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RRRC Seeks Applications to Develop New Affordable Housing

Funding part of \$2 million award from Virginia Housing's PDC Housing Development Program

The Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission (RRRC) is accepting proof of concept submissions from affordable housing developers for projects that will increase the number of affordable housing units within the Rappahannock-Rapidan region.

The proof of concept submission is the first step of the overall application process, and is designed to allow interested partners to provide a brief overview, goals, objectives and intended outcomes of proposed projects, as well as the anticipated funding request, number of units to be produced, organizational capacity, targeted income levels, and project location. Information collected in this step will enable the Regional Commission to determine the overall interest in the available funding and to identify those projects most suitable for funding. Selected projects will advance to a second application phase that will allow partners to submit detailed timelines, scopes of work, action plans, and to produce additional financial information for funding consideration.

"We are pleased to announce this process and to begin identifying partners that will increase the number of affordable housing units in the region," said RRRC Executive Director Patrick Mauney. "The grant received from Virginia Housing is timely, with the Commission's Regional Housing Study completed earlier in 2021, and our local government and housing partners indicating a growing need for diverse housing options across income levels in the region."

Funding for the RRRC Housing Development Program was awarded by Virginia Housing as part of REACH Virginia program. Along with each of Virginia's Planning District Commissions, RRRC was awarded a \$2 million grant to support development of affordable housing in the Rappahannock-Rapidan region.

More information on the RRRC 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 RRRC 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/>.