

# Arlington County FY 2012 CAPER

## A Report on Housing and Community Development Accomplishments

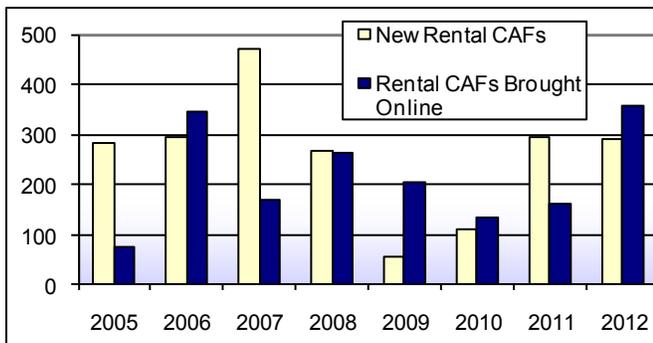


The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) details the County’s accomplishments during Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 toward meeting the goals outlined in Arlington’s FY 2011-2015 Consolidated Plan. It compares the actual performance measures with those expected in the FY 2012 Action Plan. 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.

This summary shows the County’s overall housing, homeless and community development accomplishments and activities.

### County Allocates over \$20 Million for Affordable Housing Development

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.



In FY 2012 the County added 293 Committed Affordable Units (CAFs), reflecting 292 new rental CAFs and 1 owner CAF. A total of 358 CAF units came online.



### Decreased Federal Funding for FY 2012

FY 2012 saw the County’s CDBG annual federal grant reduced by 24.7%. In order to minimize impact to nonprofit partners, the County Board allocated local stabilization funds, previously set aside for programs and projects impacted by reduced federal funding. Rather than requiring nonprofits to decrease their program budgets by the full reduction, awards were reduced by an average 8%, with the difference made up by local funds. This enabled housing and community development partners to continue providing important services. The County also moved two programs and two County staff positions formerly funded by CDBG to the general fund to ensure program sustainability.

### Compounding Limited Resources in FY 2012

Nonprofits leverage valuable volunteer hours through County funded programs. Just Neighbors Ministries logged 4,375 volunteer attorney hours and 6,106 volunteer hours worth \$681,390! This program was awarded \$20,000 in County CSBG funds, and through strategic programming, assisted hundreds of Arlingtonians receive asylum from domestic abuse and achieve family reunification. Similarly Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR) has leveraged \$35,000 with twenty five volunteers who contributed 1,084 hours towards mentoring ex-offenders and helping them to become reintegrated into the community. These volunteer hours saved OAR and the community over \$13,994. Volunteers with A-SPAN served more than 29,000 meals to more than a 1,000 clients; this labor was valued at more than \$249,000.

### Homeless Prevention

One goal of Arlington’s 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness is to reduce the number of households entering homelessness. To implement this strategy, a public private partnership – the Housing Services Team – was developed between Arlington County and nonprofit partners Arlington Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless (AACH), Arlington Street People’s Assistance Network (ASPAN), Doorways for Women and Families, and Northern Virginia Family Service (NVFS). The team serves as an eviction prevention clearinghouse for households at risk of becoming homeless, and uses the three-pronged approach of financial assistance, case management services and a housing locator. In FY 2012, the program was supported with local Affordable Housing Investment Fund (AHIF) dollars. 129 households were assisted, with over 90% of clients remaining in housing three months after being placed.



## Objectives and Performance Measures

5-Year Goals & Annual Objectives	FY 2012 Expected Accomplishment	FY 2012 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	293 units added
2. Improve owner-occupied housing.	64 units	14 units rehabilitated
3. Provide housing subsidies.	3,724 households	3,446 households
4. Assist low and moderate income households to become homeowners.	50 households	48 new homeowners
5. Increase the number of permanent supportive housing units.	52 units	18 units
<b>Homeless Objectives</b>		
1. Provide supportive housing services for homeless persons with disabilities.	104 persons	107 persons
2. Provide transitional housing for homeless families and individuals.	210 households	60 households
3. Provide emergency housing for the homeless.	720 persons	762 persons
4. Prevent homelessness.	447 households	789 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	212 properties brought into compliance
2. Increase access to human services information and service delivery to low income residents.	2,100 residents	3,540 NSA residents served
3. Increase participation in community affairs.	20 residents	23 Neighborhood College graduates
4. Improve economic conditions of low and moderate income persons.	600 clients	1,504 clients secure or improve employment
5. Foster microenterprise development for low and moderate income business owners.	17 businesses start or expanded ; 10 loans	13 businesses start or expand; 11 loans issued

### Want more information?

To view the required HUD narratives, visit: [www.arlingtonva.us](http://www.arlingtonva.us) and search for "FY 2012 CAPER"  
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