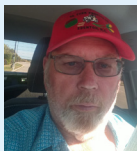


## Community Voices

“My Extension agent, Nathan Sedghi, manages the farmers market where I have sold my produce for many years. He has helped me learn what was wrong with some of my plants, and he tested my irrigation water. I have attended many Extension educational events and have learned a lot from VCE.”



**Frank Spence**  
Chesapeake Producer

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## Well Water testing kits

## Partners for Solutions

“I really enjoy sharing information about plants, water quality, and pesticide safety with Chesapeake residents to help them be more successful, sustainable, and healthy.”



**Mike Andruczyk**  
Agent



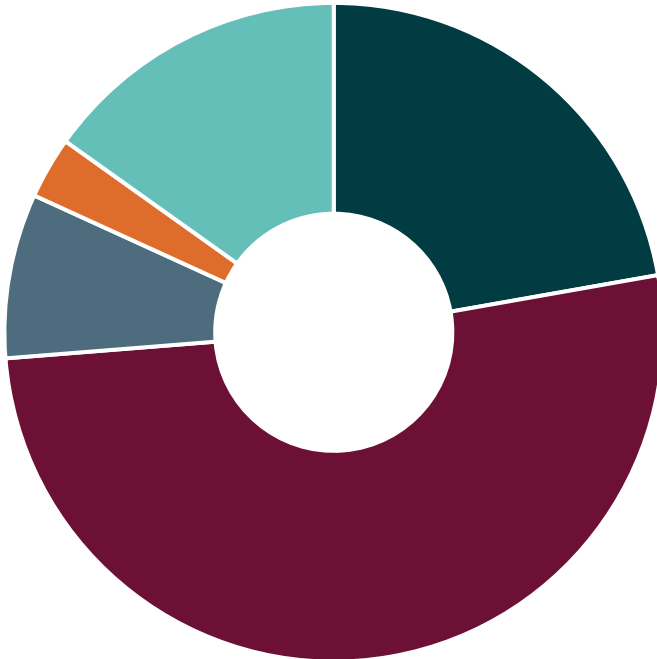
Students participate in a Reality Store financial simulation.

## Sharing Knowledge

Based on the Chesapeake Thrives poverty and economic priority area, there is a strong need for financial literacy and consumer education for youth. In 2023, Chesapeake 4-H hosted nine Reality Store programs in six of the high schools and worked with over 2,500 high school students. The Reality Store allows youth to participate in a hands-on financial simulation that requires them to make lifestyle and budget choices that adults make on a daily basis. After participating in this program, 91% of the students reported an increased awareness of making smart financial decisions, and 59% of the students said they understand the importance of planning for future purchases, such as clothing and entertainment.

# City of Chesapeake

## Funding by Source



**22% State**

**51% Local**

**8% Federal**

**3% Grants**

**15% Other**

**Total Funding: \$842,248**

**\$0.97**

return on investment  
for every dollar  
invested by the  
city in the **City of  
Chesapeake**

**\$1,032,354**

value of extension  
volunteer hours  
in the **City of  
Chesapeake**

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