

### Heart Project Town Hall Meeting

The Heart Project, a regional grant funded project managed by the Southwest Virginia Alliance for Manufacturing, Inc.'s (SVAM) Center of Excellence (SVAM-CoE), will hold a series of public hearings throughout Southwest Virginia to present preliminary plans for monies received through the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development Local Innovation Grant. The Heart Project serves 16 counties and three cities in Southwest Virginia covering LENOWISCO, Cumberland Plateau and Mount Rogers Planning Districts and Floyd, Giles and Pulaski Counties in the New River Planning District. These meetings will be held during the following dates and times: Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am to 12:30pm in Room 107 of the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator (SVAM-CoE) in Abingdon, Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am to 12:30pm at the Pioneer Center in Duffield; Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am to 12:30pm at the Appalachian One Stop Office in Richlands and Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am to 12:30pm at Giles County Administration Building. The purpose of these meetings is to provide an overview of the Heart Project, insight into plans for use of the DHCD grant monies and provide opportunity for questions and input from the public. This is an open-house style event with a brief presentation followed by time for a question and answer period and open discussion. For more information about the open-houses you can email Amy Ball Braswell, Heart Project Manager at [heartproject@svamcoe.org](mailto:heartproject@svamcoe.org) or visit the Heart Project website at [www.heartprojectswva.org](http://www.heartprojectswva.org) for more general information. Please reference DHCD Grant Open House in the email subject line.