

Virginia Housing Trust Fund

An Update to the
Virginia Housing Commission
December 5, 2012

Background

- Budget Item 108 G directed \$7 million in FY 2014 to the Virginia Housing Trust Fund
- On September 5, 2012, DHCD briefed the Commission on the provisions of the budget language and the approach that DHCD and VHDA would take to provide the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees with a plan by November 1, 2012, outlining proposed uses of the Fund.
- The Plan was submitted on schedule as Report Document 288 and may be found at:

[http://leg2.state.va.us/dls/h&sdocs.nsf/By+Year/RD2882012/\\$file/RD288.pdf](http://leg2.state.va.us/dls/h&sdocs.nsf/By+Year/RD2882012/$file/RD288.pdf)

Issues Addressed by the Plan

- Establishing priorities, targeting, and depth of subsidies
- Matching assistance to identified needs
- Exploring the allocations and interactions among grant and loan components
- Relating the Trust Fund to current housing and homeless policy efforts as well as other initiatives where housing is a critical component
- Formalizing the structure and operation of the Trust Fund to best meet its intended purposes

Plan Elements

- Support a limited number of demonstration projects in different geographic areas that effectively address identified priority housing needs including:
 - Affordable, accessible housing options for persons with special needs, effective responses to homelessness, and both foreclosure counseling and opportunities for the purchase of available foreclosed properties.
 - Other low-income housing projects may be targeted after priority projects are funded
- Where possible, look for opportunities to employ both grant and loan components of the Trust Fund.
- Focus on proposals with measurable outcomes that can make effective and timely use of Trust Fund resources

Next Steps

- Consider other budget or legislative inputs, if any
- Prepare for implementation by coordinating agencies
- Launch the initial application round in Spring 2013
- Assure the availability of Fund resources after July 1, 2013