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Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development announces more than \$3.5 million in Community Development Block Grant Funding

~ Eight localities to receive funding for housing rehabilitation, downtown revitalization, workforce development, homeownership, business development programs and water and sewer projects ~

Richmond – The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) announced today \$3,599,136 in Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for the counties of Tazewell and Wise, the city of Staunton and the towns of Appalachia, Gate City, Pearisburg, Rich Creek and Vinton.

“The Community Development Block Grant program is a vital resource for the commonwealth to address needs in our communities that will increase vibrancy and economic success,” said DHCD Director Erik Johnston. “Through the CDBG program, local governments and partners are able to create strong, sustainable communities by improving housing, encouraging business development, addressing infrastructure needs and providing access to sewer and water.”

Since 1982, the federally-funded CDBG program has been administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), and Virginia receives approximately \$18.5 million annually for this grant program. CDBG grants are awarded through a competitive process. Four projects will receive funding through the second round of CDBG Competitive Funding. Most projects benefit low- and moderate-income persons, and many projects are targeted for the prevention or elimination of slums and blighting conditions.



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One project will be funded through the CDBG Construction-Ready Water and Sewer Fund, which provides assistance to projects providing public water or sewer service to communities made up of at least 60 percent low- to moderate-income households. Funds are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis from Jan. 1 through the end of September.

Three projects will be funded through the CDBG Innovation Program, which supports small-scale, innovative projects that improve the economic health of the community being served. Funds are distributed on a rolling basis from Jan. 1 through the end of September.

2018 CDBG Competitive Awards:

Locality	Project Name	Award
Town of Appalachia	<i>Old Bottom Housing Rehabilitation Project Phase I</i>	\$823,571
Town of Gate City	<i>Park Street Housing Rehabilitation</i>	\$522,200
Town Pearisburg	<i>Pearisburg Business District Revitalization</i>	\$699,090
Town of Rich Creek	<i>Rich Creek Business District Revitalization</i>	\$699,275
TOTAL:		\$2,744,136

2018 CDBG Construction Ready Water and Sewer Fund Awards:

Locality	Project Name	Award
Wise County	<i>Wells-Adams Sewer Extension Project</i>	\$255,000
TOTAL:		\$255,000

2018 CDBG Local Innovation Awards:

Locality	Project Name	Award
City of Staunton	<i>Staunton VIDA Program</i>	\$200,000
Tazewell County	<i>Automotive Service Excellence Program</i>	\$200,000
Town of Vinton	<i>Town of Vinton VIDA Program</i>	\$200,000
TOTAL:		\$600,000

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