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RRRC Announces Affordable Housing Grant Awards

First set of awards includes support for more than 100 new affordable units

The Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission (RRRC) is pleased to announce award of \$1 million in grant funding to three affordable housing developers in the region. Funding for the RRRC Housing Development Program was awarded by Virginia Housing as part of its REACH Virginia program. Additional awards are anticipated to be announced later this year.

The first set of awards includes two developments in Culpeper and one in Madison. "We are excited to announce these initial awards to Culpeper Community Development Corporation, People Incorporated, and Skyline Community Action Partnership. We look forward to the success of each development and for the addition of much-needed affordable housing units in the region," said RRRC Executive Director Patrick Mauney.

The awards announced today are:

Culpeper Community Development Corporation – *Parkside Apartments*

Culpeper Community Development Corporation, whose mission is to provide shelter and services in the Culpeper area through Culpeper Housing and Shelter Services, plans to develop 37 new rental units. The proposed property is planned to include a mix of one-, two-, and three-bedroom units to serve households earning at or below 60% Area Median Income for Culpeper County. Rental rates are anticipated to range from \$575 per month to \$900 per month based on unit size and the household's income.

People Incorporated – *Lightfoot Apartments*

People Incorporated, who works to address a lack of affordable housing in the communities they serve, plans to develop 60 new rental units. The proposed property plans to provide a mix of one-, two-, and three- bedroom units for households who earn at or below 60% Area Median Income for Culpeper County. Rental rates are anticipated to range from \$656 to \$1,247 depending on unit size and household income.

Skyline Community Action Partnership – *Barbara's House*

Skyline Community Action Partnership recently completed the purchase of the former Barbara's House building from the Madison Emergency Services Association (MESA). Along with five existing units,

Skyline CAP plans to renovate the building to add a sixth unit, along with new appliances and cosmetic changes. The property, which served as transitional housing from 2002 until the decision to close Barbara's House in 2020, consists of two- and three-bedroom units, which are expected to rent to households who earn at or below 80% Area Median Income for Madison County. Anticipated rental rates, according to HUD's Fair Market rental rates, are expected to be \$957 for a two-bedroom and \$1,183 for a three-bedroom per month.

More information on the RRRRC Housing Development Program can be found at rrregion.org/housingdevelopment

About the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission

The Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission serves the counties of Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, Orange, and Rappahannock, and the towns of Culpeper, Gordonsville, Madison, Orange, Remington, The Plains, Washington, and Warrenton. The 21-member RRRRC board includes elected and appointed officials appointed by each member jurisdiction. Localities with greater than 3,500 residents appoint two members to the regional commission, while localities with fewer than 3,500 residents appoint one member to the regional commission.

The Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission facilitates a collaborative approach to regional cooperation, and serves as a convening forum for the interaction of appointed and elected local government officials, regional stakeholders and citizen members. The Regional Commission coordinates a broad range of regional planning activities – including multi-modal and human services transportation, environmental planning, homelessness and affordable housing coordination, regional tourism, agricultural, and economic development activities. The Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission is located in Culpeper, VA, and can be found online at <https://www.rrregion.org/>.