



## VACAP NEWS

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### May is Community Action Month!

“Our People are the Action in Community Action!” We thank all of you for your work in moving towards eliminating poverty throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. We are honored and proud of all that has been accomplished over the past 60 years of Community Action and inspired by your energy and dedication to your clients and communities. We enjoyed seeing you all at the VACAP regional meetings.

**Please check out our video from the regional meetings:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9zXSMj2UOcg>

President Biden declares May Community Action Month, read the Declaration here:

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/presidential-letter-community-action-month>



## VACAP Priorities Funded and Sustained in State Budget

Great News! The CASH Campaign/VITA increased by \$450,000 each year with TANF as the funding source. The budget amendment would increase annual funding of \$185,725 to a total of \$635,725!

The Whole Family Approach funding of \$1.125 million is kept in the first year of the budget and restored in the second year so that we maintain this innovative effort in both years of the budget. This is also a big win as it will keep us in the base budget and make it more feasible to expand the program in the future.

The General Assembly's base funding for community action through TANF remains fully funded at \$9.25 million annually! Maintaining this funding required a lot of work and advocacy as other programs with TANF funds were cut. A big thank you to Kemper Consulting and all of our members who made phone calls and met with key legislators to advocate in behalf of all the great work you all do in Community Action.

## Goodreads and Newsworthy Updates

### **Federal program that helps low-income residents pay for internet is ending, affecting more than 346,000 Virginians**

By Tad Dickens, Cardinal News

A federal program that gives discounts on internet service to low-income households is ending this month, with no immediate plan to replace it. The Affordable Connectivity Program for two years

provided discounts of \$30 a month, or \$75 a month for people on tribal land. The \$14.2 billion Congress made available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law has run out, and the Federal Communications Commission accepted its final application on Feb. 8. The program also included one-time \$100 discounts on laptop, desktop or tablet purchases. Despite multiple requests to extend the program — including from lawmakers and the FCC chairwoman — neither the Senate nor the House of Representatives is on schedule to address it.

<https://cardinalnews.org/2024/04/22/a-federal-program-that-helps-low-income-residents-pay-for-internet-service-ends-this-month-in-virginia-that-will-affect-346000-households/>

### **Dems regroup on taxes, climate after compromise**

By Michael Martz, Richmond Times Dispatch

Legislators go into detail on the negotiations on the state budget, including the need to keep RGGI out of the budget to avoid complicating ongoing litigation surrounding the legitimacy of the Youngkin administration's directive to pull out of RGGI membership.

<https://bloximages.newyork1.vip.townnews.com/roanoke.com/content/tncms/assets/v3/edition/d/fc/dfc53a09-2119-50eb-9657-126af236af86/664959d7963bd.magnified.jpg>

### **Virginia governor swiftly signs compromise budget deal**

By Sarah Rankin, AP News

Youngkin and legislative leaders last week negotiated an end to their long-running standoff over the state's next two-year spending plan, agreeing to use higher-than-expected revenues to help fund key priorities without implementing a hotly debated new sales tax on digital goods, such as streaming services and computer software.

<https://apnews.com/article/virginia-youngkin-budget-54bd4cfbd15c0c33080e4d3d969a2ba3>

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## **Community Economic Development (CED) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Now Available**

The Community Economic Development (CED) program is a federal grant program that expands employment for individuals with low income in communities facing persistent poverty and high unemployment by investing in community development corporations (CDCs) that create and expand businesses and job opportunities.

The 2024 CED NOFOs have been released. There are two CED funding opportunities available: the CED NOFO, and the CED Planning NOFO.

Applications for the CED Planning NOFO are due on July 2, 2024, more info here:

<https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/352024>

Applications for the CED NOFO are due on July 17, 2024, more info here:

<https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/349897>

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## **Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)-Applications Due Soon**

FY 2024 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) is to provide funding for physical security enhancements and other security-related activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist attack. The NSGP also seeks to integrate the preparedness activities of nonprofit organizations with broader state and local preparedness efforts.

Applicants must submit their applications no later than Friday, May 24, 2024, at 11:59:59 PM EDT.

Info on How to Apply: [https://www.vaemergency.gov/grant-opportunities/fy-2024-nonprofit-security-grant-program-nsgp?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.vaemergency.gov/grant-opportunities/fy-2024-nonprofit-security-grant-program-nsgp?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

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## **VACAP Highlights Work of VACAP Members at Annual Virginia Funder's Network Conference**

VACAP staff were front and center spotlighting the work of VACAP members at the Virginia Funders Network Annual Conference which includes the leaders of the major statewide and regional foundations in Virginia. This is a key partnership for VACAP to spread the news about community action. Erik Johnston, VACAP President and CEO, served on a panel highlighting leveraging public and private funding. Kristen Dahlman, VACAP Director of Programs talked about the regional digital opportunity plans conducted by VACAP members and taking those a step further by building capacity for digital opportunity initiatives at the local level.



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## **RPIC Regional Webinars**

For the second year, Virginia is partnering with our Region III counterparts in Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, DC, and Delaware to provide webinars on a variety of subjects. These trainings will occur twice a month and be attended by Community Action Agency staff from multiple states. Here are some upcoming regional webinars:

6/13/24 @10:00am Digital Transformation

<https://communityactionassociationofpennsylvania.growthzoneapp.com/ap/Events/Register/GrZd82RP?mode=Attendee>

7/11/24 @10:00am Addressing Cost Allocation Challenges

<https://members.thecaap.org/ap/Events/Register/lkHAdEXcZt5Cw>

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## **NCAP Three Part Series: Whole Family Approach 101, 201 and 301**

This series is designed for agencies interested in applying a Whole Family Approach (WFA) to serving children and the adults in their lives. Over the course of three interconnected sessions, attendees will be grounded in the foundational concepts of WFA, inspired by success stories from within the Community Action Network, and empowered to begin their own WFA implementation journey. **A single registration gets you access to all three sessions, including recordings that can be watched later or shared with colleagues within your organization.** All sessions will be hosted live and include time for Q&A.

Whole Family Approach 301: Blending & Braiding Resources for WFA Sustainability

**June 12th, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. ET**

Learn from seasoned Community Action professionals and WFA practioners how to effectively blend and braid federal, state, local, and private resources to support your WFA implementation efforts.

Register here:

[https://communityactionpartnership.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_IPWZScrdTSO9FU2Iqcm9Pw#/registration](https://communityactionpartnership.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IPWZScrdTSO9FU2Iqcm9Pw#/registration)

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## **Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority Grant Workshops**

The VOAA will provide three regional workshops with strategies and best practices for the use of opioid settlement funds to abate and remediate the opioid epidemic at the community level. This workshop is specifically designed for city and county officials who are charged with developing plans (and budgets) for the use of these opioid funds. They are limiting attendance to government and non-profit organizations. Continental breakfast and lunch provided. There is a \$25 registration fee.

June 11, 2024 8:00am-4:45pm: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/11-june-2024-voaa-workshop-tickets-882156743567?aff=oddtcreator>

September 5, 2024 8:00am-4:45pm: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/5-sep-2024-voaa-workshop-tickets-883325288717?aff=oddtcreator>

October 10, 2024 8:00am-4:45pm: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/5-sep-2024-voaa-workshop-tickets-883325288717?aff=oddtcreator>



Click here to look up Estimated Settlement Funds headed to the localities that you serve:  
<https://voaa.us21.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ab6ebb4365c7aa5f49f0ed734&id=483084bf56&e=eb5ada8bcd>

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## **Virginia Department of Education Accepting Public Comments on Virginia's 2025-2027 CCDF State Plan**

The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) **provides funding to states to support child care assistance to low-income working families and support the health, safety, and quality of the entire child care system.** The 2025-2027 CCDF State Plan describes how Virginia will complete activities funded by CCDF and implement policies in compliance with the law, effective October 1, 2024.

VDOE is accepting written public comments on the 2025-2027 CCDF State Plan Draft until midnight on Sunday, June 16. **Comments submitted by midnight on Wednesday, May 29, will be addressed during the public hearing on June 5.**

Link to Draft State Plan: <https://www.childcare.virginia.gov/reports-resources/administrative-program-manuals-reports-and-data/virginia-child-care-plan>

To Submit Public Comments: [https://66mehcp7.r.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/L0/https:%2F%2Fforms.office.com%2Fg%2FFEtms73jgv/1/0101018f782cb65b-7db993c8-5bc8-4d24-8d67-e3fe79d3698e-000000/1jBqfvo-lMuXRGol9dPqv-gBj\\_M=374](https://66mehcp7.r.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/L0/https:%2F%2Fforms.office.com%2Fg%2FFEtms73jgv/1/0101018f782cb65b-7db993c8-5bc8-4d24-8d67-e3fe79d3698e-000000/1jBqfvo-lMuXRGol9dPqv-gBj_M=374)

Or can submit public comments by emailing a formal letter (Microsoft Word or PDF files only, please) to [earlychildhoodaccess@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:earlychildhoodaccess@doe.virginia.gov).

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## **OMB Uniform Guidance: What the Updates Mean for Nonprofits**

OMB released a major rewrite of the Uniform Guidance that address longwithstanding issues, advancing equity and other significant reforms.

The networks of the National Council of Nonprofits are hosting a special, nationwide free webinar to make sure charitable nonprofits know about the significant improvements to the Uniform Guidance, and what the changes mean for their missions.

Officials with the federal Office of Management and Budget, Deidre Harrison and Steven P. Mackey, will provide an overview of the Uniform Guidance, the new revisions, and the implementation timeline. Additional experts from the National Council of Nonprofits and our networks will share real-life examples of improvements for charitable nonprofits.

**Thursday, May 30 at 3:30 – 4:30 pm**

**Register here:** <https://www.councilofnonprofits.org/form/omb-uniform-guidance-webinar>