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Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority Receives HUD Grant to Enhance Self Sufficiency Services

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently announced award of a \$350,000 grant to the Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA) for the expansion of services to assist public housing residents in achieving self sufficiency.

The Resident Opportunities and Self Sufficiency (ROSS) grant will provide funds over a three year period for expansion of the Villages at Lincoln Neighborhood Network Center's technology and training services, enhanced employment services, and supportive services such as child care and transportation, to support residents in moving toward self sufficiency.

"This grant award will allow RRHA to enhance the array of services provided to help residents achieve their goals in vitally important areas such as employment and homeownership," said Glenda Edwards, RRHA's Interim Executive Director.

The Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority was created by the City of Roanoke in 1949 under the provisions of the United States Housing Act of 1937, and operates under the direction of a seven-member Board of Commissioners appointed by the Roanoke City Council. RRHA is an independent, political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia with three primary responsibilities to the citizens of Roanoke: to provide housing and homeownership opportunities and to accomplish neighborhood revitalization; to take a leadership role in providing programs and resources for residents that promote and encourages self-sufficiency, self-esteem and self determination; and, to maintain a leadership role in fostering economic development and job opportunities through redevelopment. RRHA currently owns and manages nearly 1,300 units of public housing and administers approximately 1,500 units of Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers.

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