

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #3: HUD NATIONAL DISASTER RESILIENCE COMPETITION

SUBJECT:

Briefing by Chris Thompson, DHCD Division of Housing Deputy Director.

BACKGROUND:

The Commonwealth of Virginia and major stakeholders in Hampton Roads have created a regional public-private coalition, The Resilience Partnership (RP), whose purpose is to re-invent the region around a shared understanding of how to live with water, in response to on-going environmental changes. The coalition will surface, test and refine the best strategies for building water resilient communities across a range of environments by developing a model seaport region that derives its economic vitality from the water. To support this effort, Virginia has applied for assistance through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the National Disaster Resilience Competition to support innovative resilience projects at the local level. The competition will also support communities in efforts to adopt policy changes and activities that plan for the impacts of extreme weather and climate change.

Mr. Chris Thompson, DHDC Division of Housing Deputy Director, will update the Commission on the recent submission of the application, award status and a review of the participating localities. Additionally, he will discuss how remaining localities can become involved in the project and other actions to be undertaken such as the formation of a state workgroup and identification of projects.

Note: This is for informational purposes only.