

501(C)(3) NON-PROFITS

ORGANIZATIONS APPLYING FOR REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

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Karen I. Rose, Commissioner of the Revenue





City Council's Authority to Exempt Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes

- The Constitution of Virginia allows for specific local tax exemption (Ref. Article X, §6. Exempt Property).
- Prior to January 1, 2003, the General Assembly passed bills exempting an organization from local taxation.
- As of January 1, 2003, local elected officials were given the authority to make the determination.
- Council passed a local ordinance addressing real and personal property exemption (Ref. §4-2-17 Harrisonburg City Code).



The Process

- Non-profit files Tax-Exempt Application.
- Application and supporting documentation (i.e. financial statements, tax returns, etc.) are reviewed by a committee made up of the City's Finance Director, Treasurer, and Commissioner of the Revenue.
- Revenue impact is determined.
- A public hearing is set and advertised.
- The information is provided to City Council.
- Tax-exempt status is awarded or denied.
- The local ruling is the final determination.



Current Statistics

- There are 13 - 501 (c)(3) organizations that have personal property exempted by Council and the total tax amount exempted in FY 23 was \$23,665.
- There are 12 - 501 (c)(3) organizations that have real estate taxes exempted by Council and the total tax amount exempted in FY 23 was \$ 101,518.48.



2023 Applicants

Blue Ridge Free Clinic Inc



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831 Martin Luther King Way



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Mission: To offer wholistic healthcare, medication assistance, urgent dental, and needs-based navigation services provided by community volunteers and donors for our neighbors in need

Since early 2021, their primary goal is Long term, sustainable and affordable healthcare for all!

Community donations & grants provide the funds to sustain the Free Clinic and 100+ community and student volunteers provide the services.



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Who is eligible for services?

- Anyone 18+ years old without a medical home
- Below 300% Federal Poverty Level For SRMH free care
- Chronic Care/Internal & Acute Care
- No citizenship requirement
- Kids – Physicals only
- Navigation agreement –must apply/use Medicaid if eligible



Blue Ridge Clinic Program Services



- **General Medical Clinics** held **Monday & Thursday mornings**
- **Tuesday evening hours**
- **Speciality Care** includes dermatology, psychiatry, gynecology, cardiology, gaastroenterolgy, rheumatology, neurology, urology
- **Home Visits**
- **Navigation Services** to Community Resources



Blue Ridge Free Clinic Impact



Since opening in 2021
the Clinic has

- Served more than 1300 patients
- 3000+ office visits
- 500+ navigated
- Ongoing Community Dental Referral program (80+ patients in pain)



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2023 Personal Property Tax Assessment: \$ 41,636

2023 Personal Property Taxes levied: \$ 883



- The committee recommends that Blue Ridge Free Clinic be exempted the personal property taxes for which they have applied.



Questions