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People Inc. offers rental assistance to individuals affected by COVID-19

ABINGDON, Va. – People Inc. is now offering rental assistance to qualifying individuals who have been economically impacted by the outbreak of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19. Rental assistance will be paid directly to landlords of qualifying tenants.

"We know that staying home is key to maintaining social distance and slowing the spread of COVID-19," said People Inc. Director of Housing Kyle Sensabaugh. "We want to ensure that our most vulnerable clients are able to avoid displacement or eviction during this difficult time."

Rental assistance is available to qualifying individuals who live in Buchanan County, Bristol City, Clarke County, Culpeper County, Dickenson County, Fauquier County, Frederick County, Manassas City, Manassas Park City, Page County, Prince William County, Rappahannock County, Russell County, Shenandoah County, Warren County and Washington County.

In order to qualify for rental assistance, individuals must be within 200% of federal poverty guidelines and must have been impacted by a layoff, release or reduced income related to COVID-19. Individuals must owe the landlord rent for the months during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Interested individuals should contact the People Inc. Rental Assistance hotline toll free at 833-437-0114 for more information and to apply.

About People Incorporated of Virginia

People Incorporated is a non-profit Community Action Agency and Community Development Corporation committed to providing opportunities for economically disadvantaged people to reach their goals in order to enhance their lives, families, and communities. People Incorporated develops programs and strategies that are designed to move people and communities into the economic mainstream. In Fiscal Year 2019, People Incorporated provided services to over 9,500 clients. For more information about People Incorporated's programs and services contact the Abingdon office at 276-623-9000 or visit us at <u>www.peopleinc.net</u>.

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