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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:**

<b>Locality</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>CDBG Award</b>
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
	<b>Total Recommended</b>	<b>\$ 6,236,050</b>