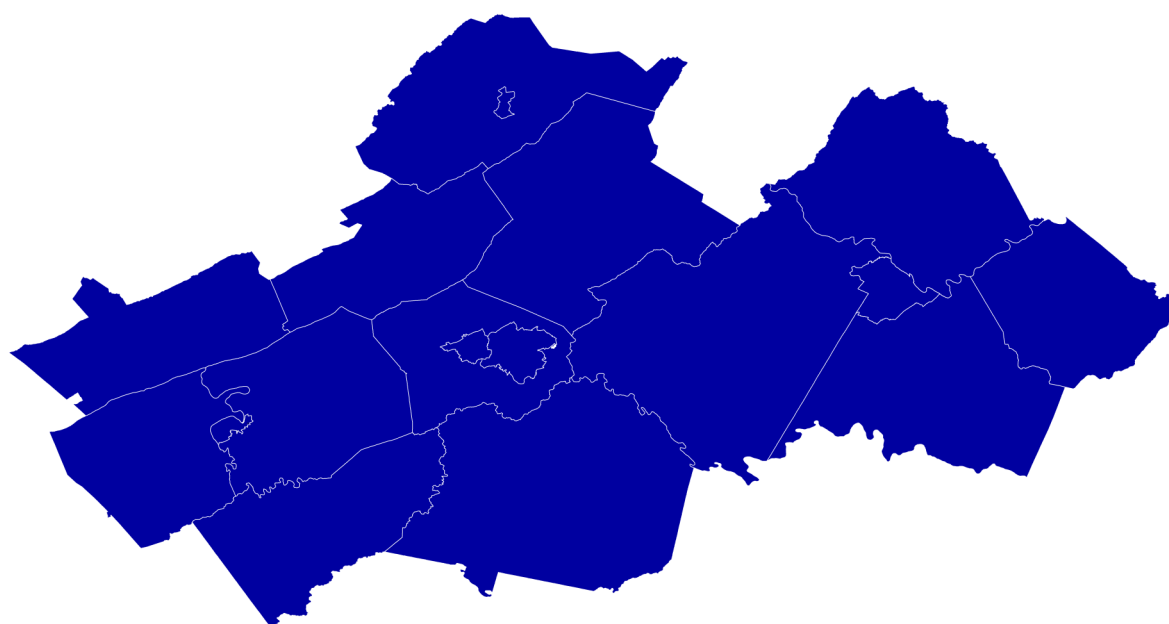


# Strengthening Entrepreneurs' Impact

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Supporting the evolving needs of early-stage entrepreneurs and strengthening the technology and biotech industry ecosystem in the New River Valley and Roanoke Region.

The Strengthening Entrepreneurs' Impact project is launching programming and support for early-stage entrepreneurs as well as expanded support for the network of cohort companies that have completed the Regional Accelerator and Mentoring Program (RAMP). The project is also elevating the strategies in the Region 2: Innovation Ecosystem Report and focusing on continuing education for RAMP alumni companies and founders, capital and funding opportunities for early-stage companies, better alignment with specific human capital needs, and greater mentorship development and retention.

METRICS & PRODUCTS

	# jobs created/filled
	# new businesses created
	# entrepreneurs engaged
	On Ramp Pre-Accelerator Launched

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“Through its success in the past two years, RAMP is seeing more applications at an earlier stage that need additional support not covered in their current model. This project will help more companies progress out of a higher education lab space, where they’re still in a research and development phase, and into a commercialized space.” -  
Erin Burcham, president of  
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