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VHDA Receives HUD Funds to Support Housing Counseling and Education

RICHMOND, Va. – The Virginia Housing Development Authority recently received a grant for more than \$1.1 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to help Virginians make more informed housing choices, keep their current homes, or receive assistance to help them avoid foreclosure.

“This year’s grant will help 29 of Virginia’s HUD-approved housing counseling agencies provide tools to current and prospective homeowners and renters so that they can make responsible choices to address their housing needs in light of their financial situations,” said Kelly Gill-Gordon, VHDA Director of Grant Programs and Initiatives. “Agencies receiving these grant funds will provide services to address a full range of housing counseling needs, including assisting homebuyers in evaluating their readiness for a home purchase and navigating the homebuying process.”

These housing counseling organizations also help households find affordable rental housing, offer financial literacy training to individuals and families, and provide foreclosure prevention counseling to help homeowners facing delinquency or default to understand their options for avoiding foreclosure. In addition, these organizations assist homeless persons in finding transitional housing and help seniors determine whether a reverse mortgage makes sense for them.

VHDA’s grant recipients will provide counseling to individuals and families within designated Opportunity Zones, which aim to stimulate long-term investments in low-income communities by offering significant capital gains tax relief to those who invest in these distressed areas.

There are many ways to locate a HUD-approved housing counseling agency. [Visit HUD’s website](#) or call (800) 569-4287 for its interactive telephone directory. You can also [watch HUD’s video](#) on how housing counseling can help families find (and keep) housing.

VHDA is committed to supporting Virginia’s HUD Housing Counseling network through our partnership with HUD. For more information, visit [VHDA.com](#).

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VHDA's FY19 HUD Housing Counseling grant recipients are:

Organization	Award
Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission, Accomac, VA	\$36,454.00
Appalachian Community Action & Development Agency, Inc.(AppCAA), Gate City, VA	\$12,625.00
Blue Ridge Housing Network, Inc., Front Royal, VA	\$40,000.00
Central Virginia Housing Coalition, Fredericksburg, VA	\$40,000.00
Child & Family Services of Eastern Virginia D/B/A The Up Center, Norfolk, VA	\$50,426.00
Cornerstones, Reston, VA	\$50,426.00
Danville Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Danville, VA	\$40,000.00
First Home Alliance, Inc., Woodbridge, VA	\$50,426.00
Franklin Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Franklin, VA	\$30,000.00
Hampton Roads Community Action Program, Inc., Newport News, VA	\$40,000.00
Helping Overcome Poverty's Existence, Inc. (HOPE), Wytheville, VA	\$40,000.00
Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Virginia, Inc. (HOME), Richmond, VA	\$50,427.00
Korean Community Service Center of Greater Washington (KCSC), Annandale, VA	\$22,844.00
Lynchburg Community Action Group, Inc., Lynchburg, VA	\$50,426.00
New River Community Action, Inc., Radford, VA	\$40,000.00
Norfolk Redevelopment & Housing Authority - HomeNet Homeownership Center, Norfolk, VA	\$40,000.00
Northern Virginia Family Services, Oakton, VA	\$50,426.00
People Incorporated of Virginia, Abingdon, VA	\$50,426.00
Piedmont Housing Alliance, Charlottesville, VA	\$50,426.00
Quin Rivers, Inc., New Kent, VA	\$40,000.00
Skyline Community Action Partnership, Inc., Madison, VA	\$40,000.00
Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project, Inc., Roanoke, VA	\$47,293.00
Southside Community Development & Housing Corporation, Richmond, VA	\$50,426.00
Southside Outreach Group, South Boston, VA	\$19,250.00
STOP Inc., Virginia Beach, VA	\$40,000.00
Total Action Against Poverty D/B/A Total Action For Progress, Roanoke, VA	\$17,000.00
Virginia Cooperative Extension - Prince William Office, Manassas, VA	\$50,426.00
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University - VCE Rockingham County, Harrisonburg, VA	\$40,000.00
Volunteers of America Chesapeake, Inc., Leesburg, VA	\$40,000.00
Total Awards	\$1,169,727.00

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