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**A-SPAN WINS 2018 NEIGHBORHOOD BUILDERS AWARD**

**ARLINGTON, VA – October 16, 2018** – A-SPAN has been named a 2018 Bank of America Neighborhood Builders Award grant recipient in the Greater Washington area. A-SPAN was selected for its commitment to addressing issues fundamental to economic mobility.

“A-SPAN is honored to have won such a prestigious award. Our partnership with Bank of America illustrates our commitment to the Arlington community. The award strengthens A-SPAN’s efforts to help clients with housing and economic barriers move from homelessness to a home,” says Kathleen Sibert, A-SPAN President /CEO.

As awardee, A-SPAN will receive a financial grant and a year of leadership training for its Executive Director and an Emerging Leader. A-SPAN now joins the more than 1,000 nonprofits in 49 communities to receive the Bank of America Neighborhood Builders Award distinction since 2004.

“Through the Neighborhood Builders program, we are able to help nonprofits have a greater impact in our local communities by giving them flexible funding and invaluable leadership training,” said Jeff Wood, Greater Washington, Market President, Bank of America. “A-SPAN makes a difference in the lives of thousands in our community daily and this support will help them to expand their efforts reaching and responding to the needs of those at-risk for or experiencing homelessness in the Greater Washington area.”

A-SPAN’s goal is to eliminate homelessness in Arlington County. Through the organizations strategic Housing First approach, A-SPAN is able to quickly connect homeless individuals to permanent housing without preconditions and barriers to occupancy. After housing individuals, the organization offers various support services, such as mental health care, substance abuse treatment and medical care to help maximize housing stability. Since its first housing program began in 2007, A-SPAN has helped over 257 people get housing.

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