

Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development

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Agency Mission

The Department of Housing and Community Development works in partnership to make Virginia's communities safe, affordable, and prosperous places in which to live, work and do business.

- ❖ DHCD works collaboratively with Virginia's communities to help fully develop their economic potential and create a healthy, safe, and affordable living environment.
- ❖ DHCD serves as a pass-through agency for state and federal funding while working with community intermediaries such as community-based organizations, nonprofits, planning district commissions, and local governments.
- ❖ DHCD takes a comprehensive approach to community development.

Department Budget

FY 2008		% of Total	FY 2009 (proposed)		% of Total	FY 2010 (proposed)		% of Total
GF	\$ 46,529,781	41.9%	GF	\$ 44,841,138	39%	GF	\$ 43,369,845	38%
NGF	\$ 64,542,537	58.1%	NGF	\$ 71,513,064	61%	NGF	\$ 71,472,704	62%
Total	\$ 111,072,318		Total	\$ 116,354,202		Total	\$114,842,549	
	\$ 8,000,000	Tax Credits		\$ 9,000,000	Tax Credits		\$ 9,000,000	
Total	\$ 119,072,318		Total	\$ 125,354,202		Total	\$ 123,842,549	

Housing Programs

- ❖ Affordable Housing Production - (\$9.4 M in Federal Funds and \$1.5 M in tax credits)
 - Single-family development and down-payment assistance
 - Multi-family development
 - Support for special needs housing

- ❖ Housing Preservation - (\$4.8 M in GF and \$15.7 M in Federal Funds)
 - Weatherization and emergency home repair
 - Indoor Plumbing Rehabilitation Program
 - Virginia Lead Safe Homes Program

- ❖ Homeless Prevention and Services - (\$8.5 M in GF and \$8.1 M in Federal Funds)
 - Support for homeless shelters
 - Homeless Intervention Program
 - Child Services Coordinators
 - Housing for Persons with AIDS

Community Development Programs

- ❖ Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program - (\$19.7 M in Federal Funds)
- ❖ Enterprise Zone Program - (\$15.4 M in GF and \$7.5 M in tax credits)
- ❖ Southern Rivers Watershed Enhancement Program - (\$17.0 M transferred from Water Quality Improvement Fund in 2007)
- ❖ Appalachian Regional Commission - (\$3.5 M in Federal Funds)
- ❖ Other Community Development programs - (\$1.3 M in GF and \$0.6 M in Federal Funds)
 - Virginia Main Street and downtown revitalization programs
 - Virginia Enterprise Initiative for microenterprise
 - Virginia Individual Development Accounts
 - Community Capacity Building
- ❖ Southwest Virginia Water Construction Grants - (\$2.6 M in GF)
- ❖ Planning District Commissions (PDCs) - (\$2.3 M in GF)
- ❖ Southeastern Rural Community Assistance Project - (\$1.5 M in GF)

DHCD Regulatory and Administrative Functions

- ❖ Building and Fire Regulation - (\$0.6 M in GF & \$2.5 M in NGF)
 - Code development and administration.
 - Uniform Statewide Building Code
 - Virginia Fire Prevention Code
 - Virginia Industrialized Building Safety Regulation
 - Virginia Amusement Device Regulations
 - State Building Code Academy.
 - Manufactured Housing Program.
 - Technical assistance to local code officials, design professionals, builders and contractors.
- ❖ Commission on Local Government - (\$0.36 M in GF)
 - Advisory reports on boundary change and governmental transition issues.
 - Analyze the comparative revenue capacity, revenue effort, and fiscal stress of Virginia's counties and cities.
 - Assess state and federal mandates on local government.

Proposed Changes in Introduced Budget

- ❖ Foreclosure prevention counseling services - \$750,000 (GF) in 2008 included in HB/SB 29 and \$200,000 (GF) in 2009.
- ❖ Broadband assistance to rural communities - \$500,000 (GF) for each year of the biennium (\$200,000 in the first year for a feasibility study for a higher education center at Wallops Island).
- ❖ Commonwealth's share of the Fort Monroe Federal Area Development Authority's (FMFADA) operating costs. The state's share is 75 percent of the estimated annual operating costs. DHCD will serve as the fiscal agent for the Authority - \$921,653 (GF) in 2009 and Governor's amendment adds 4.0 FTEs.
- ❖ Pass-through funding to the City of Manassas for the T. Nelson Elliott Dam Improvement Project. Improvements to the dam are necessary to comply with regulatory safety requirements - \$150,000 (GF) in 2009.
- ❖ 2007 General Assembly approved the transfer of the State Fire Marshal and state enforcement of the Virginia Fire Prevention Code to the Department of Fire Programs - reduction of \$2.5 million (GF), \$464,048 (NGF), and 31 positions effective July 1, 2008.