

Chesapeake Redevelopment and Housing Authority
1468 South Military Highway
Chesapeake, VA 23320



ANNIVERSARY

June 30, 1972



John C. Kownack
Executive Director

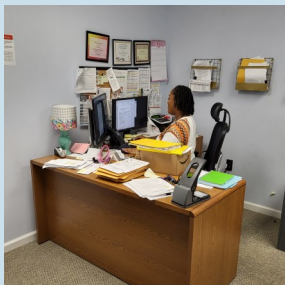


Latest News

Over 130 New Housing Vouchers Issued

Throughout the months of March, April and May, the Housing Choice Voucher team were preparing for the issuance of over one hundred (100+) regular housing vouchers. On the dates of Thursday, May 18, 2023, Friday, May 19, 2023, and Wednesday, May 31, 2023, Director of Housing Choice Voucher programs, Ms. Stephanie Wright and HCV Occupancy Specialist/Case Manager, Jessica Ferebee screened numerous applicants for voucher issuance from the HCV Waiting List. The events were held at the Geneva Square Community Center, located at 700 Geneva Avenue in Chesapeake.

The event was long awaited as new applicants expressed their excitement for the opportunity to receive a voucher and be housed. Ms. Wright, Ms. Ferebee, and the entire HCV team worked tirelessly to prepare for the big event; from calling applicants, hosting in-house briefings, and printing, sorting and packaging of the presentation packets in advance of the meetings. We thank the entire HCV Team for their dedication and hard work in making the event a complete success! A total of 132 vouchers were issued this round.



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Commissioner's Corner

Congratulations Vice Chairman Phillips on obtaining 'Sailor of the Year'!



Commissioner Camron Phillips is a graduate of the University of Maryland Global Campus and the University of Notre Dame School of Business. He currently serves as a 17-year Active Duty U.S. Navy Sailor and the Business Owner of Move In Purpose, LLC.; providing coaching, strategizing, and consulting services in organizational and personal development. Services include writing grant proposals and creating fund development plans for small businesses and nonprofit organizations. Following his recent installment as President of the Chesapeake Chapter of the NAACP in 2022, he has surpassed yet another milestone achievement as the Office of the Chief of Naval Operation's (OPNAV) Sailor of the Year!

Congratulations Vice Chairman Phillips!

Board of Commissioners General Meeting Information

The Chesapeake Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board of Commissioners consists of nine (9) members, one of whom serves as Resident Commissioner.

The members are appointed by the Chesapeake City Council and may serve up to two consecutive 4-year terms from the date of appointment.

The Commissioners are the governing officers of the Authority. Their responsibilities include setting policies governing the operations of the Authority, charting the direction of current and future programs and development, as well as approving contracts entered into by the Authority.

The Board of Commissioners hires the Executive Director, who serves as Board Secretary, and is responsible for managing the Authority's day-to-day operations.

Board of Commissioners Meeting Information

The Chesapeake Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board of Commissioners convene on the fourth Wednesday of each month with the exception of November. Meetings begin at 5:00 p.m. and typically take place at the Authority's Administration Office located at 1468 S. Military Highway in Chesapeake, Virginia. Special meetings may occur at any time throughout the year. Special Meeting notices will be distributed at least five (5) days in advance should this occur.

The next three meetings are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 5:00 PM

Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 5:00 PM

Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 5:00 PM



Commissioner News



"This past week I was selected as the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) Sailor of the Year. History made, as I was the first Training and Administration of the Reserve (TAR) Sailor to win it against all active duty Sailors. As a result, it was officially announced that I'm being meritoriously advanced to Navy Chief Petty Officer (CPO).

All glory to God for this major life accomplishment! I've been in the Navy for 17 years and submitted 6 CPO packages, but wasn't selected. I almost got out in 2019, but God had other plans! I never gave up on being the best version of myself to help others. It's always in God's timing!

This journey through eight (8) boards; between paper, virtual and face to face, was an extremely humbling process and I am overwhelmed with gratitude to have represented the Sailors I've led and those I've served. I'm grateful to move forward with my passion in my purpose to further serve others both in and out of uniform for my community and our Sailors!"

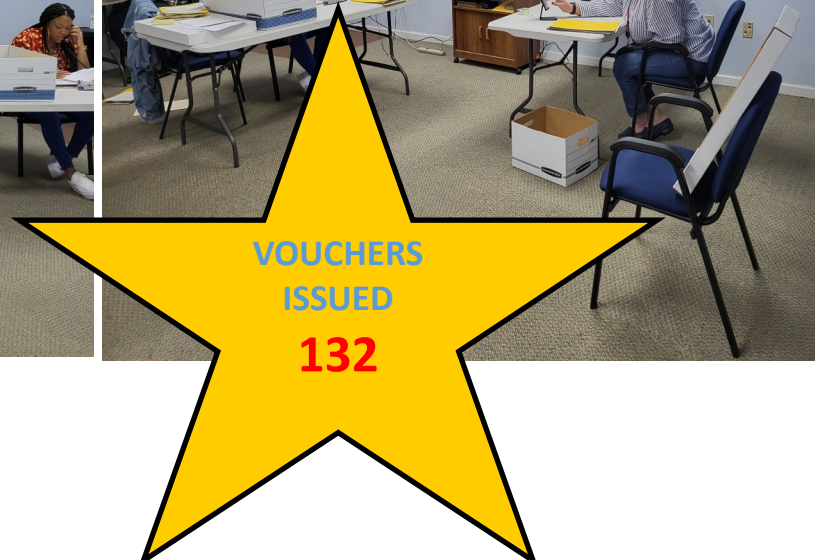
~ Camron T. Phillips ~



The HCV Team Issued 132 new Housing Choice Vouchers during the month of May 2023.

The entire HCV Team pooled resources to make this historic day a reality for applicants in its first mass issuance since 2019. HCV Director, Ms. Stephanie Wright, expressed delight that this long awaited event has come to fruition. New vouchers will continue to be issued as they become available. Job well done HCV Team members!

Congratulations to all of our new program participants!



HOMEOWNERSHIP (HOP) PROGRAM



On June 13th, CRHA completed the 2022-2023 HOP Club with a Wrap-Up session by providing the Virginia Housing Certificate to seven (7) clients. It was a perfect time to commemorate National Homeownership Month. We discussed the importance to continue learning the process and evaluating themselves to see if they were ready for the next big step. Participants were also provided with resources to locate Down Payment Assistance. Special thanks to all of our guest speakers and staff for their dedication this season.

Congratulations to our 2022-2023 Graduates!!!

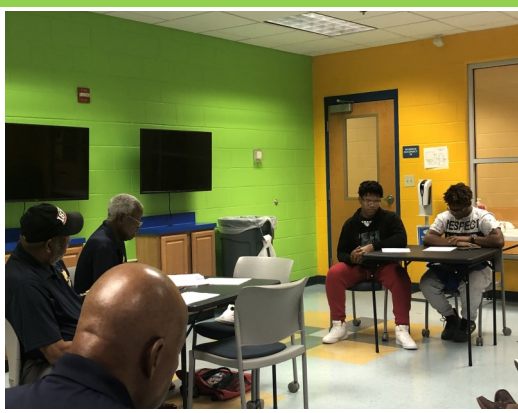


NEW CHESAPEAKE MEN FOR PROGRESS LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT MENTORING PROGRAM KICKOFF



The New Chesapeake Men for Progress Leadership and Mentoring Development Program kicked off on April 19, 2023 at the Dr. Clarence V. Cuffee Community Center. Facilitating the session was Dr. George Reed, who was joined by Mr. Clifton Randolph and other colleagues for the opening session. Dr. Reed shared the program highlights with attendees, along with the various opportunities each participant could expect to achieve from attending the program. Each attendee shared their personal backgrounds, including CRHA Executive Director, John Kownack (shown below). There are currently 18 slots remaining for young men ages 12-17 to actively participate. Classes are held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6 PM-8 PM at the Cuffee Center.

If you or someone you know would like additional details, or to sign up for the program, please visit our Bulletin Board at www.crhava.org. To expedite enrollment, you may also contact Angie Brickhouse, Resident Services Liaison at (757) 233-6425.



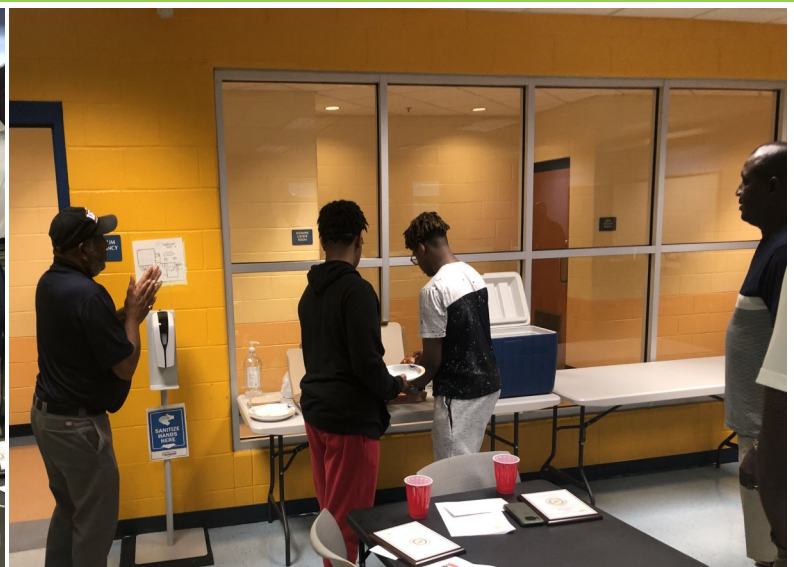


MENTORING PROGRAM SUMMER CLOSING SESSION

On Wednesday, June 28, 2023, the New Chesapeake Men for Progress Leadership and Mentoring Development Team met with participants for the final Spring session prior to the Summer break at the Dr. Clarence V. Cuffee Community Center.

The session kicked off with a recap of program discussions to date. Attendees were then presented with plaques and gift cards for their attendance, dedication and commitment to the ongoing program. A reception followed where participants and guests enjoyed refreshments.

CRHA is extremely proud of the participants who have made this commitment and look forward to seeing more of you when classes resume in September.



15th Annual New Chesapeake Men for Progress Scholarship Awards Breakfast

Each year, the prestigious men of the New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation, Inc. honor the academics of bright young men throughout Hampton Roads. CRHA proudly sponsored a Youth Table and a half page advertisement for the April 29, 2023 event, held at the Chesapeake Conference Center. A total of 27 scholarships were distributed this year.

Congratulations to all of the recipients!



VAHCDO Conference, Golf Tournament and Scholarship Luncheon 2023



For more than 80 years, the Virginia Association of Housing and Development Officials (VAHCDO) has been dedicated to preserving and maintaining Virginia's existing housing resources; improving the health and living standards of the people of Virginia; and developing new housing opportunities throughout the Commonwealth. VAHCDO represents agencies and localities that use federal, state and local funds for the development, construction and maintenance of housing. In today's challenging environment, the work of VAHCDO and the agencies it serves is more important than ever.

The 2023 Annual VAHCDO Conference and Scholarship Luncheon kicked off with a Golf Tournament at the TopGolf facility in Virginia Beach on the evening of May 10th, where the Chesapeake Redevelopment and Housing Authority (CRHA) team won second place! The proceeds will be applied to future scholarship awards. The Scholarship Awards luncheon was held on May 11th. **Dr. Rebecca Adams** (CRHA Board Chair) was in attendance, along with CRHA's Executive and Housing teams who cheered the recipients on as they received their scholarship awards. **Ms. Delphine Carnes** of **Delphine Carnes Law Group, PLC.**, participated as a presenter.

CRHA Deputy Executive Director, Nancy Tarkenton, was also named the new VAHCDO President for the new term which began July 1, 2023. **Congratulations, Mrs. Tarkenton!**



HUD Strong Families Initiative 2023

On Saturday, June 10th, Resident Services staff hosted the **2023 HUD Annual Strong Families Initiative** event at the Dr. Clarence V. Cuffee Community Center. The theme was *Guns Down, Drums Up* (Stop the Violence Awareness).

The annual event featured a live band (videos are viewable on our [website](#) and social media pages), **Shark City Drum Corporation**, dancers, games, food, and service providers to support families living in HUD-assisted housing by connecting them to resources that expand economic growth, health, education and promote empowerment. The event provided an ideal opportunity for communities to deliver a wide variety of resources to families via a network of various community partnerships.

CRHA thanks all the partners who participated in this annual event. A very special thanks to **Beach Party Ponies Barnyard Petting Zoo** for providing live animals for the families to interact with and enjoy. We also thank **Pastor Dave Peterson** of the **Apostles Lutheran Church** for the refreshments, and **Phyllis Stoneburner** of **Healthy Chesapeake** (AKA “The Bubble Master”).



HUD Strong Families Initiative 2023



HUD *Strong*
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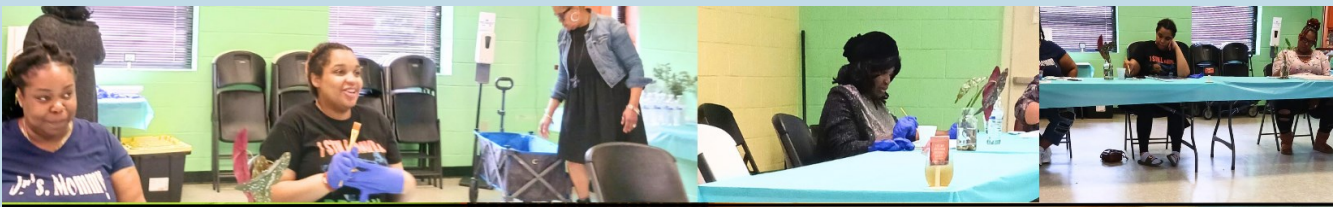
JOBS PLUS COMMUNITY EVENTS

On June 1st, Aspire360 hosted their first "**Paint and Breathe**" at MacDonald Manor. The Jobs Plus team welcomed six (6) participants to grab a canvas and express themselves through art. Participants connected with staff and learned of new community resources and services available. Jobs Plus would like to acknowledge **Gateway Services** for their generous contributions and donations. Jobs Plus plans to host monthly paint and breathe events in the community to empower and provide healthy outlets for residents. Attendees will have the option to keep their art or donate it to the Community Mural Project that will be showcased at MacDonald Manor, Winter 2023.

If you would like to attend the next **Paint & Breathe** event, or get involved with the Community Mural Project, please contact:

Niquita Rooks, Jobs Plus Employment Specialist

757-567-2595 Send interest email to niquita.rooks@crhava.org



Jobs Plus Paint & Breathe



For additional information, please contact our Aspire 360/Jobs Plus Team below:

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(757) 503-4462

Ms. Niquita Rooks - Jobs Plus Employment Specialist

(757) 567-2595

Ms. Rosemary Phillips - Jobs Plus Community Coach

(757) 956-5735



JOBS PLUS COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ages 18+

Hiring Event



Housing Resource Center
104B N. Witchduck Rd.
July 19th
10am-12pm

ON THE SPOT INTERVIEWS!
Special Education/Thrift Store/Hotel



**RESUME REVIEW
AND
MOCK
INTERVIEWS
AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY
07/18/23**

Scan the QR Code to register
and get Job Ready today!
For more information, contact
Ngriffin@vb.gov.com



hs.virginia-beach.gov

You may request a reasonable accommodation
for events. Requests must be made no later
than 48 hours before a scheduled event.

Prepare to Get Hired

Job Readiness Workshops



Scan the QR Code to
Register Today



MacDonald Manor
Community Room



Chesapeake Housing & Redevelopment Authority
Transportation available.
Contact your Jobs Plus Employment Specialist,
to reserve a seat by July 10th.

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All Workshops are
scheduled from
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Day 1
Resume Snapshot
Tuesday
July 18th

Day 2
Prepare for the Interview
Thursday
July 20th



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Hiring Event

Resume Ready
On-the-Spot- Interviews

Save the Date



Thursday, July 27, 2023
10:00 am - 1:00 pm



700 Geneva Ave.
Chesapeake, VA 23324

Transportation available
to all Job Plus Clients.
If needed, contact your Jobs Plus
Specialist to reserve a seat by July 17th.



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Hiring Event

14 DAYS AWAY

Thursday, July 27th, 2023

SEE YOU THERE
WE APPRECIATE YOU

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Chesapeake Housing & Redevelopment Authority



ATTENTION RESIDENTS

CHESAPEAKE REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING AUTHORITY

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

SHARK CITY DRUM CORPORATION

PRESENTS

2023 DRUM CAMP

Beginners and Intermediate basic Instructions

YOUTH AGES 7 TO 14

July 24-27, 2023 Monday-Friday

8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Greenbrier Middle School
1016 Greenbrier Parkway
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Shark City Drum Corporation is a dynamic and energetic group that teaches beginners the fundamentals of rhythmic comprehension. Students will explore rhythm and beats with bucket drums and gain tools to internalize beats, and replicate rhythmic patterns with proper technique. Students will develop a strong ear-training in rhythm and melody.

Come check us out.

REGISTER BY SUNDAY, JULY 2ND

SCAN QR CODE WITH YOUR PHONE OR TYPE LINK BELOW IN URL:

[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/R/KZGKVF18BF](https://forms.office.com/R/KZGKVF18BF)

Limited slots available

CONTACT RESIDENT SERVICES 3003 WELCOME ROAD 757.233.6900

Shark City Drum Camp 2023



IZZY'S CORNER PRESENTS

SATURDAY AUG 19

**BACK²
SCHOOL
PARTY**

HOSTED BY

NEW HOPE DELIVERANCE MINISTRY

CHESAPEAKE REDEVELOPMENT HOUSING AUTHORITY

DJ FREE HAIRCUTS | FREE FOOD | FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES | BOUNCE HOUSES

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT DESHAWN

PARKER 757-895-2122 SPONSORS WELCOME

**3001 WELCOME RD, CHESAPEAKE VA 12 PM
TO 4 PM**

FROM OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS



Enrolling women in skill trainings where women are underrepresented and providing supportive services

Maritime industry, Construction, Advanced Manufacturing, Logistics, Engineering, and Cybersecurity /IT

Eligibility Requirements:

- Women 18 years of age and older
- Resident of Hampton Roads Region
- Legal Right to Work

Priority of Service:

- Veterans and qualifying military spouses
- Women transitioning out of homelessness, domestic violence, and/or human trafficking
- Women earning at or below the federal poverty line

Participants Receive:

- Supportive services such as transportation and/or childcare assistance
- Be eligible for performance-based incentives
- Interview with industry employers

For more information, contact ShanKrystal McCaulley, WISC Program Manager at smccaulley@theworkforcecouncil.org; (757)818-5558

This program is partially funded by a \$714,619 Federal Grant from the United States Department of Labor's Women's Bureau. Equal Opportunity Employer/Program Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. VA Relay: 2-11

FROM OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Need child care due to work, job search, work-related training or education? The Child Care Subsidy Program (CCSP) may be able to help! Program eligibility has temporarily expanded to offer financial assistance to more families than ever before.



NEED HELP WITH CHILD CARE COSTS?

YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE FOLLOWING TEMPORARY AND EXPANDED CCSP ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- If you have a child who is not yet in kindergarten and your household income does not exceed 85% of the state average income. Assistance is also available for other children in the family under age 13. Your family must meet all other non-financial eligibility criteria.
- If you are searching for employment. Expanded eligibility criteria includes job search, in addition to education, employment and work-related training.
- There is no requirement to participate in child support enforcement.

HOW TO APPLY

You may apply in one of the following ways:

- Online at [CommonHelp](#)
- Contact your **local department of social services**

You will be required to select a **child care provider** who participates in the CCSP. To learn more, visit [ChildCareVA.com](#)

STATE MEDIAN INCOME LIMITS	
Household Size	Maximum Monthly Gross Income
2	\$5,040
3	\$6,226
4	\$7,412
5	\$8,598
6	\$9,784
7	\$10,007
8	\$10,228



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VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Child Care VA

[ChildCareVA.com](#)

Looking for child care?



FIND A PROGRAM NEAR YOU!



Find a Provider

- close to home or work
- center or home-based care
- full-time and part-time options



Convenient Hours

- before and after school
- nights and weekends
- temporary or drop-in care



Affordable Options

- discounted rates
- scholarships
- state or military subsidy



Meet Your Needs

- special needs care
- curriculum choices
- transportation solutions

We are updating our database daily to reflect COVID-19 closures.



Contact us for a free list of child care providers!

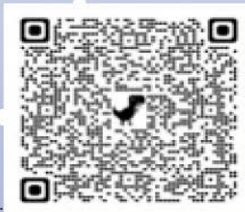
[vachildcare.com](#)

1-866-KIDS TLC

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Sponsored by Agape Feast – an ecumenical outreach of Prince of Peace Catholic Church with over 80+ faith groups, businesses, civic groups, non-profits and high school who have participated. Email Sandy at: agapefeastmeals@gmail.com or Call: 757-547-2151 to schedule date(s).

Items to Fill The Cart With: (Individual Serving Sizes Please)
 Chicken Cracker Packs -Gold Fish Crackers.
 Tuna Cracker Packs -Slim Jim's -Raisin Boxes
 Trail Mix. -Breakfast Bars -Fruit Cups
 Soft Granola Bars -Pudding Cups. -Trail Mix
 Protein Bars Chewy Fruit Snacks. Vienna Sausage



QR Code for Our Amazon Wishlist:

These items get delivered directly to Prince of Peace.

Monetary Donations for this outreach ministry can be made at our church office at 621 Cedar Rd, Chesapeake, VA 23322 during office hours, by mail to church address with memo line reading Agape Feast or online at [popparish.org](#) - click on the ParishSOFT Giving and Offering Box and then click on ParishSOFT giving. Choose either one-time or recurring gift and under Funds scroll to choose Homeless Meals ministry.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY & AUGUST!!!! Help Fill The Carts

Summer is just as hard a time for those we serve as winter is.
Constant Heat, Humidity, Rain and Bugs

A shelf stable food donation drive to benefit those we serve living on the streets and in their vehicles in Chesapeake.



Email or call to schedule the carts to be present at your location (church, office, business, school etc.). We have 2 large carts and 3 small carts.

HOMOWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Call Chesapeake HOME 2022-2023 CHESAPEAKE HOME PROGRAM



GRANT TERMS

- Down Payment and Closing Cost grant is up to \$25,000
- Buyer contribution is 1% of sales price
- A Promissory Note must be signed for the grant amount
- The homeowner reserves the right to repay, without premium fee
- If the homeowner sells, transfers, leases, deeds or conveys all or part of the property or any interest within five (5) to ten (10) years from the date of closing, then the note is in default
- If after five (5) to ten (10) years, default has not occurred, the homeowner shall be under no obligation to repay any sums due and the note shall be cancelled.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

For More Information:

HRPDC
Housing/Human Services
Department
723 Woodlake Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23320
757-420-8300

comehome@hrpdcva.gov



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- Completed Program Application
- Verification of Employment/Self-Employment, Last two (2) years tax returns and W-2 Forms
- Most recent month's check pay stubs. If self-employed, an itemization of expenses of year to date and quarterly tax statements
- Last three (3) months checking and savings account statements
- Child support printout (if applicable)
- Verification of all other income (such as retirement, social security, certificates, IRA's, etc.)
- VHDA Homeownership Program Certificate, visit www.vhda.com to register. Online classes are not accepted.
- Spending plan completed using net income (after deductions)
- Bankruptcy discharge (3 Years from discharge) (if applicable)
- Copy of divorce decree or separation letter (if applicable)
- Copy of approval letter, loan cost estimate, ratios, and credit report if lender has approved you.

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HOMOWNERSHIP OPPPORTUNITIES

Call Chesapeake HOME

2022-2023 CHESAPEAKE HOME PROGRAM

For First-Time Homebuyers Down Payment & Closing Cost Assistance



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- **Must be a first-time homebuyer (Not have owned a home within three (3) years)**
- **Must Purchase in Chesapeake, Virginia**
- **Certificate of completion from VHDA approved First-Time Homebuyer Education Class**
- **Household income does not exceed 80% of the area median income limit-based on household size**
- **Property must meet HUD Housing Quality Standards and other local codes**
- **Must not be currently under contract to purchase**

The HOME Down Payment and Closing Cost Program provides closing cost and/or down payment assistance to qualified first-time homebuyers, who desire to purchase a new or existing home in the city of Chesapeake, Virginia.

The Home DPCC Program, funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), is designed to expand the supply of affordable housing to low and moderate income families in Chesapeake.



Maximum Household/Income

1 Person	\$52,400
2 Persons	\$59,850
3 Persons	\$67,350
4 Persons	\$74,800
5 Persons	\$80,800
6 Persons	\$86,800
7 Persons	\$92,800
8 Persons	\$98,750

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Other Community Resources

ForKids

The ForKids **Housing Crisis Hotline** is the central point of contact for all persons experiencing a **housing crisis** throughout Southeastern Virginia. Through the Hotline, individuals in crisis are connected to the community's extended network of resources for assistance and to prevent them from falling into homelessness whenever possible. The Hotline also allows collection of an enormous amount of data about the homeless population in our region; armed with more knowledge about their specific needs, we are now better equipped to help move these families towards stability. For housing assistance, you may call (757) 587-4202.



Aspire360 Job Plus Initiative CLOTHING

Donation

PROFESSIONAL ATTIRE

WORKFORCE UNIFORMS

MEDICAL SCRUBS

Drop off donations at
940 Geneva Ave. Chesapeake, VA. 23324
Contact Niquita Rooks 757-567-2595

Virginia Mortgage Relief Program

Virginia Mortgage Relief Program (VMRP) provides assistance to homeowners experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19, to help prevent and/or ease mortgage delinquencies, defaults, foreclosures and displacement. Financial hardship could include an increase in living expenses, childcare, change in household size, job loss or reduction in income, etc.

You may visit www.virginiamortgagerelief.com for more information.

Holiday Office Closures



All CRHA Offices will be closed on
Monday, September 4, 2023 in
observance of Labor Day.

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AUGUST 1, 2023

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT!

SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS.

