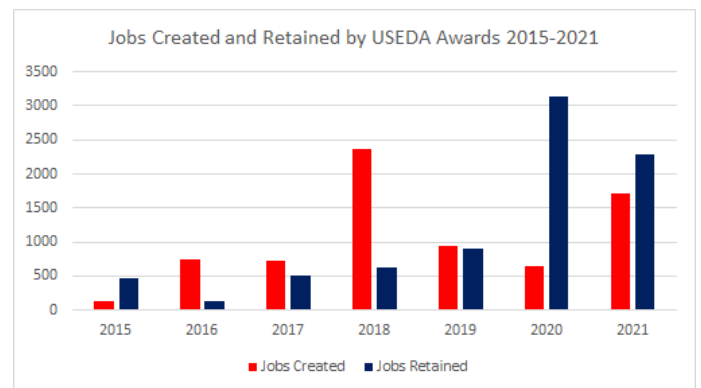
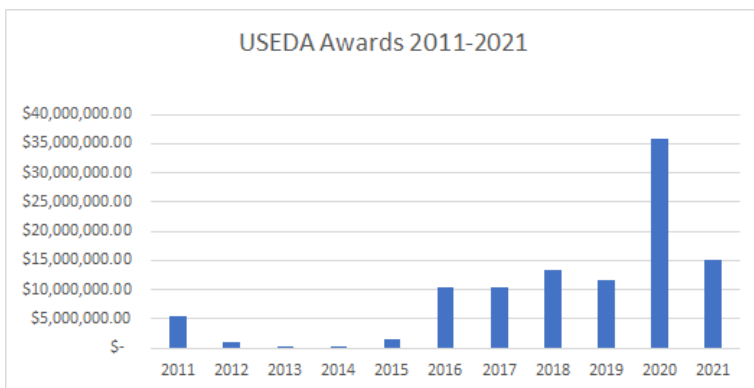


EDA INVESTMENT IN WEST VIRGINIA

SENATOR CAPITO'S WORK

After her election to the United States Senate, and as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Capito met with then-Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development Jay Williams in March 2015. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an overview of EDA's investments in West Virginia, and Senator Capito made it clear to the Assistant Secretary that the agency should be providing more resources, particularly infrastructure funding. As a result of that meeting EDA immediately hired a West Virginia-based economic development representative to assist in the development of a more robust project pipeline.

Since Senator Capito's meeting, EDA's investments in West Virginia have increased significantly. In addition to their annual support of the state's regional planning councils, EDA has awarded **\$97,786,957 in West Virginia projects since 2015** counting the announcements made during this event, with an annual **average of \$14 million per year.**



GROWING OPPORTUNITIES

Since Senator Capito's insistence that EDA hire a West Virginia economic development representative in 2015, **EDA investments into the state have increased 1335%.**

Funding for projects has been fairly evenly distributed across the state with more than **48 out of 55 counties** being covered by an EDA funded project during the period 2015-2020. Since enactment of the Opportunity Zone program, EDA has funded projects impacting **23 West Virginia Opportunity Zones.**

