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## ***Nonprofit community development organizations to receive funding for capacity building and technical assistance***

*- Program will work with organizations to increase their capacity for serving their communities -*

**Richmond, VA** – The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has announced \$140,000 in grants through the agency’s Office of Community Capacity Building (OCCB). The grants are being funded through Seed, a two-year capacity building and operational support program for nonprofits and local governments engaged in community development activities.

“We are committed to supporting programs and organizations working to improve the quality of life in communities throughout Virginia,” said DHCD Director Bill Shelton. “These grants will provide the funding and technical assistance they need to improve organizational performance.”

The awards of up to \$20,000 will be used by organizations for operating support and capacity building. In addition, they will receive training and technical assistance in strategic planning, board and staff development, financial management, fund development, marketing and communications, and information systems.

OCCB provides capacity building services in five key areas: organizational development and growth; organizational management; resource development; program development; and community relations and accountability.

Agencies engaged in community development activities were chosen based on a competitive application process. The Seed program is funded by an appropriation from the Virginia General Assembly. The goal of OCCB is to support sustainable organizations that improve the quality of life in the communities they serve.

<b>2008 grantees:</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>	<b>Location:</b>	<b>Contact Information:</b>
Central Virginia Housing Coalition (CVHC)	\$15,000	Fredericksburg, VA	(540) 604-9943, ext. 12, Gary Parker, Executive Director
Community Touch, Inc.	\$20,000	Bealeton, VA	(540) 439-9300, Tyrone Champion, Executive Director
Patrick Henry Community College Foundation	\$15,000	Martinsville, VA	(276) 656-0250, Natalie J. Harder, Executive Director
Robert Russa Moton Museum	\$20,000	Farmville, VA	(434) 315-8775, Lacy Ward, Jr., Executive Director

Staunton Creative Community Fund, Inc.	\$17,000	Staunton, VA	(540) 213-0333, <i>Anthony E. Smith, Executive Director</i>
Chesnut Creek School of the Arts	\$18,000	Galax, VA	(276) 233-8340, <i>Chris Shackelford, Executive Director</i>
Teen Venture	\$17,000	Richlands, VA	(276) 964-9109, <i>Dr. Glenn A. Harrison, Executive Director</i>
District One Community Action Group	\$18,000	Cape Charles, VA	(757) 331-4615, <i>William Hughes, Executive Director</i>

DHCD is committed to creating safe, affordable, and prosperous communities to live, work and do business in Virginia. DHCD partners with Virginia's communities to develop their economic potential, regulates Virginia's building and fire codes, provides training and certification for building officials, support for Virginia's homeless, and invests more than \$100 million each year into housing and community development projects throughout the state. By partnering with local governments, nonprofit groups, state and federal agencies, and others, DHCD is working to improve the quality of life for Virginians.

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