



**TO:** Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development

**FROM:** Darryle Brown, GVPHC Chair

**RE:** Housing Trust Fund Grant Application

**DATE:** November 3, 2016

The Greater Virginia Peninsula Homelessness Consortium (GVPHC) is pleased to provide this letter of endorsement for The Housing Trust Fund Grant being submitted for consideration by Hampton Department of Human Services (HDHS). HDHS are long-term members of the GVPHC. They actively participate in program design and implementation. HDHS was the GVPHC chair for five years and was instrumental in making the required changes to the continuum in preparation for the implementation of the HEARTH Act. HDHS currently is the lead agency for the HUD COC grants and the VHSP grant. They provide oversight, monitoring and guidance as it pertains to current COC grants. They have presided over the continuum's SCAAN meeting for the past seven years and have been instrumental in implementing a systemized program flow in coordinated assessment. This committee has been highlighted State-wide and has been recognized as a best practice.

HDHS has proven they are able to develop, implement and manage grants that contribute to the overarching goal of ending homelessness. Additional funding targeted for youth (ages 18-24) homelessness will fill a much needed gap in our service area and aid the GVPHC in the goal of ending youth homelessness by 2020.

Respectfully,

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Greater Virginia Peninsula Homelessness Consortium Chair