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### **Skyline CAP Receives Grant from Rappahannock Electric Cooperative**

Skyline Community Action Partnership, Inc. would like to thank Rappahannock Electric Cooperative (REC) for a grant to help provide emergency assistance to residents of Orange and Madison counties. The grant was awarded to Skyline CAP through the cooperative's C.A.R.E. (Community Awareness of Rappahannock Electric) Charity program and responds the Agency's request to help fill gaps left in resources used to assist county residents including children and families.

The award of \$2,000 will be used by Skyline CAP to provide up to \$200 in emergency assistance payments to eligible clients to help pay rent. To be eligible for assistance, a person must be a resident of Orange or Madison counties; meet income guidelines; have an eviction notice; and have suffered a recent, unexpected financial setback such as loss of employment or medical bills; these funds cannot be used to pay utility bills.

Rappahannock Electric Cooperative (REC) is a member-owned utility that provides electric service to more than 155,000 connections in parts of 22 Virginia counties. Their mission is "to enhance the lives of our members by providing reliable electric service, dependable products and support to the communities we serve." C.A.R.E. Charity, Inc. is funded through the organization's Operation Round-Up fund, which "rounds up" monthly utility bills to the nearest dollar and uses the extra funds to support the charity's giving.

Skyline CAP has provided services in the community for 21 years. Their mission is to give a hand up, not a hand out, to families in need in Orange, Madison and Greene counties. This is done through programs that focus on education, affordable housing, and emergency assistance.

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