

May 25th, 2013 Take-Away

Definitions

Homeless persons

- An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate night time residence.
- An individual or family who will imminently lose their primary night time residence.
- Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, but who are moving from residence to residence or couch to couch.
- Any individual or family who are fleeing domestic violence or other abusive conditions.

Housing Assistance Tools

For Homeless	For Low-Income Households
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelters • Transitional housing • Homeless prevention and rapid re-housing • Permanent supportive housing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing choice voucher (Section 8) • Housing grants (locally funded) • Real estate tax relief • Group homes • Independent and assisted living services

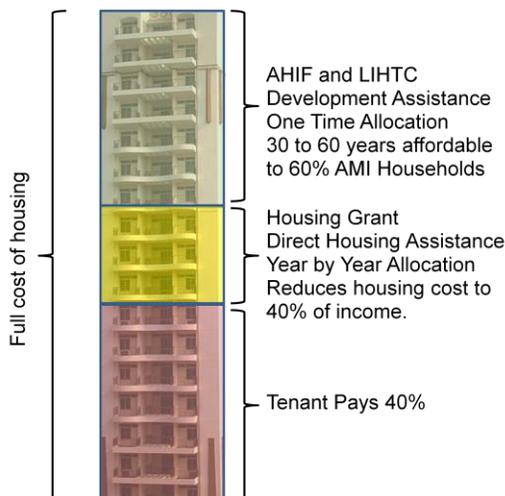
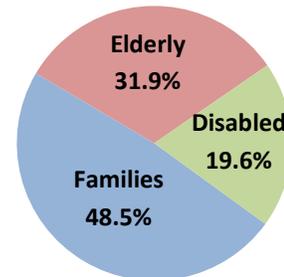
As of January 2013 there were 479 homeless persons in Arlington County. Of these, 266 were single adults, 211 were families (adults and children), and 2 were children in a household without an adult.

While the number of homeless persons has increased 6% over 2012, it has decreased by 6% since 2009.

Arlington County has established targets for providing housing assistance to families with children, persons with disabilities and the elderly. The targeted distribution is:

- 65% for families with children
- 20% for elderly
- 15% for persons with disabilities

The chart to the right shows the actual distribution of assistance among these three identified groups.



SERIOUS HOUSING NEED

Providing housing assistance to households earning under 40% of the Area Median Income (\$3,583/month for a family of four) generally involves a combination of housing constructed through the county's development assistance administered by the Housing Division and direct rental assistance provided through the Department of Human Assistance.

- 80% of persons receiving Housing Grants live in Committed Affordable Housing (CAF).
- 100% of all eligible households that request Housing Grants receive a Housing Grant.
- The average monthly subsidy is \$561
- 48% of households are in the program for less than 2 years.