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**A-SPAN and APAH Partner to Preserve Affordable
Housing and End Homelessness in Arlington**

Partnership forged to house chronically homeless in Arlington

ARLINGTON, VA – September 26, 2016 – A-SPAN is thrilled to announce that the Arlington County Board in a 5-0 vote approved the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing's (APAH) proposal to acquire eight buildings, totaling 68 units, with Arlington County Affordable Housing Investment Fund (AHIF) support. APAH will renovate and preserve these privately owned rental apartments in the Westover area.

After the Arlington County Board approved the purchase plan on September 24, A-SPAN President and CEO Kathleen Sibert said "A-SPAN is pleased to be a partner with APAH as they are setting aside one building with 8 units for A-SPAN to provide a supportive housing option for Arlington's chronically homeless veterans and individuals". A-SPAN will provide onsite case management services and supervision for this vulnerable population. These newly housed veterans and individuals will have leases in their own names, APAH will be the landlord and A-SPAN will provide the onsite supportive services.

A-SPAN, a champion of the housing first model, has been successfully providing housing services in Arlington County for nearly a decade. Presently A-SPAN has 63 people in housing, with 13 living in the Westover area. A-SPAN is looking forward to adding to the number of people in housing through this partnership with APAH.

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A-SPAN's vision is to end homelessness in Arlington County. If you would like more information about this topic, or to schedule an interview with A-SPAN, please contact Scott Miller at smiller@a-span.org or (703) 228-7809.