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**Governor Kaine Announces Nearly \$10 Million in Community Block Grants
– More than 13,000 Virginians will benefit from improved water and health care
services, downtown revitalization, housing rehabilitation, and more –**

RICHMOND – Governor Timothy M. Kaine today announced nearly \$10 million in Virginia Community Development Block Grant (VCDBG) funding for 18 Virginia localities. The grants will benefit low- and moderate-income residents and will support community and economic development projects such as housing creation and rehabilitation, public water and sewer systems, downtown revitalization, and health care programs.

“Every Virginian deserves safe and affordable housing, access to clean water and quality health care facilities, as well as the ability to live in communities where they can make a decent living,” said Governor Kaine. “Each year, these grant awards help more of our communities reach those goals.”

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.

From the 19 approved projects, seven will focus on housing rehabilitation, four on economic and downtown revitalization, six on water and sewer services, and two on healthcare provisions.

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.

“At DHCD we are focused on creating a higher quality of life in Virginia communities,” said Bill Shelton, DHCD Director. “These grants address the quality of life in Virginia from the standards of housing and water, to the provision of healthcare and the revitalization of downtowns and economic opportunities for Virginians.”

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

| Project Title | Locality | Elected Official | Funding Sources | Funds Total |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Bon Secours Blackstone Medical Center | Blackstone, Town of | William D. Coleburn, Mayor | CDBG | \$ 718,740 |
| | | | Local | <u>1,913,639</u> |
| | | | TOTAL | \$ 2,632,369 |

Project Description: The Town will relocate and expand the current Blackstone Family Center to better meet the medical needs of the community. The current facility can no longer accept new patients and can only accommodate one physician because of space constraints. Additionally, patients requiring

emergency care, X-rays, lab work, or a number of other services must be referred to the nearest emergency room. Through this project, a 9,500 square foot facility will be constructed. A projected 9,600 clients will be treated annually at the facility, of which approximately 72 percent will be low- and moderate- income.

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| Lynn Camp creek Waterline Extension, Phase 1 | Buchanan County | James Carrol Branham, Board of Supervisors Chair | CDBG | \$ 653,083 |
| | | | Thompson Foundation | 45,202 |
| | | | Local | <u>14,100</u> |
| | | | TOTAL | \$ 712,385 |
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Project Description: The County will provide a public water system for a community that currently experiences problems with the quantity and quality of the available water sources. Presently, these households are not served by a public water distribution system and many households have to purchase water to meet their needs. The project will provide for the installation of 10,300 linear feet of six- inch water line, 4,475 linear feet of three-quarter- inch service line, 1,500 linear feet of one- inch service line, 1,000 linear feet of two-inch service line, and 61 service meters. A total of 129 persons will benefit from this project, of whom 70 are low- to moderate- income.

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| Long Forks Sewer Project | Clintwood, Town of | Donald Baker, Mayor | CDBG | \$ 937,500 |
| | | | ARC | 500,000 |
| | | | Southwest Virginia Water / Wastewater Program | 269,616 |
| | | | Local | <u>10,000</u> |
| | | | TOTAL | \$ 1,717,116 |

Project Description: The Town will complete a project that will provide a reliable and safe source of sewage treatment for the Long Forks community. The project will result in the installation of 15,615 linear feet of eight- inch sewer line, 1,945 linear feet of six- inch sewer line, 3,115 linear feet of four- inch force main line, 1,875 linear feet of four- inch sewer line, one pump station, and service line for 46 low- to moderate- income households. Three homes that currently lack complete indoor plumbing will be rehabilitated as well. The project will benefit a total of 138 persons, of whom 95 are low- and moderate- income persons.

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| Cassell's Chapel Clinic Wastewater Extension Project | Dungannon, Town of | Philip Osborne, Mayor | CDBG | \$ 200,000 |
| | | | Southern Rivers Program | 465,987 |
| | | | Private | <u>10,000</u> |
| | | | TOTAL | \$ 675,987 |
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Project Description: The Town will provide public wastewater to 16 households that are currently directly discharging into local streams or have a nonconforming means of wastewater disposal. The project will also provide wastewater service to a site that will house a medical clinic to be operated by Clinch River Health Services. The project will benefit a total of 38 persons, of whom 34 are low- and moderate- income persons.

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| Galax Downtown Revitalization Project | Galax, City of | C.M. Mitchell, Mayor | CDBG | \$ 700,000 |
| | | | Tobacco Commission | 31,375 |
| | | | VDOT | 55,402 |
| | | | DHCD | 25,000 |
| | | | ARC | 300,000 |
| | | | Local | 943,000 |
| | | | Private | <u>643,263</u> |
| | | | TOTAL | \$ 2,698,040 |

Project Description: The City will revitalize the central business district area through the elimination of physical blight and removal of barriers to economic development. Bringing together public and private partners, the project will create a façade program to improve 24 structures in the project area. The project will result in the adaptive re-use of several properties to develop a new visitor center, completion of construction activities related to the Chestnut Creek School of the Arts, extension of the New River Trail into the downtown, and renovation of the Rex Theatre. Infrastructure improvements include the resurfacing and installation of curb, lighting, signage, and landscaping for two City-owned parking lots, installation of 272 linear feet of sidewalk, resurfacing of 3,791 square yards of alleyways, installation of 1,358 linear feet of fiber optic conduit, and replacement of 300 linear feet of two- inch water line.

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| Washington Park Community Development, Phase III | Greensville, County of | Peggy R. Wiley, Board of Supervisors Chair | CDBG | \$ 678,000 |
| | | | Private | 36,000 |
| | | | Local | <u>209,100</u> |
| | | | TOTAL | \$ 923,100 |

Project Description: The County will substantially improve the living conditions in the Washington Park community by rehabilitating substandard housing and correcting deficient infrastructure issues. This project will result in the rehabilitation of 13 houses, substantial reconstruction of four houses, and demolition of one vacant, dilapidated unit. The County will also create affordable homeownership opportunities for two low- to moderate- income families who are currently leasing their housing units. Infrastructure improvements will also be completed, to include the installation of 472 linear feet of storm drainage pipe, 450 linear feet of curb and gutter, 100 square yards of entrance gutter, 450 linear feet of sidewalk, and installation of three streetlights. A 2,400 square foot recreational and education facility will also be renovated. The project will benefit a total of 44 persons, of whom 41 are low- and moderate-income persons.

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| Georgia-Pacific Site Redevelopment Project | Halifax, County of | William I. Fitzgerald, Board of Supervisors Chair | CDBG | \$ 700,000 |
| | | | Federal | <u>481,296</u> |
| | | | TOTAL | \$ 1,181,296 |

Project Description: The County will remove an economically blighting influence through the demolition and clearance of the 166,000 square foot former Georgia-Pacific building. The site, once cleared, will offer a premier location for new and expanding enterprises in the County. As a result of this project, the County projects that up to 300 new jobs will be created as new industries locate to the redeveloped site.

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| Cherry Street Neighborhood Improvement Project | Martinsville, City of | Kimble Reynolds, Mayor | CDBG | \$ 1,237,011 |
| | | | Indoor Plumbing Program | 269,000 |
| | | | Private | 503,000 |
| | | | Local | <u>299,194</u> |
| | | | TOTAL | \$ 2,308,205 |

Project Description: The City will undertake a comprehensive community development project to improve the living conditions for residents of the Cherry Street Neighborhood. A total of 12 homes will be rehabilitated to DHCD Housing Quality Standards and ten homes will be substantially reconstructed. Seven new homes will be constructed and made available to first-time homebuyers. The project will also result in the installation of 1,400 linear feet of water line, one fire hydrant, 200 linear feet of storm drainage culverts, repaving of 2,500 linear feet of roadway, and 1,600 linear feet of new sidewalk. A total of 76 persons will benefit from this project, of whom 70 are low- and moderate- income.

Multi-year offer

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| West Fairview Housing Rehabilitation Project | Northampton, County of | Susanne Westcoat, Board of Supervisors Chair | CDBG | \$ 592,400 |
| | | | Eastern Shore Housing Corporation | 24,000 |
| | | | Southeast Rural CAP | 9,500 |
| | | | Local | <u>2,300</u> |
| | | | TOTAL | \$ 628,200 |

Project Description: The Town will provide housing rehabilitation to a total of 12 substandard homes in the Fairview community. A total of five homes will be rehabilitated and seven homes will be substantially reconstructed (replaced) to meet DHCD Housing Quality Standards. Two of the homes are renter occupied and will be converted to first time homeownership for the occupants. The project will benefit a total of 27 persons, all of whom are low- and moderate- income.

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| Witcher Road Water and Sewer Project | Pittsylvania, County of | Coy E. Harville, Board of Supervisors Chairman | CDBG | \$ 467,500 |
| | | | Southeast Rural CAP | 3,600 |
| | | | Local | <u>32,400</u> |
| | | | TOTAL | \$ 503,500 |

Project Description: The County will improve the Witcher Road community through the construction of

a public water and sewer system. Presently, over half of the homes do not have adequate indoor plumbing and pose a contamination problem for the adjacent creek. The project will result in the installation of 2,985 linear feet of twelve- inch water line, 1,675 linear feet of six- inch water line, six fire hydrants, 2,500 linear feet of eight- inch gravity sewer line, and one pump station. The project will benefit a total of 22 persons, all of whom are low- and moderate- income.

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| Town of Pound Business District Revitalization Project | Pound, Town of | Sarah J. Gilliam, Mayor | CDBG | \$ 700,000 |
| | | | Rural Broadband | 25,000 |
| | | | VDOT | 85,235 |
| | | | Tobacco Commission | 176,864 |
| | | | Virginia Tourism | 2,940 |
| | | | Department of Health | 272,000 |
| | | | EDA | 36,607 |
| | | | Private | 349,000 |
| | | | Local | 117,000 |
| | TOTAL | | \$ 1,764,646 | |

Project Description: Through numerous public and private partnerships, the Town will implement a revitalization project to transform the downtown area into a revitalized business district. As a result of this project, a façade program will be implemented to improve 25 storefronts. Additionally, infrastructure improvements will include the installation of 1,800 linear feet of concrete and gutter, 1,000 linear feet of storm drain, 30 street lights, 10,318 linear feet of aerial broadband conduit, 22,991 linear feet of buried broadband conduit, 3,880 linear feet of water line, and 600 linear feet of sewer line replacement. The Town will also implement a comprehensive economic restructuring plan to take advantage of its history and relationship to the Crooked Road: Virginia’s Heritage Music Trail.

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| Elberon Heights Comprehensive Improvement Project | Surry County | John Seward, Board of Supervisors Chairman | CDBG | \$ 646,825 |
| | | | Indoor Plumbing | 275,000 |
| | | | Local | 62,000 |
| | | | TOTAL | \$ 983,825 |

Project Description: The Town will provide housing rehabilitation to a total of 11 substandard homes in the Elberon Heights community. A total of 10 homes will be rehabilitated and one home will be substantially reconstructed (replaced) to meet DHCD Housing Quality Standards. One household living in substandard conditions will be relocated. Other activities to be accomplished through this project include installation of 2,300 linear feet of six- inch sewer line, 350 linear feet of two- inch force main, installation of service laterals, and removal of trash, debris, and junk vehicles. The project will benefit a total of 35 persons, of whom 31 are low- and moderate- income.

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| Route 102/Falls Mills Road Water and Sewer Project | Tazewell County | William B. Rasnick, Board of Supervisors Chairman | CDBG | \$ 375,000 |
| | | | Southeast Rural CAP | 76,500 |
| | | | Southern Rivers Program | 72,700 |
| | | | Coalfield Water Fund | 50,000 |
| | | | Local | 25,470 |
| | | | TOTAL | \$ 599,670 |

Project Description: The County will provide a public water and sewer system for the Route 102 and Falls Mills Road communities. The residents in these areas rely on individual private water systems which are generally poor in quality and do not provide an adequate quantity to meet their daily needs. Additionally, due to the lack of adequate wastewater systems, many homes are straight-piping raw sewage into the Bluestone River. This project will result in the installation of 2,200 linear feet of four- inch water line, 8,900 linear feet of six- inch water line, 2,000 linear feet of service line, 16 service meters, 600 linear feet of four- inch effluent sewer, 450 linear feet of three- inch laterals, 1,650 linear feet of eight- inch sewer, one grinder pump station, and 300 linear feet of two- inch force main. A total of 33 persons will benefit from this project, of whom 24 are low- and moderate- income.

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| Jackson and 3rd Street Homeownership Project | Waynesboro, City of | Thomas W. Reynolds, Mayor | CDBG | \$ 531,735 |
| | | | VHDA | 1,400,000 |
| | | | Local | 135,000 |
| | | | HOME | 70,000 |
| | | | TOTAL | \$ 2,136,735 |

Project Description: The City will provide affordable housing opportunities in the Jackson and 3rd Street neighborhood through the acquisition of open lots and construction of single-family homes. A total

of 14 lots will be developed and housing will be made available to 14 low- to moderate income first time homebuyers. The project will benefit approximately 35 persons, all of whom are low- and moderate-income.

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| Bold Camp Sewer Project | Wise, County of | Ronnie Short, Board of Supervisors Chairman | CDBG | \$ 947,090 |
| | | | Southern Rivers Program | 489,482 |
| | | | Local | <u>62,500</u> |
| | | | TOTAL | \$ 1,499,072 |

Project Description: The County will provide wastewater service to the Right Fork section of the Bold Camp community. There are a large number of homes in this community that straight-pipe into the water system or have non-conforming systems, posing a serious health threat to the residents. The project will provide for the installation of 15,505 linear feet of four- inch sewer line, 23,925 linear feet of two- inch sewer line, installation of 125 wastewater treatment systems. A total of 356 persons will benefit from this project, of whom 288 are low- and moderate- income.

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| Castle Trailer Park Community Improvement Project | Blackstone, Town of | William D. Coleburn, Mayor | CDBG | \$ 313,090 |
| | | | Indoor Plumbing Program | 646,465 |
| | | | Local | <u>242,815</u> |
| | | | TOTAL | \$ 1,202,370 |

Project Description: The Town will undertake a project that will significantly improve the living conditions of residents of the Castle Trailer Park. Through this project, ten dilapidated mobile homes will be acquired, demolished, and replaced with stick-built homes. The residents will enter into homeownership counseling and maintenance courses and will work with counselors to clean up any credit issues and begin saving toward the price of a home. This project will also result in the installation of water and sewer laterals, correction of drainage problems, and completion of additional site work. The project will benefit a total of 21 persons, all of whom are low- and moderate- income persons.

Letter-of-Intent

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| Craig County Health Project | Craig, County of | Helen Looney, Board of Supervisors Chairman | CDBG | \$ 700,000 |
| | | | Health Resources and Service Administration | 1,050,000 |
| | | | Private | 242,500 |
| | | | Local | <u>307,500</u> |
| | | | TOTAL | \$ 2,300,000 |

Project Description: Craig County, in partnership with Monroe Health Center, will establish a sliding scale health center that will offer primary care, mental health, and a pharmacy assistance program. Craig County is a Health Professional Shortage area and has not had a primary care provider for over two years. The project will provide for the renovation of 967 square feet of an existing building, construction of a 3,696 square foot building, and site work. A projected 2,749 new clients will be treated annually at the facility, of which approximately 60 percent will be low- and moderate- income.

Letter-of-Intent

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| Saint Paul Business District Revitalization Project | Saint Paul, Town of | Jack Kiser, Mayor | CDBG | \$ 991,104 |
| | | | Tobacco Commission | 300,000 |
| | | | ARC | 300,000 |
| | | | Local | 801,000 |
| | | | Virginia Coalfield EDA | 475,000 |
| | | | Private | 230,000 |
| | | | VDOT | <u>612,685</u> |
| | | | TOTAL | \$ 3,709,789 |

Project Description: The Town will implement a business district revitalization and upper story housing rehabilitation project that will eliminate physical blight and remove barriers to economic development. Through this project, the Town will relocate 12 households to decent, safe, and sanitary housing, improve 13 storefronts through a façade program, renovate the historic Hillman House into a Welcome Center, provide for the adaptive reuse of the Willis Building, and rehabilitate 11 substandard upper floor apartments to DHCD Housing Quality Standards. Infrastructure improvements include replacement of 1,711 linear feet of sidewalk, 300 linear feet of curb and gutter, replacement of 12 driveway entrances,

placement of overhead wires to underground, and installation of 32 street lights, one crosswalk, landscaping for the downtown gateway, and way finding signage. A total of 12 persons will benefit from the housing rehabilitation component of this project, of whom all are low- and moderate- income.

Letter-of-Intent

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| Rush Creek Road Housing Rehabilitation Project | Washington, County of | Kenneth Reynolds, Board of Supervisors Chairman | CDBG | \$ 451,171 |
| | | | Indoor Plumbing Program | 150,950 |
| | | | Federal Home Loan Bank | <u>120,000</u> |
| | | | TOTAL | \$ 722,121 |

Project Description: The County will provide housing rehabilitation to a total of 15 substandard homes in the Rush Creek Road community. A total of six homes will be rehabilitated and nine homes will be substantially reconstructed (replaced) to meet DHCD Housing Quality Standards. The project will also remove debris from the neighborhood. A total of 22 persons will benefit from this project, all of whom are low- and moderate- income.

Letter-of-Intent

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