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City of Fredericksburg Department of Social Services Awarded Grant to continue Community-Based Eligibility Worker Program

For the seventh consecutive year, the City of Fredericksburg Department of Social Services (FDSS) has been awarded a grant from the Mary Washington Hospital Community Benefit fund to continue to operate their Community-Based Eligibility Worker (CBEW) program. The CBEW program's goal is to address issues of healthcare access and food insecurity by increasing enrollment in the Medicaid and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP) Programs and by providing intensive case management and education. The program places an eligibility worker in the field at participating partner locations. Current partner locations include: MICAH, the Thurman Brisben Center, the Lloyd Moss Free Clinic, the Fredericksburg Christian Health Center, the Community Health Center of the Rappahannock Region, Hazel Hill, Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging (RAAA) and the disAbility Resource Center. Because, poverty, food insecurity, and healthcare access are inextricably linked, programs that target all three of these socioeconomic factors yield the best outcomes.

In Planning District (PD) 16 (City of Fredericksburg and Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania, and Stafford Counties) there are 42,631 uninsured residents, and of those, 11,510 are eligible, but not enrolled in Medicaid. Additionally, of the region's 352,679 residents, 31,010 are food insecure – they lack the inability to afford an adequate diet for healthy living. The program has exceeded program goals in each of the years it has operated. Since the program's inception in 2009, the program has enrolled 2,742 individuals in the SNAP program and 1,007 individuals in the Medicaid program. FDSS is able to provide this program through a combination of Federal funding, support from the Mary Washington Hospital Community Benefit fund, partner organization funding, and local government support.

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