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**Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority Receives HUD Grant to Expand Supportive 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 supportive services to public housing residents.

The Resident Opportunities and Self Sufficiency (ROSS) Elderly/Persons with Disabilities Program grant will provide funds over a three year period for expansion of coordination, referral, and service delivery for residents who are elderly or who have disabilities at Melrose Towers and Morningside Manor apartment communities. The grant will also provide funding to continue the resource center with computer labs and add transportation services for program purposes.

“RRHA is very pleased to receive this grant,” said Glenda Edwards, RRHA’s Executive Director. “This funding will allow significant expansion of supportive services to allow residents of public housing who are aging or living with disabilities to achieve improved quality of life and independence.”

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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