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Dominion Energy awards \$10,000 grant to Charleston Trident Urban League
Funding will support Homeless Prevention Program.

Charleston Trident Urban League (CTUL) has received a \$10,000 Critical Community Needs Grant from Dominion Energy to support the organization's work in preventing homelessness in the Charleston MSA.

CTUL President Otha Meadows said "many individuals and families in our community and across the nation are one paycheck away from becoming homeless. We have an affordable housing crisis in our region, with skyrocketing prices for even the most basic living situations. Even people with full-time jobs are finding it difficult to afford the higher cost of living. There are different reasons for people becoming homeless, but nearly all of them stem from issues surrounding money. Either the person has no money, doesn't earn enough money to afford housing, or they lose their housing because they can't make regular payments. There are many households where individuals work multiple jobs, but because of other expenses, such as medical bills, crippling debt, or a financial crisis, can't afford to pay for housing."

Meadows notes the Dominion Energy grant will allow CTUL to provide financial assistance to individuals and families who are at the greatest risk of becoming homeless.

"Thank you, Dominion Energy for being outstanding corporate citizens and caring about those families who are faced with maintaining safe, decent and affordable shelter," he said.

The Dominion Energy grant will be used to help fund CTUL's Homeless Prevention Program (HPP). The basis of the HPP is to make available a continuum of services to individual and families who are at risk of becoming homeless and who can demonstrate that, with effective prevention and intervention services, would be able to meet their basic needs in the immediate and near future. By providing them with the needed assistance, CTUL can prevent an individual or family from having to move into an emergency shelter and/or becoming homeless. Other services provided to the clients include money management, asset building and employment services.

"Dominion Energy is honored to support the work of CTUL as part of our pledge to help provide basic necessities like food and housing in the communities we serve," said Kristen Beckham, external affairs representative for Dominion Energy. "By investing in efforts like CTUL's Homeless Prevention Program, we can help provide greater stability and a better life for people in need."

The Charleston Trident Urban League

The Charleston Trident Urban League is an affiliate of the National Urban League, the oldest civil rights and community-based organization in the nation. The CTUL is a non-partisan, not profit organization, who promotes diversity and inclusion and provides multifaceted programs

that assist all citizens to achieve economic and social equality. The CTUL has a 27-year track record of providing an array of programs and services to individuals and families in the greater Charleston MSA.

For more information, contact the CTUL at 843-769-8173 or (CTUL.org).

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