Affordable Housing
What is the definition of affordable housing?

Decent, quality housing that costs no more than 30 percent of a household's gross monthly income for rent/mortgage and utility payments.
What does affordable housing look like?

- Single family and multi-family
- Garden apartments and hi-rises
- Rental and home ownership
- New construction and existing buildings

ALL KINDS!
At what income level does Arlington provide assistance?

A. People who make less than 80% of the Area Median Income
B. People who make less than 50% of the Area Median Income
C. People who make less than 40% of the Area Median Income
D. All of the above
What does Area Median Income (AMI) mean anyway?

- Half of area incomes are above; half are below
- Calculated by HUD for family size, by metro area
- Determines eligibility for government programs
What is the AMI for a family of four in the Washington area?

A. $85,000
B. $93,450
C. $107,500
D. $115,000

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012
Who qualifies for affordable housing?

- Kindergarten teachers - $42,710
- Social workers - $62,370
- Police officers - $67,750
- Restaurant cooks - $27,860
- Janitors and cleaners - $26,930
- Engineering technicians - $54,330

Why is affordable housing becoming more challenging?

- Demand is high – Arlington has great jobs, schools and location
- Redevelopment pressure – Traditional affordable housing is aging
How does Arlington County support affordable housing?

A. Grants for eligible residents to help with rent and utilities
B. Subsidies to developers to develop affordable rental properties
C. Loans to first-time homebuyers to assist with closing and down payment assistance
D. All of the above
Additional programs include:

- Real estate tax relief for the elderly and disabled
- Permanent supportive housing for eligible residents
- Grants for nonprofit partners for housing development and associated services
- Homeless programs, including shelters and transitional programs
- A Housing Information Center
- Tenant landlord mediation
How much funding does Arlington commit to affordable housing each year?

a. $10 million
b. $30 million
c. $50 million
d. $80 million
Arlington County FY 2013 Budget

County Board Added:
- $2.8 Million to AHIF
- $2.2 Million to Housing Grants

Over $50 Million in Housing Programs for FY 2013
Which departments have the primary role in managing housing programs in Arlington County?

- Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development
  - Housing Division

- Department of Human Services
  - Economic Independence Division