



Arlington County FY 2014 Annual Action Plan

What is the Annual Action Plan?

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires localities receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME, Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds to complete an Annual Action Plan. Arlington’s plan also includes the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program. The FY 2014 plan describes Community Development (CD) Fund allocations, objectives, activities, and performance measures for six goals identified in the 5-Year Consolidated Plan for FY 2011-2015 related to Affordable Housing, Homelessness, Neighborhood Strategy Areas (NSAs), Community Development, Citizen Participation and Institutional Structure.



First Time Homebuyer Assistance

The Arlington County Board recently approved an additional allocation of \$500,000 for down payment and closing cost assistance for low and moderate-income first time homebuyers. In March 2012, the County Board also approved \$500,000 in Moderate Income Purchase Assistance Program (MIPAP) funds for residents of the Buckingham Village community; ending 2012 with a commitment totaling \$1.2 million for the MIPAP program. The new money should be enough to assist 10 to 15 families or households to become homeowners. Through the MIPAP, the County can lend up to 25 percent of the purchase price of the property. When a homebuyer chooses to sell or refinance the property the homebuyer will owe the County the original loan amount, plus a proportionate share of the net appreciation, if any.

FY 2014 Funding:

Federal Funding

- CDBG: \$1,151,014
- Program Income: \$320,000
- HOME: \$532,435
- Housing Choice Vouchers:
\$18,240,094
- CSBG: \$188,663
- ESG: *The County will apply to the state for these funds.*

Local Funding

- Affordable Housing Investment Fund (AHIF):
\$ 12,013,131 in local funds and
\$ 479,192 in HOME funds, for a
total of \$12,492,323
- Housing Grants: \$8,000,000
- Real Estate Tax Relief: \$5,150,000

Comprehensive Homeless Service Center

In November 2012, the County purchased a seven story building at 2020 14th St. N. to house a number of County offices and a year-round comprehensive homeless services center on the first two floors. The County and community have long been committed to providing a permanent facility for homeless services and shelter in the Courthouse area. The homeless services center will replace the aging Emergency Winter Shelter located at 2049 15th St. N. that originated as a temporary solution 20 years ago. The new center is located just a block away from the new center’s location.



FY 2014 Housing Funding

An estimated \$55 million will be available to address housing needs in FY 2014. Housing assistance presents the largest expenditure, through the federal Housing Choice Voucher program and the local Housing Grants and Homeowners’ Grant programs. Special Needs funding includes both local and federal money for residential services and emergency shelter programs. More than \$12 million in local AHIF funds is included in the Development & Rehab category.

FY 2014 Affordable Housing Funding	
Activity	\$ in millions
Housing Assistance	\$31.0
Special Needs	\$8.6
Development & Rehab	\$13.9
Info & Services	\$1.2
Planning	\$0.4
Total	\$55.1



Objectives and Performance Measures

Affordable Housing Study

The Arlington County Board endorsed the Affordable Housing Study Charge that was presented on December 11, 2012. The purpose of the Study is to create a shared community vision of Arlington's affordable housing as a key component of our community sustainability. County Staff and Community Stakeholders will:

- Examine existing principles, goals and targets;
- Assess current programs and resources;
- Identify needs and gaps in the provision of affordable housing;
- Develop short, mid- and long-term goals; and
- Identify policy issues, funding priorities and strategies.

The next steps include forming an Affordable Housing Study Working Group and hiring consultants.



Arbor Heights will provide 198 committed affordable units on Columbia Pike's west end

Additional Information on County Website

The **FY 2014 Projects Chart** lists the allocations for each project funded, the agency responsible, and expected accomplishments.

The **FY 2014 Housing Funding Chart** summarizes the various federal, state, local and other resources expected for housing.

The **HUD Narratives** provide more detail on the range of housing, homeless, community development, Neighborhood Strategy Area and other initiatives involving HUD and related funding.

5-Year Goals & Annual Objectives		FY 2014 Performance Measure
Housing Goal:		
▫ Provide decent and affordable housing opportunities for low income persons.		
Housing Objectives		
1. Increase the supply of Committed Affordable Units.		400 units added
2. Improve owner-occupied housing.		49 units rehabbed
3. Provide housing subsidies.		3,724 households served
4. Assist low and moderate income households to become homeowners.		50 households become homeowners
5. Provide supportive housing for low income people with disabilities.		104 clients
Homeless Objectives		
1. Provide transitional housing for the homeless.		180 households served
2. Provide emergency housing for the homeless.		720 persons served
3. Prevent homelessness.		447 households served
Community Development Goals:		
▫ Create economic opportunities for low income persons.		
▫ Ensure that Neighborhood Strategy Areas (NSAs) provide suitable living environments and affordable housing opportunities for low income persons.		
Community Development Objectives		
1. Improve physical conditions in NSAs.		460 properties brought into compliance
2. Increase access to human services information and service delivery.		940 NSA residents served
3. Increase participation in community affairs.		20 Neighborhood College graduates
4. Improve economic conditions of low and moderate income persons in NSAs.		600 clients secure or improve employment
5. Foster microenterprise development for low and moderate income business owners.		17 businesses start or expand; 10 loans issued

Hearings Held to Receive Community Comment

Residents and stakeholders were encouraged to offer comments on the Draft Plans at the following public hearings located at 2100 Clarendon Blvd:

- **Housing Commission/CDCAC** public hearing on March 7 at 7:00 p.m., Room 311
- **On Funding Allocations:** County Board Budget Hearing, March 26 at 7:00 p.m., Board Room
- **On Non-Financial Issues:** County Board public hearing on Saturday, April 20 at 9:00 a.m., Board Room

View the HUD narratives at: www.arlingtonva.us and search for "Con Plan." For questions or a copy of any of the documents, please call the Housing Division at 703.228.3760.

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