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**GOVERNOR KAINE ANNOUNCES MORE THAN \$14
MILLION IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT FUNDING**

~Approximately 3,790 Virginians will benefit from improved housing, wastewater services, job creation and economic revitalization projects ~

RICHMOND – Governor Timothy M. Kaine today announced \$14,134,490 in federal funding for 22 community development projects through the Virginia Community Development Block Grant (VCDBG) program. The grants, which will fund a variety of projects – from housing revitalization to water and sewer infrastructure, to broadband and economic and downtown revitalization – are expected to benefit 3,790 Virginians, of which 2,899 are low-to-moderate income.

“These community improvement projects address a number of critical issues throughout the Commonwealth,” said Governor Kaine. “While a majority of these awards go toward creating safe and affordable housing and water for Virginians, there is also important funding for broadband, and economic and downtown revitalization efforts that will help our communities grow and improve the quality of life for their citizens.”

“We feel these projects will result in significant benefits for the citizens of Virginia,” said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Patrick Gottschalk. “These grants also provide communities with additional opportunities for future growth.”

Since 1982, the federally-funded VCDBG program has been administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), and Virginia receives up to \$19 million annually for this “small cities” grant program. VCDBG 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.

Several projects are noted as either Multi-Year or Letter-of-Intent projects. Multi-year projects are those that will receive a contract allocating funds for one year, and after achieving specific performance targets, will then be eligible for another year of funding. Letter-of-Intent projects are those which will be awarded after the locality meets specific targets.

“Quality of life for Virginians means having a safe, affordable and prosperous community in which to live, work and do business,” said Bill Shelton, DHCD Director. “Creating better

communities in which to live is the goal of our agency, and these grants are focused directly on that goal.”

Details of the grant award projects and amounts are listed below:

| Project Title | Locality | Elected Official | Funding Sources | Funds Total |
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| Old Madison Heights Revitalization Project – Phase I Stump Hill Area Multi-Year | Amherst, County of | Vernon L. Wood, Chairman, Board of Supervisors | CDBG | \$ 1,098,449 |
| | | | State IPR | 29,385 |
| | | | USDA – RD | 22,500 |
| | | | Local | 40,175 |
| | | | TOTAL | \$ 1,190,509 |

Project Description: The county will address substandard housing and infrastructure conditions in the Stump Hill community, as the first step of the larger Old Madison Heights neighborhood revitalization. The project will include the rehabilitation of eight owner-occupied homes, the substantial reconstruction of one owner-occupied home, the rehabilitation of one rental home, demolition and clearance of three vacant and dilapidated structures, installation of approximately 1,450 linear feet of water line, connection of sanitary sewer to five homes, and roadway and drainage improvements. The project is expected to benefit approximately 42 persons, at least 34 of whom are low-to-moderate income.

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| Simmons Drive Community Improvement Project Multi-Year | Brunswick, County of | Welton Tyler, Chairman, Board of Supervisors | CDBG | \$ 1,102,510 |
| | | | Local | 25,345 |
| | | | TOTAL | \$ 1,127,855 |

Project Description: The county will reduce substandard housing conditions and improve infrastructure in the Simmons Drive community. The project will include the rehabilitation of five owner-occupied homes; the substantial reconstruction of one owner-occupied home; the rehabilitation of five renter occupied homes; the demolition and removal of two dilapidated vacant structures; the installation of 1,770 linear feet of water line, 2,620 linear feet of gravity sewer, 2,700 linear feet of one-and-one-half-inch sewer force main, and appurtenances; and the construction of approximately 3,000 centerline feet of residential street. The project is expected to benefit 51 persons, 46 of whom are low-to-moderate income.

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| Haysi to Big A Mountain Water Project, Phase III | Buchanan, County of | James Carroll Branham, Chairman, Board of Supervisors | CDBG | \$ 1,000,000 |
| | | | ARC | 500,000 |
| | | | AML | 2,361,325 |
| | | | SWVA Water/WV Fund | 170,790 |
| | Dickenson, County of | Roger Stanley, Chairman, Board of Supervisors | Coalfield Water Development | 185,000 |
| | | | Local PSA | 142,475 |
| | | | TOTAL | \$ 4,359,590 |

Project Description: The counties will provide for the extension of public water service to priority areas identified in the Coalfields Regional Water Study. Presently households in this area are served by wells and springs that have been shown to poor quality and diminished quantity. Water tests have revealed that many water sources contain unsafe levels of coliform bacteria and other contaminants such as high levels of iron. The project will connect a total of 210 households to safe and adequate source of potable water and is expected to serve 348 persons, 233 of whom are low-to-moderate income.

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| Hurley Flood Recovery Housing Project – Phase V | Buchanan, County of | James Carroll Branham, | CDBG | \$ 775,000 |
| | | | Local | 200,000 |

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| | | Chairman, Board of Supervisors | TOTAL | \$ 975,000 |
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Project Description: The county will rehabilitate one home and substantially reconstruct 13 homes as the final phase of the Hurley Flood Recovery Project, which to date has addressed over 70 homes. This project will provide safe and suitable housing for 37 persons, all of whom are low-to-moderate income.

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| West Fourth Street Community Improvement Project | Chase City, Town of | Eddie Bratton, Mayor | CDBG Local TOTAL | \$ 1,250,990 6,740 \$ 1,257,730 |
| Multi-Year | | | | |

Project Description: The town will reduce substandard housing and infrastructure conditions for the West Fourth Street community. The project will include the rehabilitation of nine owner-occupied homes; the substantial reconstruction of five owner-occupied home; the rehabilitation of seven renter occupied homes; the demolition and removal of two dilapidated vacant structures; the installation of 1,740 linear feet of water line, 1,780 linear feet of eight-inch sewer line, and the installation of culverts and drainage improvements. The project is expected to benefit 52 persons, all of whom are low-to-moderate income.

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| Chincoteague Broadband Network Project | Chincoteague, Town of | John H. Tarr, Mayor | CDBG U.S. Fish & Wildlife Local TOTAL | \$ 540,990 25,000 100,000 \$ 665,990 |
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Project Description: The town will install an open access broadband network to support local communication needs and future broadband deployment. The project will include the installation of approximately 35,000 linear feet of 96 strand fiber optic cable, the installation of necessary electronics, and connection to the collocation center to access the broadband backbone. The project is expected to create at least 20 new jobs, of which at least half will be for low-to-moderate income persons, and improved access to healthcare.

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| Washington Park Community Development Program – Phase IV | Greenville, County of | Peggy R. Wiley, Chairman, Board of Supervisors | CDBG Private Local TOTAL | \$ 973,300 137,500 129,700 \$ 1,240,500 |
| Multi-Year | | | | |

Project Description: The county will complete the next phase of the larger Washington Park neighborhood revitalization. The project will include the rehabilitation of one owner-occupied home, the rehabilitation of five rental homes, the substantial reconstruction of eight owner-occupied homes, the creation of five new low-to-moderate income home owners, and the installation of approximately 550 linear feet of storm water drainage pipe, 500 linear feet of curb and gutter, 80 square yards of entrance gutter, 500 linear feet of sidewalk, and at least four additional street lights. The project is expected to benefit at least 40 persons, 33 of whom are low-to-moderate income.

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| South Street Neighborhood Improvement Project | Henry, County of | Jim Adams, Chairman, Board of Supervisors | CDBG VDEM Weatherization USDA-RD Private Local TOTAL | \$ 1,400,000 313,362 194,000 115,862 27,400 118,959 \$ 2,169,853 |
| Multi-Year | | | | |

Project Description: The county will implement a neighborhood improvement project in the South Street area

of the Bassett community. The project will include the rehabilitation of four owner-occupied homes, the rehabilitation of ten renter occupied single-family homes and four multi-family renter occupied units, the substantial reconstruction of three owner-occupied homes, demolition and removal of two dilapidated vacant structures, 5,500 cubic yards of excavation, 1,340 linear feet of ditches, 3,554 square yards of new road construction, and the replacement of 1,570 linear feet of water line and 2,125 linear feet of sewer line. The project is expected to benefit 49 persons, 47 of who are low-to-moderate income.

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| Mary Ball Road Neighborhood Improvement Project | Kilmarnock, Town of | Dr. Curtis H. Smith, Mayor | CDBG | \$ 1,385,455 |
| | | | State-IPR | 119,850 |
| | | | Weatherization | 77,100 |
| | | | Private | 7,500 |
| | | | Local | <u>951,249</u> |
| | | | TOTAL | \$ 2,541,154 |
| Multi-Year | | | | |

Project Description: The town will provide improvements and infrastructure to the Mary Ball Road community. The project will include the rehabilitation of 12 owner-occupied homes, the rehabilitation of six rental homes, the substantial reconstruction of four owner-occupied homes, demolition and clearance of four abandoned, dilapidated structures, and the installation of 5,119 linear feet of eight-inch water line, 307 linear feet of water service line, 26 water meters, 5,478 linear feet of eight-inch gravity sewer line, 5,359 linear feet of four-inch sewer force main, 420 linear feet of sewer service line, 31 sewer connections, and appurtenances. The project will benefit at least 60 persons, 49 of whom are low-to-moderate income.

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| Angel Court Housing Production | King George, County of | Joseph W. Grezieka, Chairman, Board of Supervisors | CDBG | \$ 680,000 |
| | | | VHDA loan | 735,000 |
| | | | VHDA grant | 220,000 |
| | | | HOME | 500,000 |
| | | | LIHTC | 2,647,000 |
| | | | Private | 512,346 |
| | | | Local | <u>175,000</u> |
| | | | TOTAL | \$ 5,469,346 |
| Letter of Intent | | | | |

Project Description: The county will complete infrastructure improvements in support of the development of 24 units of affordable rental housing for low-income and disabled residents of the County. The project will include construction of 975 linear feet of VDOT public access road, two commercial entrances, 650 linear feet of eight-inch water line, 785 linear feet of four-inch sewer force main, and storm water / drainage improvements. The project is expected to benefit 114 persons, all of whom are low-to-moderate income.

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| Blackwater – Lee County Water Project | Lee, County of | Carl Bailey, Chairman, Board of Supervisors | CDBG | \$ 1,000,000 |
| | | | Health Dept. | <u>1,069,774</u> |
| | | | TOTAL | \$ 2,069,774 |

Project Description: The county will provide public water service to approximately 90 households in the Blackwater community. The project will include the construction of approximately 40,000 linear feet of eight-inch water line, 25,000 linear feet of six-inch water line, 1,100 linear feet of four-inch water line, 600 linear feet of two-inch water line, 9,900 linear feet of three-quarter-inch service line, a 50,000 gallon water storage tank, and a booster pump station. The project is expected to benefit approximately 200 persons, 125 of whom are low-to-moderate income.

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| Old Woodway Road Extention – Phase II | Lee, County of | Carl Bailey, Chairman, Board of Supervisors | CDBG | \$ 250,000 |
| | | | Local | <u>107,114</u> |
| | | | TOTAL | \$ 357,114 |

Project Description: The county will provide public water service to the remaining 20 households in the Old Woodway community. The project will include the construction of approximately 8,797 linear feet of eight-inch water line, one pressure reduction station, and appurtenances. The project is expected to benefit

approximately 45 persons, 30 of whom are low-to-moderate income.

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| Pearl Avenue and Buchanan Street Housing Rehabilitation Project | Marion, Town of | David P. Helms, Mayor | CDBG Local TOTAL | \$ 715,190 <u>36,000</u> \$ 751,190 |
| Multi-Year | | | | |

Project Description: The town will address substandard housing conditions in the Pearl Avenue and Buchanan Street community. The project includes the rehabilitation 15 owner-occupied houses, the rehabilitation 6 renter-occupied properties, the substantially reconstruction of one owner-occupied home, and demolition and removal of two vacant blighted structures in addition to general debris and trash removal. The project is expected to benefit 46 persons, all of whom are low-to-moderate income.

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| Route 92 Waterline Extension Project | Mecklenburg, County of | Glenn E. Barbour, Chairman, Board of Supervisors | CDBG Tobacco Commission EDA Local TOTAL | \$ 1,000,000 1,000,000 1,250,000 <u>700,000</u> \$ 3,950,000 |
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Project Description: The county will install a water main to connect the Town of Chase City's water distribution system to address concerns with the town's water supply which has repeatedly received violations for water quality problems. The project will include the construction of 54,483 linear feet of twelve-inch water line, 27 gate valves, a booster pump station, related appurtenances, and the replacement of approximately 4,890 linear feet of water line within the Town. The project is expected to benefit 2,169 persons, 1,623 of whom are low-to-moderate income.

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| Skipwith Road II Housing Rehabilitation Project | Mecklenburg, County of | Glenn E. Barbour, Chairman, Board of Supervisors | CDBG Local TOTAL | \$ 600,700 <u>1,260</u> \$ 601,960 |
| Multi-Year | | | | |

Project Description: The county will improve the housing conditions for low-to-moderate income residents of the Skipwith Road community. The project includes the rehabilitation of nine owner occupied homes, the rehabilitation of three tenant occupied homes, the substantial reconstruction of three owner occupied homes, and the demolition of two severely dilapidated vacant structures. The project will benefit 41 low-to-moderate income persons.

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| Dora Highway Neighborhood Revitalization Project | Pulaski, Town of | Jeff Worrell, Mayor | CDBG HOME State – SHOP Weatherization Private Local TOTAL | \$ 1,400,000 319,000 75,000 92,750 501,000 <u>401,686</u> \$ 2,789,436 |
| Multi-Year | | | | |

Project Description: The town will provide a broad range of improvements to the Dora Highway Neighborhood. The project will include the rehabilitation of ten owner-occupied homes, the substantial reconstruction of owner-occupied homes, the rehabilitation of four rental homes, the acquisition of six lots for the construction of six new homes for sale to first-time low-to-moderate income homebuyers, demolition and clearance of 14 vacant and blighted structures, and the installation of 3,000 linear feet of upgraded and "loop connection" water line, resurfacing of 1,628 linear feet of existing streets, improvements to one intersection and the construction of two cul-de-sacs. The project will benefit 154 persons, 137 of whom are low-to-moderate income.

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| Dante – Sawmill Hollow Housing Rehabilitation Project | Russell, County of | Danny Brown, Chairman, Board of Supervisors | CDBG Local TOTAL | \$ 467,000 <u>62,400</u> \$ 529,400 |
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Project Description: The county will rehabilitate one home, substantially reconstruct six homes, and remove 16 vacant and severely dilapidated structures in the Dante-Sawmill Hollow Community. The project is expected to benefit 15 persons, all of whom are low-to-moderate income.

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| American Tobacco Warehouse Renovation Project: Advanced Manufacturing Technology Program | South Boston, Town of | Carroll Thackston, Mayor | CDBG Tobacco Commission Historic Tax Credits TOTAL | \$ 700,000 6,000,000 <u>4,335,903</u> \$ 11,035,903 |
| Letter of Intent | | | | |

Project Description: The town will purchase advanced manufacturing technology equipment to support the Advanced Manufacturing Technology portion of the Innovation Center, a component of the American Tobacco Warehouse Renovation Project. This program will produce 60 persons receiving a Certification and Associate Degree of Applied Science, 48 persons receiving an Associate Degree, 39 persons receiving a Certificate, and 15 persons receiving job training in Advanced Manufacturing. Of the 162 persons who have completed coursework, 118 will be low-to moderate income.

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| Middle Creek Water Line Extension Project | Tazewell, County of | David R. Anderson, Chairman, Board of Supervisors | CDGB SWVA Water/WV Fund Local TOTAL | \$ 437,500 155,283 <u>25,000</u> \$ 617,783 |
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Project Description: The county will provide water service from the Town of Cedar Bluff water system to 35 households in the Middle Creek community. The project will include approximately 7,000 linear feet of six-inch water line, 7,000 linear feet of four-inch water line, a pump station, and 35 water meters. The project is expected to benefit 74 persons, 53 of whom are low-to-moderate income.

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| Arch/Market Neighborhood Project | Waynesboro, City of | Timothy D. Williams, Mayor | CDBG Local TOTAL | \$ 684,000 <u>10,000</u> \$ 694,000 |
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Project Description: The city will undertake an effort to address substandard housing conditions and the potential for flooding in the Arch / Market Street Neighborhood. The project will include the rehabilitation of eleven owner-occupied homes, one of which will be elevated, and the substantial reconstruction of four homes, two of which are owner occupied and two of which will become homeowners through the project. The project is expected to benefit 41 low-to-moderate income persons.

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| Wise Inn Restoration and Redevelopment | Wise, County of | Robert E. Robbins, Jr., Chairman, Board of Supervisors | CDBG ARC Tobacco Commission VCEDA Historic Tax Credits Local TOTAL | \$ 700,000 277,574 1,100,000 1,200,000 3,942,426 <u>880,000</u> \$ 8,100,000 |
| Letter of Intent | | | | |

Project Description: The county will partner with the Wise County Industrial Development Authority will oversee the redevelopment of the historic Wise Inn property. The Inn will be a hub for regional tourism and is expected to host a variety of educational, cultural, and entertainment activities. The restoration will result in an upscale, 40-room hotel, restaurant, conference and meeting space, and additional parking. Approximately 30 jobs are expected to be created as a result of the Inn's operation, at least half of which will be for low-to-moderate income persons.

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| Wise Downtown Revitalization Project | Wise, County of | Caynor Smith, Mayor | CDBG Private Local TOTAL | \$ 700,000 83,800 <u>502,117</u> \$ 1,285,917 |
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Project Description: The town will complete a variety of improvements in its central business district that are designed to contribute to the overall economic restructuring of the Town. The project will include the construction of the Gateway Gardens, including a pedestrian plaza and turning radius improvements, façade improvements to at least seven downtown commercial properties, and construction of the Big Glades Square community events and performance space. The project will result in the removal of all physical and economic blight in the Town's business district.