

# Arlington County FY 2015 CAPER

## A Report on Housing and Community Development Accomplishments



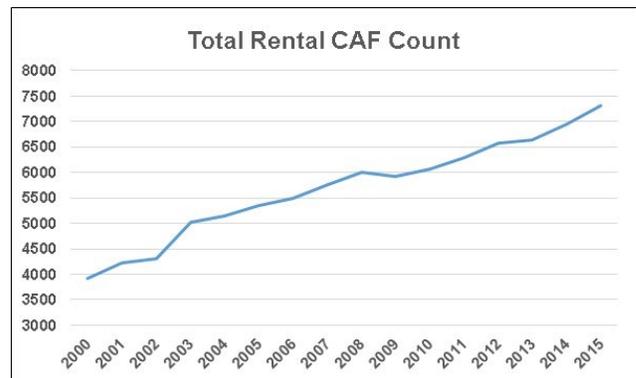
The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) details the County’s accomplishments during Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 toward meeting the goals outlined in Arlington’s FY 2011-2015 Consolidated Plan. The CAPER reports on activities funded by the federal HOME, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) programs, as well as highlighting a range of locally funded programs.

### County Adds 369 Committed Affordable Units in FY 2015

Affordable housing and the development of new housing opportunities continue to be key priorities for Arlington County. The importance of maintaining and enhancing our stock of committed affordable housing is critical to the economic health and well-being of the County, its diverse workforce, and, in particular, those most in need.

### Progress in Reducing Homelessness

The County made significant strides in meeting targets for preventing and ending homelessness. The 2015 Point in Time Survey found that there was a 77% reduction in unsheltered homeless individuals from 2010 to 2014, surpassing the Target of reducing the number by half by 2015. Additionally, the Homeless Services Center (HSC) will open in Fall 2015. The HSC will operate 50 beds of emergency shelter year round, 5 medical respite beds, and have a capacity to provide 25 additional beds in the winter in case of extreme weather.



In FY 2015 the County added 369 Committed Affordable Units (CAFs). Since 2000, Arlington has created more than 4,100 rental CAFs.

### Consolidated Plan Period 2011-2015

FY2015 marks the end of the Consolidated Plan period 2011-2015. Over that period, CDBG funding has fluctuated from \$1.9 M to \$1.1 M. However Arlington has managed to maintain a consistent level of services to meet the needs of low and moderate income families through a variety of programs. These programs satisfy the goals of providing decent and affordable housing; improving economic conditions of persons, and creating suitable living environments.

The flexibility of CDBG and other federal funding allows Arlington County to fund a wide variety of programs that meet the needs of people of varying circumstances, demographics and income levels. For example, economic development programs include computer training; individualized job training programs; and specialized training such as the Culinary Arts Program, which has graduated more than 35 formerly homeless or persons at risk of homelessness. Youth service programs that provide tutoring, academic enrichment, cultural competence and career awareness for students from elementary to high school. Over 800 students have benefitted from these services over the period.

#### Select accomplishments over the period 2011-2015\*

| Performance Measures                          | Accomplishments    |
|---|--------------------|
| Increase supply of Committed Affordable Units | 1,388 units added  |
| Prevent homelessness                          | 4,579 households   |
| Assist persons to become homeowners           | 210 new homeowners |
| Improve economic opportunities                | 5,214 persons      |
| Provide assistance to small businesses        | 108 businesses     |

\* Consolidated Plan accomplishments may include projects leveraged with local and/or state funding.

## Objectives and Performance Measures

| 5-Year Goals & Annual Objectives  | FY 2015 Expected Accomplishment            | FY 2015 Actual Accomplishment                         |
|---|--|---|
| <b>Housing Goal:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide decent and affordable housing opportunities for low income persons.</li> </ul>  |  |   |
| <b>Housing Objectives</b>   |  |   |
| 1. Increase the supply of Committed Affordable Units.   | 400 units                                  | 369 rental units added                                |
| 2. Improve owner-occupied housing.  | 64 units                                   | 15 units  |
| 3. Provide housing subsidies.   | 3,724 households                           | 3,640 households                                      |
| 4. Assist low and moderate income households to become homeowners.  | 50 households                              | 70 new homeowners                                     |
| 5. Increase the number of permanent supportive housing units.   | 52 units                                   | 25 units  |
| <b>Homeless Objectives</b>  |  |   |
| 1. Provide supportive housing services for homeless persons with disabilities.  | 104 persons                                | 203 persons   |
| 2. Provide transitional housing for homeless families and individuals.  | 180 households                             | 117 households  |
| 3. Provide emergency housing for the homeless.  | 720 persons                                | 903 persons   |
| 4. Prevent homelessness.  | 447 households                             | 1,188 households                                      |
| <b>Community Development Goals:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create economic opportunities for low income persons.</li> <li>Ensure that Neighborhood Strategy Areas (NSAs) provide suitable living environments and affordable housing opportunities for low income persons.</li> </ul> |  |   |
| <b>Community Development Objectives</b>   |  |   |
| 1. Improve physical conditions in NSAs.   | 460 properties brought into compliance     | 268 units brought into compliance                     |
| 2. Increase access to human services information and service delivery to low income residents.  | 2,100 residents                            | 4,991 residents                                       |
| 3. Increase participation in community affairs.   | 20 residents                               | 25 Neighborhood College graduates                     |
| 4. Improve economic conditions of low and moderate income persons.  | 600 clients                                | 523 clients secured or improved employment            |
| 5. Foster microenterprise development for low and moderate income business owners.  | 17 businesses start or expanded ; 10 loans | 30 businesses started and/or expanded; 7 loans issued |

### Want more information?

To view the required HUD narratives, visit: [www.arlingtonva.us](http://www.arlingtonva.us) and search for "FY 2015 CAPER"  
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