

PROJECT STATUS REPORTS

1. Regional Housing Program

Hampton Roads Loan Fund Partnership

The staff is continuing to provide downpayment and closing cost assistance to qualified first-time homebuyers in the region through HOME Funding from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). Due to Federal cuts in HOME funding, the HRPDC will be conducting a gap analysis of how the decrease in funding in the region is affecting access for first-time homebuyers.

Housing & Human Services Technical Assistance

The Housing & Human Services staff continues to work with the South Hampton Roads Disability Services Board. While the actual state program was discontinued in 2009, the SHRDSB has worked diligently to continue to assist in identifying and addressing the needs of persons with physical and sensory disabilities in Norfolk, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, and Suffolk. The HRPDC is assisting the committee with the creation of new workplans, by-laws, and goals.

Staff members also continue to work with the Hampton Roads Housing Consortium in the planning of its Sixth Annual Housing Awards. The following regional housing providers and organization were recently honored:

HRHC Lifetime Achievement Award - Mary Kay Horoszewski - Executive Director, Virginia Beach Community Development Corporation

HRHC Housing Warrior - Helen Sommer Executive Director - Habitat for Humanity of South Hampton Roads

HRHC Housing Partner – Special Project Award - Hampton Home Repair & Blitz - City of Hampton Housing Development Corporation of Hampton Roads

HRHC Across the Region Service Award - Hampton Roads Community Housing Resource Board

Regional Housing Portal

HRPDC staff members are working on the creation of the online web-based portion of the project. To date, over 450 programs and services related to housing have been identified and are being formatted in a searchable program that will be easily accessed by consumers and case managers.

2. Regional Economics Program

Technical Assistance

Economics staff routinely provides technical assistance and support to member jurisdictions and regional organizations. Both the HRPDC Data Book and the Commission's Benchmarking Study provides easy access to a great deal of regional information. Staff also provides special reports on topics of timely significance, most recently on the Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs report. Over the past month, staff has delivered presentations to various community organizations and has responded to information requests from individuals, member localities, regional organizations, and the media.

Analysis of Energy Development Strategies

Staff is continuing work on an analysis of energy development strategies in Hampton Roads. At present, very little is commonly understood as to the feasibility and ability for the region to capitalize on various forms of energy development. Staff is collecting and compiling information on the region's capacity to develop energy and researching the potential economic benefits associated with energy development. Staff delivered the first of two presentations at the Commission meeting in September and will deliver another presentation in November.

HRPDC SocioEconomic Forecast

Every four years the Federal Highway Administration requires that the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) complete a long-range transportation plan. One of the first steps in putting the plan together is to conduct a regional socio-economic forecast.

HRPDC economics staff is in the process of developing the 2040 forecast for the region that will include information on the region's population, households, employment, workers and passenger vehicles. Staff has met with the planning staffs from all of the localities to discuss comprehensive planning activities and growth management assumptions and has presented the draft totals to the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) and the Long-Range Transportation Planning Subcommittee. Draft totals are currently out for review and will be submitted to TTAC for approval in November. This work product will be conducted in concert with the HRTPO and member jurisdictions and will comply with the regulations of the FHWA. Staff is also working to include the needs of other local and regional organizations that rely on the socio-economic forecast for their planning efforts.

3. Emergency Management Project Update

Ready Hampton Roads

Staff continues to support the Ready Hampton Roads program. Website banner ads recently appeared on www.pilotonline.com as well as Facebook advertisements to Hampton Roads residents. Staff is currently applying for a grant to support additional outreach efforts in 2013.

Pet Shelter Supply Trailers

The HRPDC has a contract for the purchase of the final three pet shelter supply trailers. The trailers, purchased with FY09 UASI funds, will be delivered by the end of November.

Regional Emergency Management Technical Advisory Committee (REMTAC)

The Emergency Management staff continues to manage and support the Regional Emergency Management Technical Advisory Committee and its associated tasks and committees. The REMTAC last met on September 25, 2012. Recent activities included:

- Support of the VDEM/FEMA Threat and Hazard Identification Risk Analysis (THIRA) workshop.
- Follow-up discussion of lessons learned from the National Regional Catastrophic Planning Grant Program Conference
- WebEOC Subcommittee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson nomination and election of Sara Ruch from Hampton and Mark Jordan of Newport News, respectively.
- Support for reallocation of REMTAC-related UASI funds to procure a generator to support a shelter in the City of Franklin.

Hampton Roads Medical Special Needs

The Special Needs Subcommittee met September 18, 2012, regarding the following major items:

- The Subcommittee Charter changes were presented and will be voted on at the next meeting after being reviewed.
- Registry statistics were distributed and discussed. The HRPDC is re-verifying all registrants in the region whose records are older than one year on behalf of the localities.
- An ad-hoc Work Group was established to help guide registry report/query development.
- The Special Needs Committee is requesting the WebEOC Subcommittee oversee an ad hoc working group responsible for developing Special Needs Registry standardized reports as that subcommittee has a better perspective on all the work that is being carried out regarding WebEOC.
- Shelter training by VDEM to focus on liability/legal issues and staffing was discussed and agreed upon.

- Subcommittee strategic focus was discussed for the next two years, to include transportation, registry robustness, sheltering and inclusive planning.

Hampton Roads Tactical Regional Area Network (HRTacRAN)

HRPDC and VDEM staff has obtained an extension to the FY 2008 UASI grant from FEMA. The extension extends the FY08 performance period until February 28, 2013. Communications stakeholders have indicated that the new timeframe allows for sufficient time to complete the augmentation of the HRTacRAN system. Since the extension has been received, communications stakeholders have published a request for proposals to complete the associated work.

Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)

The Emergency Management staff continues to manage and support the Hampton Roads Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program for the Urban Area Working Group (UAWG). In February 2012, the HRPDC received official notice that Hampton Roads has been eliminated from the UASI program in fiscal year 2012. As such, the HRPDC staff and UAWG leadership have been primarily focusing on the sustainment of UASI funded initiatives after September 2014 (end of fiscal year 2011 performance period). This involves:

- a) The creation of a sustainment plan
The HRPDC is currently negotiating a contract with the Virginia Modeling, Simulation, Analysis and Simulation Center of Old Dominion University to draft a Hampton Roads UASI Sustainment Plan. This document will establish a risk based prioritization of UASI built capabilities as well as identify both cost and means to sustain them.
- b) Presidential Policy Directive 8
The federal government has adopted Presidential Policy 8 (PPD-8) which is designed to facilitate an integrated, all-of-nation/whole community, capabilities-based approach to preparedness. Involving federal partners, state, local and tribal leaders, the private sector, non-governmental organizations, faith based and community organizations – and most importantly the general public – is vital to keeping people and communities safe and preventing the loss of life and property when disasters strike. The HRPDC will work with stakeholders to transition regional preparedness efforts into the PPD-8 framework. This involves working with the state to draft an all encompassing Virginia Preparedness Plan and Regional Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA). HRPDC staff is currently in the process of drafting an MOU with the Office of Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs to have the vendor completing the Virginia Preparedness Plan also complete a regional THIRA for the Hampton Roads UASI region, as there is overlap in the data that feeds best products. A kickoff meeting for the Virginia Preparedness Plan has also been held. Currently,

the contractor completing this work is compiling and incorporating preexisting regional data.

c) UASI Effectiveness Study

Since the inception of the Hampton Roads region into the UASI program, over \$35 million has been invested to assist in building and sustaining capabilities to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from threats or acts of terrorism. A kickoff meeting was held with UASI project managers and relevant data is being collected by the HRPDC.