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GOOGLE ANNOUNCES $10 MILLION TO EXPAND ENERGY AFFORDABILITY AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE ACROSS VIRGINIA.

Funding for the Virginia Community Action Partnership will support home repairs, weatherization, workforce development and community resilience.

RICHMOND, Va. (Oct. 5, 2026) — Google today announced a $9.5 million commitment to the Virginia Community Action Partnership (VACAP) to support energy affordability and community resilience efforts across Virginia and an additional $500,000 to FLIPP Inc. to support their ongoing workforce development.

The commitment is part of Google's $15 million Virginia Energy Impact Fund, announced in June to help drive down monthly utility bills for Virginia households by supporting critical community projects such as home repairs, weatherization and energy-efficiency upgrades. Funding will support work in Botetourt, Loudoun, Prince William and Chesterfield counties and Hampton Roads, along with statewide efforts.

"Google is committed to investing deeply, partnering locally and ensuring that our growth delivers meaningful benefits for the communities we call home," **said Hannah Coman, Google Energy Market Development Lead.** "By working with trusted organizations across Virginia, this program will help more families access critical home repairs and energy-efficiency improvements, support the skilled workforce needed to deliver that work and strengthen essential community resources."

VACAP will serve as the central convener and grant administrator, working with the Association of Energy Conservation Professionals (AECP) and local Community Action Agencies and Weatherization Assistance Programs to support home repairs, weatherization and workforce development, with priority for low- and moderate-income households near Google's data centers. The initiative will also support skilled-trades training and contractor recruitment, with VACAP and AECP working alongside FLIPP Inc. to strengthen Virginia's weatherization workforce. Google is increasing its existing grant to FLIPP by $500,000 to support this workforce development work and partnership.

"Virginia already has a strong network of local organizations that understand the needs of the communities they serve," **said Erik Johnston, CEO of VACAP.** "This commitment will help our Community Action Programs and weatherization partners build on that existing work, reach

more families and deliver improvements that support healthier, safer and more energy-efficient homes."

In Hampton Roads, funding will also support resilience hubs at existing community-serving facilities, including solar energy, battery storage and energy-efficiency improvements designed to help those facilities continue serving residents during extreme weather and other emergencies.

Google and VACAP will highlight the collaboration on October 6 during VACAP's Pathways from Poverty to Prosperity Summit in the Richmond area. The initiative will run for one year, with VACAP reporting on program progress and outcomes.

The program builds on Google's years-long commitment to Virginia and its efforts to support energy affordability, workforce development and economic opportunity across the Commonwealth.

To learn more about Google's Energy Impact Program and its work to advance energy affordability in data center communities, visit Google's Energy Impact Program page.

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