

Housing Assistance Adopted FY 2024 Budget

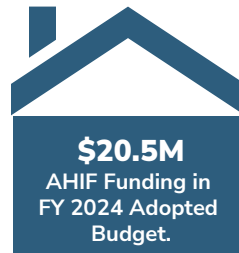
Commitment to Affordable Housing

Over **\$85M** dedicated to housing programs, including permanent supportive housing, eviction prevention, and housing grants.



Partnership between **Community Planning, Housing and Development (CPHD)** & **Department of Human Services (DHS)** to secure and place clients into units while providing additional support services.

The County's main financing program, **Affordable Housing Investment Fund (AHIF)**, helps to create and preserve affordable housing units for 60 years or more.



Dedication of **Columbia Pike TIF** balances and ongoing revenue for preservation of affordable units at **Barcroft Apartments**.

Produced or preserved an average of **675*** **committed affordable units (CAFs)** annually over the last five years.



* Includes the preservation of nearly 2,000 units at Crystal House and Barcroft.

Growing Demand for Housing Assistance Programs

Permanent Supportive Housing for residents with low-incomes, disabilities and housing insecurity



- **\$5.4M** for Permanent Supportive Housing to increase projected number of contracted units to 379 in FY 2024.
- Includes \$100,000 in ongoing funding for inspections to address maintenance and repair concerns and to strengthen oversight.

Housing Grants for residents with low-income in need of rental assistance



- **\$14.4M** for Housing Grants, including \$2.5M in one-time funds.
- Provides subsidies to households with very low-incomes; approximately 90% of households served have incomes less than 30% AMI.
- Projected number of households served in FY 2024 will increase 4.9%, from 1,478 to 1,551.

Real Estate Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled & Disabled Veterans



- **\$5.0M** for Real Estate Tax Relief Program.
- Provides an exemption/deferral of real estate taxes for qualified Arlington homeowners so they can continue living in Arlington.
- Serves approximately 900 homeowners each year.

Eviction Prevention for residents at risk of eviction



- **\$4.6M** in FY 2024 to meet increased requests for assistance, including \$4.0M of one-time funding.
- In the first half of FY 2023, the County made 2,178 total payments to 1,025 residents.
- In FY 2024, the projected number of payments made will increase to 4,000 and households served will increase to 1,900.

Federal Housing Choice Vouchers for safe, decent and affordable housing to qualifying residents



- **\$26.4M** in federal funding for housing choice vouchers; \$24.3M in total for rent expenditures.
- Helps qualified residents obtain safe, decent, and affordable housing in the private market.
- The projected number of households served in FY 2024 is 1,528.



Oversight and Quality of Affordable Housing Units

The FY 2023 budget included funding for increased property inspections capacity, and the County hired a third-party firm to inspect approximately 2,000 additional units. The County will continue to support this work in FY 2024.

Human Services Adopted FY 2024 Budget

Department of Human Services (DHS)

Vision

A just and equitable community that is healthy, safe, and economically secure, and free of systemic racism.

Mission

In solidarity with Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, create equitable access to the resources and opportunities needed for every community member to be healthy, safe, and economically secure.

Leading with Race

DHS advances its racial equity work through the work of staff committees on culturally and racially responsive practices, staff capacity building, and community engagement.



Culturally & Racially Responsive Practices



Staff Capacity Building



Community Engagement



Disaggregated performance measure data for **87%** of its programs by race and ethnicity to identify and address disparities in program access and outcomes.

DHS Initiatives



- Mental Health Crisis Response
- Increased Caseloads & Medicaid Unwinding
- Developmental Disability Programs
- Naloxone Distribution and Training

Budget Highlights



Food Security Grants

- \$150K one-time funds for competitive grants



1212 S. Irving Group Home

- \$200K added to the FY 2024 base budget
- \$800K in projected operating costs offset by \$600K in insurance reimbursement
- The State contributed \$1 million towards construction of a new group home for individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities



Child Care Classroom Observation & Scoring

- A Childcare Specialist added to manage additional childcare center observations



Expansion of Developmental Disability Program

- \$125K added for developmental disability program expansion at Sequoia Plaza



Backbone Support

- Additional capacity for the implementation of cross-cutting departmental initiatives.

Addressing Opioid & Substance Use



Opioid Abatement Fund

- Addition of behavioral health therapist FTE to expand medication assisted treatment capacity for 40 individuals aged 16+
- \$45,000 for a contractor to review opioid treatment operations to ensure quality service delivery



School Behavioral Health

- Addition of 4 Behavioral Health Therapists for youth in schools



Regional Substance Use Treatment

- RFP to provide residential medical withdrawal and substance use treatment for adolescents and adults; \$180,000 share for each locality
- Contract with National Capital Treatment & Recovery to provide intensive outpatient treatment for adolescents
- Grant application to Opioid Abatement Authority

Future Budget Considerations



Innovating Mental Health & Substance Use Programming

- Adolescent Substance Use Treatment
- Public/Private Partnerships



Strategic Planning

- Director's Office and Public Health Reorganization
- Resource reallocation to meet needs

See the Housing overview for information on housing programs and eviction prevention

Transportation Adopted FY 2024 Budget

Transportation By the Numbers



1,061

Lane miles of County-maintained roads



2,000

Potholes filled



66

Lane miles paved in 2022



83

2022 Pavement Condition Index: "State of Good Repair"



7.2

Miles of protected bike lanes



7,840

County-owned streetlights



298

Signalized Intersections



78

ART buses and over 1,000 bus stops

FY 2024 Major Projects



\$10.3M Paving



\$4.9M Transportation Systems/Signals



\$2.6M Street Light Repair



\$1.6M Street Safety Improvements



\$1.4M Bridge Maintenance

Sidewalk Improvements

443

Miles of County-Maintained Sidewalks



FY 2023: Tripping Hazard Blitz
9,000+ sidewalk tripping hazards resolved



FY 2024: Proactive Zone Maintenance: 20 Zones, Complete 2 zones per year
Funding in FY 2024: \$1M

Vision Zero: Goal to Eliminate Traffic Fatalities by 2030

Findings from 2023 Vision Zero Equity Analysis

There are neighborhoods in Arlington overrepresented in crash data and underrepresented in transportation-related safety requests.

Next Steps

10 recommendations for Arlington to be proactive in addressing and prioritizing infrastructure needs and emphasizing community engagement in equity emphasis areas.

Transit Strategic Plan

- **10-year road map** to improve transit service for everyone who lives, works, and plays in Arlington
- **2023:** Public Engagement and Final Plan Adoption

ART Bus

- **\$434K** in FY 2024 for free ART bus rides and Metrobus transfers to APS students
- **\$532K** for 3,500 pre-loaded Smart Trip cards for low-income Arlington residents

Neighborhood Complete Streets: Focus on Equity

Established in **2016** to address safety and access challenges on neighborhood streets. Program ranking guidelines were amended in 2022 to include equity.

Community-nominated locations are evaluated by **sidewalk presence, crash history, speed, volume, equity and other factors.**

NCS Program Capital and Pilot Proposed Projects (FY 2023 – FY 2024)

Capital Improvement

- 8th Road S.
- S. Irving St.
- 14th Street N

Pilot Projects

- S. Lynn St.
- N. Wakefield St.
- 12th Street S.