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**Virginia Board Announces \$540,000 in Grants
to Expand Community Services for
Individuals with Disabilities**

*Innovative projects that invest in recreation, housing, transportation &
consumer-directed services*

RICHMOND—The Virginia Board for People with Disabilities (VBPD) has awarded three competitive grants totaling \$540,000 to improve and expand community supports for individuals with developmental and other disabilities in the Commonwealth. The grantees have leveraged an additional \$266,983 in private, local and state funds for total project costs of \$806,983.

The three grant awards which will begin October 1, 2010 are:

Grantee: Joey Pizzano Memorial Fund, Inc., Alexandria VA

Grant Title: "Our Special Harbor Inclusive Sprayground"

Grant Funds Awarded: \$250,000 Match: \$170,316 Project Total: \$420,316

Grant Period: October 1, 2010–September 30, 2011

Project Goal: In a public-private partnership with the Fairfax County Park Authority, the grantee will develop a fully accessible water park, or "sprayground," in southeastern Fairfax County that promotes inclusive recreation among children with and without disabilities in a safe, zero-depth water environment. Board funding will be used to purchase the accessible water features.

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Grantee: Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission, Charlottesville, VA
Grant Title: “Increasing the Use of the Transportation & Housing Alliance Toolkit”
Grant Funds Awarded: \$75,000 Match: \$25,000 Project Total: \$100,000
Grant Period: October 1, 2010–March 31, 2012

Project Goal: Recognizing the interdependent relationship between transportation and housing, the Board funded development of the toolkit which has been used throughout the Commonwealth by planners and their partners at the state, regional and local levels as a tool for coordinating planning efforts and working toward building inclusive communities for all citizens. This latest grant will expand the use of the toolkit through regional training conferences and by encouraging state and local entities to provide builder incentives to build low-income housing options with access to transportation. It will also improve planning and coordination of transportation for individuals with disabilities.

Grantee: Virginia Association of Centers for Independent Living, Norfolk, VA
Grant Title: “Improvement & Expansion of Consumer-Directed Services”
Grant Funds Awarded: \$215,000 Match: \$71,667 Project Total: \$286,667
Grant Period: October 1, 2010–September 30, 2012

Project Goal: Consistent with the Board’s support of self determination and self-direction, this grant will increase the number of professionals who provide consumer-directed support to individuals with developmental and other disabilities. An outreach and awareness campaign, targeting high schools and colleges, will focus on recruiting and training individuals interested in providing consumer-directed services. A web-based registry of consumer-directed service providers will be established.

As Virginia’s Developmental Disabilities (DD) Council, VBPD works to develop and advance policies and practices that promote individual and family-directed services and supports that allow individuals with developmental and other disabilities to be fully integrated and included in all facets of community life.

VBPD has invested in more than 220 best-practice, demonstration, research, advocacy, training, and outreach projects in the areas of community inclusion, early intervention, education, employment, housing, and transportation.

Funding for VBPD’s investment initiatives is provided by the federal Administration for Developmental Disabilities, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, under the national Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-402).

To learn more about VBPD, its grants, advocacy and leadership programs and other activities, visit www.vaboard.org, call (800) 846-4464, or e-mail Info@VBPD.virginia.gov.

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