



# Arlington County FY 2008 Annual Consolidated 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.

The FY 2008 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 (NSAs), Community Development, Citizen Participation and Institutional Structure.*

**Task Force Proposes Elder Readiness Plan**

The County is preparing for major growth in its elder population. Find link at website noted on reverse.

## FY 2008 Funding:

### Federal funding

- CDBG: \$1,809,200
- Program Income: \$1,800,000
- HOME: \$1,124,700
- HOME ADDI: \$22,500
- HOPWA: \$179,000
- Housing Choice Vouchers: \$15,202,100
- CSBG: \$279,700

ESG: *The County will no longer receive this money directly from HUD, but will apply to the state for funds.*

### Local Funding

- Affordable Housing Investment Fund (AHIF): \$4,416,100 Local funds, Combined with \$1,012,300 in HOME to equal a total \$5,428,400 in AHIF
- Housing Grants: \$4,037,500
- Real Estate Tax Relief: \$4,000,000
- Homeowners' Grants: \$2,164,500

## County Restructures CDBG Program

The County Board revised the CDBG program and funding process in September in response to federal funding reductions of almost 20% in the last 3 years. The Board acted on recommendations from County staff and members of the Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee (CDCAC) who undertook a re-engineering process earlier in the year.

Key elements of the restructured program are:

- Establishment of a Community Development Fund, consisting of CDBG and Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds, for human and public service proposals.
- Streamlined review of funding applications.
- Two-year contracts for funding, rather than one-year.
- Making County agencies ineligible for Community Development Fund monies.
- Reduction of planning and administrative costs.

The combined effect of these changes is to increase the resources available for nonprofits despite declining federal allocations.

## Capacity Building for Nonprofits

Arlington Economic Development (AED) is launching the Nonprofit Assistance Network, a three-pronged effort to assist nonprofits:

- 1) AED, in partnership with Virginia Tech's Center for Nonprofit Advancement Learning and Leadership Institute, will provide comprehensive assessment and technical assistance to several nonprofits.
- 2) AED's BizLaunch will add workshops of specific interest to nonprofits. BizLaunch is a one-stop-shop which offers information, counseling, research and networking opportunities to small businesses.
- 3) The County will open a nonprofit resource center with materials and a business librarian at Central Library.

A coordinating council is being formed to advise on nonprofit issues and activities.

The County has earmarked some FY 2008 CDBG funding for activities that will increase the capability and sustainability of subrecipient agencies. Grants will be awarded for training of Boards of Directors and staff and for technical assistance and consultants.

## \$37.9 million for Housing

Nearly \$37.9 million will address housing needs in FY 2008. Housing assistance present the largest expenditure, through the federal Housing Choice Voucher program.

Not shown on the table below are: 1) funding for the Arlington Assisted Living facility which could open in late FY 2008; or 2) added funding which may be needed for Buckingham Villages.

Estimated FY 2008 Affordable Housing Funding	
Activity	\$ in millions
Housing Assistance*	\$21.6
Development & Rehab	6.8
Special Needs	8.1
Info & Services	1.2
Planning	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$37.9*</b>

\*Does not include an estimated \$4 million in forgone tax revenue from Real Estate Tax Relief.

## Objectives and Performance Measures



### Arlington's Housing Success Stories

Beginning in March of 2007, the Housing Division website features a monthly profile which tells of ways that Arlington housing programs help people find affordable homes to rent or buy, or help low-income owners make repairs that help them keep their homes.

**View Online**

Visit [www.arlingtonva.us](http://www.arlingtonva.us) and click on "Affordable Housing" under "Services." Check back monthly for new profiles.



For information on housing programs, call 703.228.3765

5-Year Goals & Annual Objectives	FY 2008 Performance Measure
<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 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.	25 units added
<b>Homeless Objectives</b>	
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
<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.	7 NSA assessments
2. Increase access to human services information and service delivery.	4,500 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.	1,200 clients secure or improve employment
5. Foster microenterprise development for low and moderate income business owners.	7 businesses start or expand; 10 loans issued

### Additional Information on County Website

The **FY 2008 Projects Chart** lists the allocations for each project funded, the agency responsible, and expected accomplishments.

The **FY 2008 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 the HUD and related funding.

To see this material, go to [www.arlingtonva.us](http://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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