

HB854 Statewide Housing Study

Program Fact Sheet

Capacity Building Grants

Virginia Housing

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01 Program goals

This program supports a continuum of capacity building opportunities critical to sustaining the affordable housing services delivery network. The intent of the Capacity Building Grant is to support non-profit organizations and local governments within the affordable housing network, ensuring they have developed recent and effective succession and strategic plans in addition to intensive training related to key focus areas in capacity building.

02 Funding sources

This program is funded by Virginia Housing with REACH funds, which receive a set-aside of Virginia Housing's net revenues.

03 Governance

Recipients of Capacity Building Grants are selected through an eligibility application process that entails two levels of review, with the final decision made by Virginia Housing's Grant Leadership Committee.

04 Population served

The intent of the Capacity Building Grant is to fund non-profit organizations and local Government within the housing network.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Organization's headquarters must be physically located in Virginia.
2. Organization cannot be an emerging organization. Organization must have: At minimum, three years of operations. Engaged leadership, staff, and volunteers. Ability to demonstrate fiscal soundness and measurable program outcomes.
3. Organization must carry out at least one of the following housing-related mission: Creating economically integrated and inclusive housing opportunities including affordable housing, workforce housing, mixed-income housing, and/or community-based housing options for people with disabilities and/or, Planning and Community Development to include significant attention to housing planning needs throughout Virginia, and/or Providing services and/or educational opportunities in order to further affordable housing.
4. Organization must align with Virginia Housing's mission of Helping Virginians Attain Quality, Affordable Housing and vision of becoming the Leading Mobilizing Force for Affordable Housing in Virginia.

05 How program works

Organizations can apply for succession and strategic plans in addition to intensive training related to key focus areas in capacity building. We ask that they only apply for one Capacity Grant at a time. For strategic and Succession planning they can request to use any consultant as long as it meets set criteria. For our Tier 2 focus area Capacity Building grants we have consultants they choose from. The majority of funding is supporting

the work of a consultant to work directly with the non-profit.

06 Program history

This program began in 2012.

07 Program highlights

- Between 2016 and 2020, between \$800,000 and \$2.7 million in grants have been issued which have supported an average of 38 projects per year. Within this period, a majority of Capacity Building grants have been issued to the Greater Richmond and Northern Tier regions