Affordable Housing Study Process

### Study Plan and Methodology Design
- The methodologies will identify the types and sources of data to determine existing conditions and trends in the County's housing and specify how the information will be obtained by the Contractor.

### Housing Needs Survey
- A survey of 1700 Arlington residents will help identify current and future housing needs in the County.

### Focus Groups & Interviews
- Will provide a means of gaining further insight into the housing needs of targeted groups with similar characteristics.

### Assessment of Housing Programs
- Incorporate data from existing County studies and plans, assess current policies and program approaches to meeting housing needs, in terms of effectiveness of meeting the County’s current goals and targets, cost effectiveness and other evaluation criteria defined in the assessment framework.

### Housing Needs Analysis
- The housing needs analysis shall incorporate the results from the housing needs survey, the most recent American Community Survey data available, data from existing County studies and plans, and additional sources as needed to provide an overview of existing conditions and observable trends and analysis of housing need for distinct segments of the population.

### Communication
- Communications, outreach and civic engagement are elements that shall support the development of the affordable housing study throughout the process.

### Affordable Housing Programs and Policies Assessment
- Will incorporate data from existing County studies and plans, assess current policies and program approaches to meeting housing needs, in terms of effectiveness of meeting the County’s current goals and targets, cost effectiveness and other evaluation criteria defined in the assessment framework.

### Affordable Housing Policy Direction
- Will contain recommendations for updated Housing Principles, Goals and Targets, including policy and funding priorities, and outlined in terms of short- (1-2 years), mid- (3-5 years) and long- (6-10 years) term strategies.

### Affordable Housing Element
- Will define the goals and policies that the County will employ to ensure a sufficient supply of affordable housing to meet the current and future needs of residents of all levels of income.

### Affordable Housing Element Implementation Framework
- Will establish targets, strategies, existing and potential tools for realizing the goals and policies.