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**NEW BUSINESS ITEM #1**

TO: Board of Delegates, Piedmont Triad Regional Council

FROM: Michael Blair, Community Development Director

DATE: October 20, 2021

RE: HUD Weatherization Coordination Demonstration Grant

 The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded the PTRC, as a direct grant recipient, $1,000,000 to partner with City of Greensboro’s Lead-Safe Housing Program, University of North Carolina at Greensboro Center for Housing & Community Studies, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University Center for Energy Research and Technology, North Carolina Justice Center, and the North Carolina State Energy Program to implement a collaborative program to address housing issues of low-income families related to lead-based paint, healthy homes, and energy efficiency and weatherization. The PTRC is one of only five applicants nationwide to receive an award this round.

 The program will implement a protocol that includes joint applications, inspections/assessments and intervention measures that will reduce the burden on applicants to navigate multiple agencies for these services.

 The grant will include 20 homes that will receive services that have members of households living in units that include either a young child (age 6 or under), an elderly person (age 62 or over), a pregnant woman, or a person with a disability or illness that could benefit from home modification (e.g., poorly controlled asthma, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)) or the household has a high energy burden.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** The PTRC Community Development Department is requesting approval from the board to accept the awarded HUD $1,000,000 Weatherization Coordination Demonstration Grant Program