



Arlington County FY 2015 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.

FY 2015 New Program Initiatives

In addition to funding many current economic development and public service programs, the proposed FY 15 County budget includes new programs that include a program that will support 18+ year old residents with persistent mental illness so that they may maintain stable housing while pursuing recovery, fund a job developer to assist ex-offenders find employment, provide funding for the Arlington residents at the Northern Virginia Dental Clinic, improve financial and housing stability for residents with intellectual disabilities at Buchanan Gardens, and provide bilingual adult resident services at Arlington Mill. While unable to fund all 31 applications received in response to the FY 2015 Notice of Funding Availability, the Community Development Citizen Advisory Committee and Housing Commission with the technical support of staff strategically worked with limited funding and competing needs to develop a well rounded and cross cutting funding list that represents the spirit of citizen input, the current Five Year Consolidated Plan, expert input from service providers, and technical input from service providers.

FY 2015 Funding:

Federal Funding

CDBG: \$1,124,725

Program Income: \$496,000

HOME: \$545,639

Housing Choice Vouchers:

\$17,009,828

CSBG: \$190,979

ESG: *The County will apply to the state for these funds.*

Local Funding

Affordable Housing Investment Fund (AHIF):

\$ 13 million

Housing Grants: \$8 million

Real Estate Tax Relief: \$5.2 million

New Courthouse Area Homeless Services Center On The Way

In November, 2012, the County acquired a seven-story office building at 2020 14th Street North. The building will allow the County Board to fulfill a commitment to the community to replace the inadequate Emergency Winter Shelter with a permanent, comprehensive Homeless Services Center in the Courthouse Neighborhood.



With its three distinct service areas – shelter, day program and medical respite – the Homeless Services Center will be a critical component of the community’s efforts to end homelessness. A best-practice model that uses integrated, comprehensive services will facilitate moving homeless persons into permanent housing as quickly as possible. The Center is expected to open in FY 2015.

FY 2015 Housing Funding

An estimated \$54.6 million will be available to address housing needs in FY 2015. 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. There is \$13 million in AHIF funds included in the Development & Rehab category.

FY 2015 Affordable Housing Funding	
Activity	\$ in millions
Housing Assistance	\$30.2
Special Needs	\$8.9
Development & Rehab	\$13.8
Info & Services	\$1.3
Planning	\$0.4
Total	\$54.6



Objectives and Performance Measures

Affordable Housing Study

The County Board endorsed a charge for an affordable housing study in December 2012. The purpose of the study is to create a shared community vision of Arlington's affordable housing as a key component of community sustainability. The study, which will be completed in 2015, will establish priorities in addressing housing need through updated principles, goals and targets.

Citizen participation is an important component throughout the study; a citizen Working Group has been appointed by the County Manager to advise and provide input into the study. The Working Group has been meeting regularly, has updated a draft of the County's housing principles, and is developing draft recommendations for revising several targets. The County completed a Preliminary Data Report and hosted a community forum to receive feedback on the draft housing principles. In FY 2014, a consultant will perform a housing needs survey and housing needs analysis that will inform results and recommendations.

Additional Information on County Website

The **FY 2015 Projects Chart** lists the allocations for each project funded, the agency responsible, and expected accomplishments.

The **FY 2015 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 2015 Performance Measure
Housing Goal:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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:

- Housing Commission/CDCAC** public hearing on March 5 at 6:30 p.m., Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 16th Street South
- On Funding Allocations:** County Board Budget Hearing, March 25 at 7:00 p.m., Board Room
- On Non-Financial Issues:** County Board public hearing on Saturday, May 10 at 9:00 a.m., Board Room, third floor of 2100 Clarendon Blvd

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