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People Inc. receives additional funding for rent and mortgage relief program serving the City of Bristol, Buchanan County, Dickenson County, Tazewell County and Washington County

ABINGDON, Va. – People Incorporated has received additional funding for the rent and mortgage relief program serving residents of the City of Bristol, Buchanan County, Dickenson County, Tazewell County and Washington County who have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Additional funding will allow People Inc. to continue to serve residents who are in danger of eviction from their homes,” said Kyle Sensabaugh, director of housing services. “We want anyone in need of assistance to contact us – we’re here to help you remain in your home during this uncertain time.”

The agency received over \$270,000 in additional funding from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development to continue to serve residents across the region.

People Inc. has served 150 households in the region with over \$226,500 in assistance to help them avoid eviction or foreclosure as of Tuesday.

The agency received its initial funding to implement the program in 17 Virginia cities and counties in June. Over \$900,000 has been paid to landlords and lenders across the service area to help residents since that time.

The program will pay the current month’s rent or mortgage payments and any past due payments since April 2020 for residents impacted by the pandemic. Residents who have already received assistance and are in further need may also reapply. Landlords who accept payments through the relief program must agree not to evict the tenant for non-payment during the payment plan period.

Residents interested in applying for assistance should call the agency hotline at 833-437-0114.

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