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### PRESS RELEASE

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From: Eric Pollitt – Town Manager

To: Chris Rose - Rappahannock Times

Subject: Revitalization Planning Grant

CC: Mayor & Council; Revitalization Committee; Tappahannock Main Street

After completing the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Initial Activities for its Business District Revitalization (BDR), the Town of Tappahannock will have up to \$50,000 available in grant funding from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for the purpose of developing a revitalization master plan for its downtown main street district.

Mayor Gladding said, “This grant will help us develop our vision for the downtown moving forward. We as Council continue to be the driving force for Tappahannock’s downtown revitalization. This initiative along with the development of the park at the former St. Margaret’s hockey field, will spark a renewed interest in Tappahannock’s downtown from visitors and residents alike.”

Councilwoman Kay Carlton lives on Prince Street stated, “This is awesome, Council is very happy with the direction of the community. This is exactly what we needed.” Councilwoman Anita Latane who is involved with Tappahannock Main Street said, “Eric is doing a great job for us, he is leading us in the right direction.” Fleet Dillard longtime resident who has lived in Tappahannock for most of his life and member of Council spoke about the grant, “This is a great opportunity for the Town. This is an exciting time to be in Tappahannock.” Kenneth ‘Skip’ Gillis who has been on Council since 2018 said, “We need business in this community.” Councilman Balderson stated, “Glad to see the Town and Main Street program working together.”

The project management team is waiting to hear back from DHCD to conduct a facilitated planning session to ‘kick off’ the planning process. In an email to Town Manager Pollitt DHCD staff stated, “The result of this meeting will be a work plan and budget that will be included in the proposal for Planning Grant funds to be submitted to DHCD.” Town Manager Pollitt indicated the creation of the downtown master plan would be a twelve to eighteen month process.

Please contact Mayor Gladding or Town Manager Pollitt if you have further questions about the grant at [rgladding@tappahannock-va.gov](mailto:rgladding@tappahannock-va.gov) and [epollitt@tappahannock-va.gov](mailto:epollitt@tappahannock-va.gov) respectively.