



Arlington County FY 2007 Annual Consolidated Plan

County Develops 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness

A Citizen Summary of the Plan, a 5-Year Action Plan, and the full 10-Year Plan are available on the County website cited below.



HUD Formula Grant Programs

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): \$1,816,900 for a variety of housing, economic development, and community development activities benefiting low and moderate income persons.

HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME): \$1,133,300 for new construction, acquisition and rehabilitation projects to preserve the supply of affordable housing. Funding is leveraged with local general revenues and private funds.

HOME American Dream Downpayment Initiative: \$22,400 for down payment and closing cost assistance to low/mod income first-time homebuyers.

Emergency Shelter Grant program (ESG): \$83,600 for operating expenses for the Emergency Winter Shelter and public health services at the shelters.

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA): \$140,000 for rent assistance and case management.

Local Funds

Affordable Housing Investment Fund (AHIF): \$4,752,500*

Estimated Loan Repayments to AHIF: \$1,400,000

Housing Grants: \$4,340,100

Real Estate Tax Relief: \$3,300,000

Homeowners' Grants: \$2,164,500

* includes revenues from recordation tax

What is the Annual Action Plan?

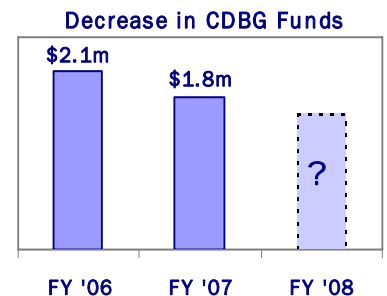
The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires localities receiving the grants shown on the left to complete an Annual Action Plan. The FY 2007 plan describes allocations, objectives, activities, and performance measures for six goals identified in the 5-Year Consolidated Plan for FY 2006-2010 related to *Affordable Housing, Homelessness, Neighborhood Strategy Areas, Community Development, Citizen Participation and Institutional Structure*.

Major Cuts Proposed for CDBG Program

The CDBG program is facing major challenges in the federal budget process, from an attempted elimination of the program last year to a proposed 25% cut in funding now. The good news is that the program was saved; the bad news is that Arlington's share for FY 2007 decreased by 16% (or \$355,000) to \$1.8 million. If a 25% cut is instituted, Arlington's allocation would decrease to \$1.3 million for a two-year loss of over \$850,000.

HUD plans to submit legislation to reform the program by changing the formula for allocating funding to localities. More funds would go to those with higher poverty rates. Jurisdictions such as Arlington with lower poverty rates would be expected to use their own resources to address the needs of low and moderate income persons and neighborhoods.

The County will be meeting with nonprofits affected or potentially affected by the proposed cuts. The County will be seeking community input on possible redesign of the program once more information is available.



More than \$38.4 Million of Federal and Local Funding for Housing

More than \$38.4 million will address housing needs in FY 2007. \$970,100 from the recordation tax is proposed for ongoing funding of initiatives begun last year, i.e., transitional and

Activity	\$ in millions
Housing Subsidies	\$21.0
Development & Rehab	5.4
Special Needs	8.6
Info & Services	1.4
Planning	0.2
Contingency	1.8
Total	\$38.4

project-based housing grants, support for an assisted living facility, and supportive housing for persons with mental retardation. An estimated \$1.8 million of the recordation tax will also go to housing, with the exact use not yet specified.

Housing subsidies present the largest expenditure, through the federal Housing Choice Voucher program. With local funds, the County provides subsidies to both renters and owners, using the Housing Grants Program, Real Estate Tax Relief, and the Homeowners' Grants Program.

Fairview Manor



In FY 2007, AHC, Inc. will redevelop its current 22-unit complex in Nauck—through the help of a \$3.3 million AHIF loan—to a 94-unit complex with retail space. The unit mix will be 82 units affordable to households at 60% of median income, six at 50% and six at 40%.

Objectives and Performance Measures



5-Year Goals & Annual Objectives	FY 2007 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.	57 units rehabbed
3. Provide housing subsidies.	2,936 households served
4. Assist low and moderate income households to become homeowners.	50 new homeowners
5. Provide supportive housing for low income people with disabilities.	75 units added
Homeless Objectives	
1. Provide transitional housing for the homeless.	160 households served
2. Provide emergency housing for the homeless.	170 beds provided
3. Prevent homelessness.	1,000 households served
Community Development Goal:	
<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.	7 NSA comprehensive assessments
2. Increase access to human services information and service delivery.	7,000 NSA residents served
3. Increase participation in community affairs.	25 Neighborhood College graduates
4. Improve economic conditions of low and moderate income persons in NSAs.	1,177 clients secure or improve employment
5. Foster microenterprise development for low and moderate income business owners.	7 businesses start or expand; 10 loans issued

Photos on the left show a mural in the Buckingham NSA, painted by the Youth Brigade and funded by CDBG.

Tell Us What You Think!

Residents and stakeholders were encouraged to offer comments on the Draft Plans at the following public hearings, located in the County Board Room at 2100 Clarendon Blvd unless otherwise noted:

- *Forum on Plan to End Homelessness:* Sat., March 11, 8:30-noon also at Barrett School, 4401 N. Henderson St.
- *On Funding Allocations:* County Board Budget Hearing, Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m.
- *On Non-Financial Issues and 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness:*
 - Housing Commission and CDCAC Hearing on Thurs., March 16 at 7:00 p.m.
 - County Board public hearing on Sat., April 22 at 9:00 a.m.