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**Portsmouth Continues Public Engagement on  
Strategies to Decrease Poverty in the City**  
*Second public forum will review findings to-date*

**PORTSMOUTH, VA (AUGUST 3, 2018)** – The city of Portsmouth has scheduled a second public forum Wednesday, August 15, 2018, from 6 – 7:30 p.m. at the Portsmouth Department of Social Services, 1701 High Street, to continue its discussion on poverty in Portsmouth.

The city's consultant, Thomas P. Miller and Associates (TPMA), will review results from the first round of public input, to include the survey and the June session. TPMA will walk through some of the areas of research they have been reviewing as a result of that input. Lastly, additional public feedback and input will be solicited for the next phase of the poverty survey.

The first public forum was held in June where residents shared their input about challenges the city faces and some possible ideas to address them. Additionally, more than 200 surveys were collected from residents at community events, online and the June public forum.

The public forum is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Bob Baldwin at 757-393-8836 or [baldwinb@portsmouthva.gov](mailto:baldwinb@portsmouthva.gov).

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