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**Hampton Roads Community Health Center Receives \$15k COVID-19 Recovery Grant Funding**  
**Grant Award Supports Expansion of Center’s Behavioral Telehealth Services**

**October 28, 2020** — The Hampton Roads Community Health Center (HRCHC) has been awarded \$15,000 from Hampton Roads Community Foundation’s COVID-19 Recovery grant. The grant will allow HRCHC to increase its telepsychiatry services to the Center’s existing and new mental health patients.

“We are grateful to receive Hampton Roads Community Foundation’s COVID-19 Recovery grant, as it will serve to offset the cost of our much-needed mental health services,” shares Erica Johnson, Chief Operating Officer. “As a result of COVID-19, we rapidly adjusted our in-person service delivery model, to primarily telehealth, because we understand the existing healthcare needs of the community and have forecasted future needs, which has led us to continue enhancing our telemedicine infrastructure, so that we may expand our reach to existing and new patients, while also increasing continuity of care during emergencies, such as this pandemic, natural disasters and shutdowns.”

Funds granted will be used to expand the Center’s mental health services, as the demand for virtual mental health services continues to rise, amid the pandemic. To avoid coronavirus-related reductions in ancillary services, and to avert its 2021 potential net program loss of \$800,000, HRCHC continues its efforts to secure additional funding streams.

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**About the Hampton Roads Community Health Center**

Hampton Roads Community Health Center is a non-profit entity organized 25 years ago, for the primary purpose of providing health care services to the medically underserved and disadvantaged population of Portsmouth, Norfolk and surrounding South Hampton Roads communities in Virginia. Its health services include medical, dental, and behavioral health for all ages. For more information about Hampton Roads Community Health Center, visit [www.hrchc.org](http://www.hrchc.org).

**About Hampton Roads Community Foundation**

The Hampton Roads Community Foundation is southeastern Virginia’s largest grant and scholarship provider. Since its founding in 1950, the regional community foundation has provided more than \$301 million in grants and scholarships to improve life in southeastern Virginia.

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