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USDA-Rural Development Community Facilities Loan and Grant Program

The Town of Tappahannock is pleased to announce receiving a total of \$125,600 through the Community Facilities Loan and Grant program, for purchasing new equipment improving the Town's fleet. Tappahannock's Public Works Director Oliver Bischof said "This new equipment is great to have. The employees are excited to use this new equipment." Town Manager Eric S. Pollitt commented on the USDA-Rural Development program, "The Community Facilities Loan and Grant program is great for small rural communities like Tappahannock. The program helped us afford purchasing this new equipment, saving taxpayers money." Mayor Roy M. Gladding stated, "I am delighted to hear that the Town secured Rural Development grant funding for the new equipment. Receiving his new equipment was long overdue and much needed."

The Town received \$66,500 in grant funding towards a total purchase amount of \$192,561 for a new garbage truck. These funds were used to purchase a 2023 Freightliner M2-106 refuse vehicle. The additional garbage truck will improve trash pickup services provided within Town limits by allowing rotation of vehicles for routine loading and unloading of garbage.

The Town of Tappahannock received \$30,400 in USDA-Rural Development grant funding towards a total purchase amount of \$107,793 for a utility tractor, front end loader, zero turn lawnmower, and pull-behind cutter to be used for maintaining ditches. All of which were much needed and will assist with providing a greater visual appeal for properties within Town limits.

Tappahannock received \$28,700 in USDA-RD grant funding towards a total purchase amount of \$87,896 for high-tech sewer inspection cameras. These cameras will provide staff with more sophisticated inspection capabilities, assessing sewer lines and manholes for routine maintenance and repairs.

Councilwoman Kay Carlton stated, "The USDA grants were a welcome relief to the budget. This new equipment will help the Town staff perform their duties in a more timely and efficient

manner.” Councilman Troy Balderson said, “It’s great that the town has secured these grants. I’ve been pushing for us to seek and acquire grants as much as possible.” Councilman Kenneth Gillis stated, “We have been waiting over a year for our new garbage truck. About time it was finally delivered.” Vice-Mayor Anita J. Latane stated, “We are grateful to obtain this grant money. Staff did a great job securing these grants, it is a lot of work.” Councilman Fleet Dillard commented, “I am pleased to hear that the Town was able to acquire grant money for the desired equipment. Nice to see our employees in the new garbage truck.”

If you have any questions, please contact the Town Manager Eric S. Pollitt at (804) 443-3336 or epollitt@tappahannock-va.gov, Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM.

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