
Continuity *and* Change

Virginia Housing Commission 2010 Update

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Our Mission



DHCD's core mission remains the same:

work in partnership to make Virginia's communities safe, affordable, and prosperous places in which to live, work and do business.

How We Accomplish Our Mission



By:

Supporting Affordable Housing Options

Building Viable Communities

Creating and Sustaining a Safer Built Environment

Assisting Local and Regional Entities

Participating in Critical Studies

Affordable Housing



- Continued oversight of federally-funded housing and homeless programs:
 - HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)
 - Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG)
 - Housing opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)
- Stimulus-funded housing activities
 - Weatherization Assistance (WAP)
 - Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing (HPRP)

Affordable Housing



- State-funded housing and homeless programs:
 - State Shelter Grants [State Portion] (SSG)
 - Indoor Plumbing Rehabilitation (IPR)
 - Livable Homes Tax Credits
 - Homeless Intervention (HIP)
- *New Initiative*
 - Affordable Rental Tax Credits (HB 764, SB 458)

Building Viable Communities



- Continued oversight of federally-funded community development programs:
 - Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)
 - Appalachian Regional Commission Programs (ARC)
- State community development programs
 - Enterprise Zones (EZ)
 - Main Street

Building Viable Communities

- Stimulus-funded community development activities
 - Neighborhood Stabilization (NSP)
 - Community Development Block Grant-Recovery (CDBG-R)
- *New Initiative*
 - Enhanced access to Enterprise Zone Job Credits in economically distressed communities (HB 555)

A Safer Built Environment

- Updating Key Building Regulations
 - 2009 Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC), Statewide Fire Prevention Code (SFPC) and related regulations nearing the end of the code change process.
 - Process began in March 2009 and included numerous stakeholder meetings, two public hearings, meetings of agency Codes and Standards Committee. Final Board action anticipated for July 2010.
 - Noteworthy items under consideration include International Energy Conservation Code standards, inclusion of fire sprinklers in some residential occupancies, and provisions for carbon monoxide alarms in some settings.

Assisting Local and Regional Entities



- Provision of Financial and Technical Assistance
 - Financial support to regional planning districts
 - Review of inter-local government agreements
- *New Initiative*
 - Collection and publication of information on the implementation of Urban Development Areas (UDAs) by local governments

Participating in Critical Studies

- Economic Development and Job Creation
- Defective Drywall Task Force
- Housing Policy Framework for Virginia
- Homelessness Policy