

Administration for Community Living



Greater Richmond Elder Justice Shelter Initiative



The Greater Richmond Elder Justice Shelter Initiative is set to receive nearly **\$1 Million in ACL Funding from September 2024 to August 2026.**



Establishing and evaluating Virginia's first elder justice shelter model.

This project establishes and evaluates Virginia's first elder justice shelter model to provide emergency and transitional housing with wrap-around services for older adults (60+), including those with disabilities, who have experienced abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

Addressing a critical gap in the elder justice system, **this shelter model offers safety, stabilization, and coordinated care pathways** that support healing and long-term wellbeing. This project **aligns with federal priorities** to prevent elder abuse, promote housing security for vulnerable populations, and build trauma-informed systems of care. It also offers a **replicable solution to a national challenge** facing Adult Protective Services and aging services networks.



Impact Highlights

Without a safe place to go, older adults are often forced to remain in dangerous and exploitative situations, leading to continued physical and emotional harm, further exploitation, and in the most tragic cases, preventable death.

This vulnerability is compounded when they have no housing alternatives, making them prime targets for further victimization, including predatory practices that lead to homelessness.

This project has developed pathways that increase positive outcomes for elders.

"Lack of affordable housing is the biggest issue I see. Many older adults receive little income and are completely unprepared for the modern prices of housing when they need to move. The other main issue I see is personal care needs. These services are often prohibitively expensive and difficult for older adults to navigate. The agencies are also short-staffed so it can be difficult for the patients to find aides." - Primary Care Worker



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