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THOMAS JEFFERSON PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION ANNOUNCES \$2 MILLION AFFORDABLE HOUSING GRANT AWARD

Charlottesville, Virginia, July 23, 2021 - The Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC) would like to announce the award of a \$2 million grant from *Virginia Housing* to provide affordable housing in Region 10, to include the City of Charlottesville and the Counties of Albemarle, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, and Nelson. On July 13, 2021, *Virginia Housing* announced \$40 million in grants to Virginia's 21 Planning District Commissions for the creation of new housing initiatives.

The \$40 million grant program is a new initiative provided through *Virginia Housing's* REACH Virginia program. The program uses *Virginia Housing's* own resources to provide support to local housing groups, non-profits, developers and other partner groups working to meet affordable housing needs.

"We are thrilled that *Virginia Housing* has dedicated significant funding to address the housing needs of the Commonwealth. We are particularly grateful for our continued partnership with *Virginia Housing* and for their dedication of \$2 million in funding to support regional housing opportunities and solutions here in the Thomas Jefferson Planning District," said Christine Jacobs, Interim Executive Director of the TJPDC. "This funding puts the Central Virginia Regional Housing Partnership (CVRHP) and the TJPDC in a strong position to be able to contribute to affordable housing solutions through the development of new rental, homeowner, and/or mixed-use housing opportunities."

Virginia Housing has provided planning resources to the TJPDC in the past through its Capacity Building and Community Impact grant programs, to include funding to create a regional affordable housing plan. However, this is the first initiative that provides funding to invest directly into housing production.

The TJPDC will be working in the coming months to develop a new program and to partner with a local for-profit or non-profit developer to create new affordable units in the region.

About the Central Virginia Regional Housing Partnership (CVRHP)

The CVRHP serves as an official advisory board, created by the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission, in partnership with public, private, nonprofit, and citizen stakeholders. Composed of an overarching consortium of housing interests, the Partnership enhances regional coordination and effectiveness to address the housing need of the Thomas Jefferson Planning District's region, with a focus on housing production, diversity, accessibility, cost, location, design, and increasing stability for the region's residents. The CVRHP exists to facilitate regional coordination to ensure access to housing for all. The CVRHP's vision is 100% alignment of supply and demand of all housing opportunities throughout the region so that every resident can find safe, decent, affordable housing in communities of their choice.

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 economic development, land-use/planning, community development, environmental, transportation, and housing planning 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.