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Governor McDonnell Announces More Than \$6.2 Million in Community Development Block Grant Funding

Projects include downtown and economic revitalization, healthcare, improved housing and water service

RICHMOND – Governor Bob McDonnell today announced more than \$6.2 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for nine projects in Virginia.

“The Community Development Block Grant program is a long-standing, competitive program that improves the lives of Virginians,” said Governor McDonnell. “These grants truly help improve communities across the Commonwealth, whether it is through revitalization to a business district, improved water systems, housing rehabilitation or providing healthcare.”

Since 1982, the federally-funded CDBG program has been administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), and Virginia receives up to \$16 million annually for this “small cities” grant program. CDBG grants are awarded through a competitive process. Most projects benefit low- and moderate-income persons, and many projects are targeted for the prevention or elimination of slums and blighting conditions.

Two projects are noted as multi-year funding projects. Multi-year projects are those that will receive a contract allocating a portion of the funds this year and, after achieving specific performance targets, will then be eligible for additional funding.

“With a number of significant proposals submitted this year, it was a very competitive cycle for the CDBG program,” said DHCD Director Bill Shelton. “Our resources are utilized to maximize assistance to our citizens and communities throughout Virginia.”

2012 CDBG Competitive Grant Awards:

Locality	Project Name	CDBG Award
Town of Appalachia	Exeter Water Line Replacement Project	\$ 887,500
Buchanan County	Hurley Regional Water Project, Phase IIIB	\$ 1,000,000
Town of Montross	Downtown Montross Revitalization Project	\$ 530,000
Shenandoah County	Shenandoah County Free Clinic Expansion Project	\$ 700,000
Town of Tazwell	Drytown Sewer Project	\$ 720,000
Town of Vinton	Downtown Vinton Business District Revitalization Project	\$ 700,000
Washington County	Mendota Water System Improvements	\$ 356,800
City of Galax	Galax Bottom Neighborhood Revitalization <i>Multi-year Funding</i>	\$ 800,000
Town of Keysville	Keysville Downtown Revitalization Project <i>Multi-year Funding</i>	\$ 568,750
	Total Recommended	\$ 6,236,050