

VIPC Awards Commonwealth Commercialization Fund Grant to DataClassroom to Help Students Develop Programming Skills

CCF grants support startups, critical early technology testing and market validation efforts

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The [Virginia Innovation Partnership Corporation \(VIPC\)](#) today announced that [DataClassroom](#), Inc. has been awarded a Commonwealth

Commercialization Fund (CCF) grant for \$75,000. VIPC's CCF programs have distributed more than \$51 million to Virginia-based startups, entrepreneurs and university-based inventors since 2012.



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Based in Charlottesville, Va., DataClassroom's web-based app lets students, from sixth grade through college, engage with data to unlock solutions to real-world problems. This CCF grant will be used to develop and bring to market Python Bridge, a significant add-on for the DataClassroom app that will teach students about Python and programming languages in general. Python is one of the most commonly used programming languages.

“We are thrilled to receive a CCF grant from VIPC,” said Dr. Aaron Reedy, CEO and Co-Founder of DataClassroom.

“Data is an increasingly valuable resource across all fields, so effectively teaching data skills in middle and high school classrooms is critical. DataClassroom is proud to help bridge this gap for teachers and students everywhere.”

“We are pleased to award a CCF grant to DataClassroom,” said Jeanette Townsend, VIPC's

Director for Private Sector Grants.

“VIPC’s CCF grant program plays an important role in getting funding to Virginia-based pre-seed and seed-stage startups when they need it most. Our goal is to help Virginia companies grow and lead the nation in innovation, opportunity and job creation. The team at DataClassroom has received excellent early validation from the market, and the addition of Python Bridge to their learning platform is in direct response to requests from their customers.”



About the Commonwealth Commercialization Fund (CCF)

VIPC’s Commonwealth Commercialization Fund (CCF) awards funding on a rolling basis to Virginia’s small businesses and university-based innovators. The CCF Private Sector program seeks to fund high-potential Virginia-based for-profit technology companies at the early stage of commercialization. The grants support early technology and market validation efforts such as the development of prototypes or a minimum viable product (MVP), customer pilots, intellectual property protection, and more. For more information on funding opportunities and eligibility requirements, or to apply, visit the CCF pages at www.VirginiaIPC.org.

About Virginia Innovation Partnership Corporation (VIPC)

VIPC: Connecting innovators with opportunities. As the nonprofit operations arm of the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority (VIPA), VIPC is the commercialization and seed stage economic development driver in the Commonwealth that leads funding, infrastructure, and policy initiatives to support Virginia's innovators, entrepreneurs, startups, and market development strategies. VIPC collaborates with local, regional, state, and federal partners to support the expansion and diversification of Virginia’s economy.

Programs include: Virginia Venture Partners (VVP) | VVP Fund of Funds (SSBCI) | Virginia Founders Fund (VFF) | Commonwealth Commercialization Fund (CCF) | Petersburg Founders Fund (PFF) | Smart Communities | The Virginia Smart Community Testbed | The Virginia Unmanned Systems Center | Virginia Advanced Air Mobility Alliance (VAAMA) | The Public Safety Innovation Center | Entrepreneurial Ecosystems | Regional Innovation Fund (RIF) | Federal Funding Assistance Program (FFAP) for SBIR & STTR | University Partnerships | Startup Company Mentoring & Engagement. For more information, please visit www.VirginiaIPC.org. Follow VIPC on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

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