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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING
FOR 2026 HOUSING PRESERVATION GRANT PRE-APPLICATION**

Charlottesville, Virginia, August 18, 2026 – A draft Housing Preservation Grant Statement of Activities is currently available for public comment at the TJPDC website: <https://tjpd.org>

The Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission has received Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) funds through USDA Rural Development since 2015. Last year, TJPDC was awarded \$73,281 to conduct homeowner rehabilitation projects for low- to extremely low-income households in the eligible rural areas within the TJPDC region.

For federal fiscal year 2025 funds, TJPDC is applying for \$83,819, which is half of allocation to the state of Virginia. In previous years, TJPDC and subrecipients have received about half of the state allocation and have been able to provide extensive home repairs to about 40 families.

The draft of the Statement of Activities, which describes HPG-funded programming for the fiscal year October 1, 2026 - September 30, 2027, is available for your review. Public comment will be open until September 3, 2026.

The TJPDC will hold one virtual and in-person Public Hearing on Thursday, September 3, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will take place online and in-person at the Water Street Center, 407 East Water Street, Charlottesville, VA 22902.

The purpose of this hearing is to share information regarding the HPG pre-application and activities, as well as to accept public comments on the components of the draft Statement of Activities. Questions or comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing by contacting Logan Ende at lende@tjpd.org or (540) 698-1272.

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About the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC)

The TJPDC is a regional planning agency that offers a broad range of services in the areas of transportation, community development, housing, economic development, land-use/planning, environmental programming, as well as legislative services. The TJPDC serves the member governments within the Planning District, to include the City of Charlottesville and the Counties of Albemarle, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, and Nelson. The TJPDC currently houses the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and coordinates a wide variety of short-range and long-range urban and rural transportation, planning, environment, housing, and community development projects.

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