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**Virginia Community Action Partnership Announces Grants to  
Provide Free Income Tax Preparation Assistance**

**Richmond, VA** – The Virginia Community Action Partnership (VACAP) is pleased to announce that \$485,725 has been awarded to 19 coalitions across Virginia to provide free income tax preparation services under the Internal Revenue Service Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. The VACAP program, called the Virginia CASH Campaign, provides opportunities for taxpayers to file both federal and state tax returns, claim valuable tax credits like the federal Child Tax Credit (CTC) and both the federal and state Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and link taxpayers with financial empowerment opportunities.

“We are very appreciative of Virginia’s Governor and General Assembly for funding this important work. Coalitions have been providing VITA services, in some cases, for over twenty years, including during the pandemic,” said Carolyn Spohrer, Vice President at VACAP.

Last tax filing season, over 19,700 returns were filed, bringing in over \$20 million in refunds to communities across Virginia. Erik Johnston, VACAP President and CEO, said, “Community volunteers, trained and certified by the IRS, have been the backbone of the program. The value of our VITA volunteers translates to over a \$10 million contribution to the program.”

“On behalf of our staff and volunteers working with the VITA program, we are pleased to accept this \$20,000 grant award” said Robin Boyd, Executive Director of Clinch Valley Community Action. “Being one of 19 grantees from across the Commonwealth enables us to impact the lives of individuals and families as we continue our VITA work as we have for 18 tax filing seasons.” Clinch Valley Community Action will start assisting customers with federal and state tax filing on January 27, 2025. For more information, please contact Rick Mallory at 276-988-5583 or by e-mail at [rmallory@clinchvalleycaa.org](mailto:rmallory@clinchvalleycaa.org).

**About Virginia Community Action Partnership**

Virginia Community Action Partnership is the statewide membership association for Virginia’s thirty-one non-profit private and public community action agencies. VACAP’s mission is to build capacity and competencies of Virginia’s community action agencies to achieve their mission of creating economic opportunities and facilitating mobility from poverty for the people of Virginia. At VACAP, we are committed to a future in which all of Virginia’s community action agencies are high impact and people and places across Virginia are thriving.



### **About Clinch Valley Community Action**

Clinch Valley Community Action is a private non-profit corporation established in 1965. The primary service area is Tazewell County with limited services provided in Russell, Buchanan, Smyth, Bland, and Wythe Counties. CVCA is locally managed and governed by a Board of Directors for the purpose of reducing poverty and promoting self-sufficiency of the poor. One third of the Board are local elected officials or their designees, one third are representatives of local business or civic organizations and one third are low income representatives.

CVCA provides resources and opportunities to individuals, families, and communities in a supportive environment to improve the quality of life.

CVCA brings a cross-section of the community together to address the needs of low income citizens.

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