

WHAT IS THE ACTION PLAN?

The Annual Action Plan is a document required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that provides a summary of the actions, activities, and specific resources that will be used over the next year to address priority needs and specific goals identified in the Consolidated Plan. It includes Arlington County and the City of Falls Church through a cooperative agreement.

Arlington County's fiscal year (FY) 2016-2021 Consolidated Plan identified housing and community development priorities. The Housing and Community Development (HCD) Fund was established to support programs that contribute to accomplishing the goals of the Consolidated Plan. The HCD Fund consists of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), CSBG Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (CSBG-TANF), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and local Affordable Housing Investment Fund (AHIF) Housing Services funds.

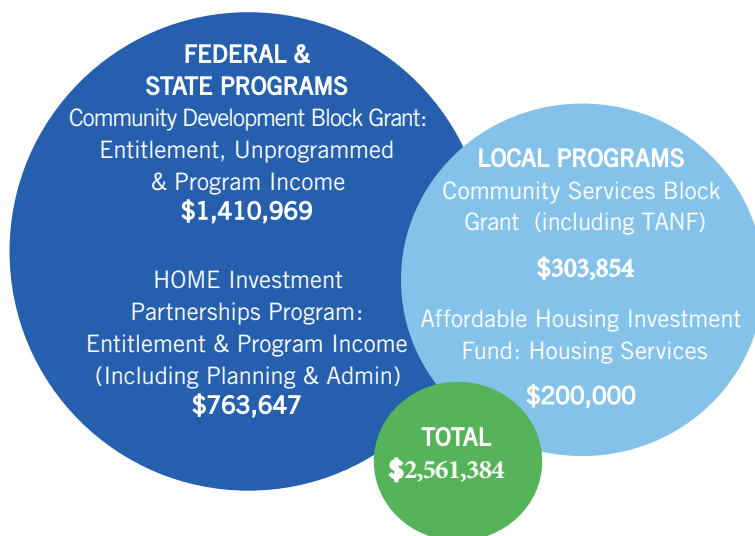
This Citizen Summary provides a snapshot of Arlington's community development needs and describes strategies that the County will undertake over the next year to meet intended goals.

NEW PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

In addition to funding housing, economic development and public service programs, the FY 2021 Community Development Fund provides funding for several new programs and initiatives.

- **NVFS, Escala:** Northern Virginia Family Services will integrate its small business development program with La Cocina VA's Kitchen Incubator Program. The purpose of the partnership is to provide aspiring entrepreneurs with resources and training to enable them to successfully launch or expand food-related small businesses.

FUNDING SNAPSHOT FY 2021 ACTION PLAN FUNDING



The above figures represent estimated new federal, state and local funding for FY 2021. These numbers do not directly correspond to the Program Table funding amounts. The Program Table reflects planned direct spending (utilizing prior year funds and program income) for programs and services proposed in FY 2021.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee Public Hearing: March 4, 2020 @ 6:30PM | Bozman Government Center
2100 Clarendon Blvd, Room 311

County Board Budget Hearing: March 31, 2020 @ 7:00PM | Bozman Government Center | 2100 Clarendon Blvd, County Board Room

Copies of the FY 2021 Action Plan will be available online beginning February 26, 2020 at www.arlingtonva.us. Search "FY 2021 Action Plan". Email housing@arlingtonva.us with comments.

- **Arlington Thrive, Case Management Pilot:** Arlington Thrive will hire a case manager to provide additional and intensive support for at-risk clients. This funding will also be used to identify overarching recommendations and programming suggestions for ongoing / systematic assistance that will help reduce financial crisis for all at-risk County residents.
- **Capital Youth Empowerment Program (CYEP), Fathers in Touch:** CYEP will implement the fatherhood program, which will bring awareness to the topics of child support, the impact of domestic violence, and substance abuse and mental health through professional presentations by subject matter experts.

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GOALS | NEEDS | STRATEGIES



GOAL 1

CREATE & SUSTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING

More than 40% of renter households pay more than 30% of their income on housing.

Only 2% of new ownership units produced in FY 2019 are affordable to families earning below 120% of the area median income (AMI).

STRATEGIES

This includes developing, preserving and rehabilitating affordable rental housing, including permanent supportive housing; rehabilitating or repairing rental housing; improving owner-occupied housing; and assisting households to become homeowners.



GOAL 2

PROMOTE HEALTHY & SELF-SUFFICIENT FAMILIES

Certain populations face more pressing housing and community development challenges, including elderly households, immigrant households, families with children, persons with disabilities and low-income households.

STRATEGIES

This includes skills development, job training, microenterprise and small business development, financial education and literacy, youth development, and legal services that help create and maintain physical, social and financial well-being.



GOAL 3

STABILIZE HOUSEHOLDS AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS

Between 2008-2018, there was a 58% reduction in the number of persons who are homeless.

In 2018, the County adopted a Three Year Action Plan to End Homelessness, with strategies related to affordable housing, comprehensive support services, prevention, income maximization, and evaluation.

STRATEGIES

This includes providing permanent supportive housing for homeless persons with disabilities, rapidly rehousing homeless persons through case management and/or rental subsidies, preventing households from becoming homeless, & providing emergency housing for persons who are not able to be diverted.



GOAL 4

FOSTER VIBRANT & SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBORHOODS

Outreach and education to low-and moderate-income residents, particularly those with primary languages other than English, was identified as a priority in the Consolidated Plan.

In FY 2019, 1,341 tenants and landlords were assisted through the Housing Information Center. income (AMI).

STRATEGIES

This includes ensuring units are safe and energy efficient; providing technical assistance and referrals to tenants, landlords and homeowners; conducting events and workshops on fair housing issues, code enforcement, and homeownership; and neighborhood cleanups.

Housing and Community Development Fund Program Table | Please see program table on page #5

FAIR HOUSING INITIATIVES

Arlington County has identified several barriers to fair housing in its Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing. Barriers to fair housing and action steps that will be taken in FY 2021 to address these barriers include:

LIMITED SUPPLY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

- Arlington County's Affordable Housing Master Plan created a policy that 10 percent of new affordable units will be permanent supportive housing.
- Rebuilding Together will support elderly and disabled homeowners by providing accessibility improvements and repairs for their homes.
- A-SPAN will provide case management support to residents of new permanent supportive housing units.

RESIDENTS HAVE LIMITED KNOWLEDGE OF RIGHTS AND OF THE COMPLAINTS PROCESS:

- Arlington County's Housing Outreach Program will conduct a minimum of two fair housing workshops that will educate residents on their rights, the fair housing complaint process and other information to increase awareness of fair housing laws.
- In 2019, the County launched the Housing Matters Forum series to provide information and a community space for tenants and landlords. Three events will be held in FY 2021.

RESIDENTS FACE LANGUAGE BARRIERS WHEN SEEKING SERVICES:

- Arlington County's Language Policy will make accommodation for limited English speaking clients by accessing translation resources and utilizing staff who are familiar with and proficient in several languages.
- The BU-GATA Tenant Outreach Program will connect residents with needed services through one-on-one outreach and assistance.

RESIDENTS FACE INDIVIDUAL BARRIERS, SUCH AS POOR CREDIT HISTORY AND CRIMINAL BACKGROUND:

- Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE) will deliver financial literacy courses to help low-income individuals to increase self-sufficiency and reduce barriers to obtaining housing.
- Legal Aid Justice Center, Just Neighbors, and Ayuda will provide legal services for immigrants facing wage theft, naturalization or work authorization issues.



Rebuilding Together Volunteers



AHC Afterschool Program

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND PROGRAM TABLE

	Consolidated Plan Priority	Organization Program	FY 2021 Amount & Source	Expected Accomplishments
GOAL 1	1.1 Increase supply of committed affordable units, including 10% permanent supportive housing	Arlington County, Multifamily Revolving Loan Fund	\$943,610 (CDBG) \$1,014,980 (HOME)	To be determined
	1.2 Improve owner occupied housing	Rebuilding Together, Volunteer Home Repair	\$70,000 (CDBG)	14 units rehabilitated
	1.3 Rehabilitate or repair rental housing including energy conservation	EcoAction (formerly ACE), Energy Masters	\$20,000 (CDBG)	50 units receive improved energy efficiency
	1.4 Provide homeownership assistance	Arlington County, Moderate Income Purchase Assistance (MIPAP) Latino Economic Development Center (LEDC), Achieve Your Dream	\$400,000 (CDBG) \$35,000 (CDBG)	10 first-time homebuyers assisted 30 first-time homebuyers
GOAL 2	2.1 Provide job training/skills development	Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH), Bringing Technology Prosperity to Residents	\$20,000 (AHIF)	400 residents enrolled
		Arlington County, Arlington Employment Center Training Programs	\$108,750 (CDBG, CSBG, TANF)	142 individuals trained
		La Cocina, Career Readiness	\$25,000 (TANF)	60 trained, 57 secure employment
		Northern Virginia Family Services (NVFS), Training Futures	\$20,000 (CDBG)	10 enrolled, 9 complete program; 7 secure or improve employment
		Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR), Job Placement and Support	\$35,000 (CSBG, TANF)	42 enrolled pre-release, 14 provided with assistance post-release, 7 secure employment
		Service Source, Aspiring. Skills, Determined.	\$25,000 (CDBG)	13 enrolled, 6 placed in jobs
	2.2 Foster microenterprise development	Enterprise Development Group (EDG), Micro-Enterprise Loan Program	\$45,000 (CDBG)	30 assisted, 13 loans; 15 jobs created/retained
		Latino Economic Development Center (LEDC), Small Business Development & Microlending	\$40,000 (CDBG)	15 loans; 60 workshop clients
		Northern Virginia Family Services (NVFS), Escala	\$30,000 (CDBG)	15 entrepreneurs participate, 12 start business
	2.3 Reduce barriers to unemployment such as lack of transportation, literacy skills, affordable childcare, or legal issues	Ayuda, Immigration Legal Services	\$20,000 (CSBG)	60 low-income people served; with 10 receiving legal representation
		BUGATA, Tenant Outreach	\$50,000 (Gen Fund)	40 tenants access services
		Just Neighbors, Immigration Legal Services	\$25,000 (CSBG)	26 residents secure work authorization, 13 immigrant domestic violence victims improve legal status, 16 individuals apply for green card
		Legal Aid Justice Center (LAJC), Immigrant Advocacy	\$25,000 (CSBG)	60 residents participate in seminars; 60 referred to services; 25 cases closed in clients' favor
2.4 Build assets through financial literacy, credit counseling	Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH), Gilliam Place and Fisher House Resident Services	\$50,000 (AHIF)	100 residents receive eviction prevention support, 70 attend financial management courses, 40 participate in employment services	
	Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE), MoneySmarts Pay	\$25,000 (CDBG)	60 individuals served, 40 graduate, 24 achieve short-term savings goals	



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	Consolidated Plan Priority	Organization Program	FY 2021 Amount & Source	Expected Accomplishments	
GOAL 2	2.5 Support increased educational attainment for low and moderate income residents, including youth	AHC, Project Discovery	\$30,000 (CSBG)	110 students participate, 10 enroll in college	
		Aspire, Learning Rocks!	\$30,000 (CSBG)	36 youth will improve academic skills	
		BUGATA, Buckingham Youth Brigade	\$25,000 (CDBG)	15-20 youth participate	
		Edu-Futuro, Emerging Leaders	\$25,000 (CDBG)	115 participate; 70 complete program; 5 enroll in college	
		Liberty's Promise, Empowering Immigrant Youth	\$25,000 (CDBG)	40 youth participate; 9 complete internship	
	2.6 Support increased access to health and community resources	Wesley Housing Development Corporation (WHDC), Promising Futures		\$25,000 (CDBG)	100 referrals, 15 improve computer literacy, 7 obtain new or better jobs
		Arlington Retirement Housing Corporation (ARHC), Caregiver Education		\$30,000 (AHIF)	160 assisted
		Arlington Retirement Housing Corporation (ARHC), Innovations in Healthy Aging		\$50,000 (AHIF)	Implemented 2-3 demonstration projects
		Bonder and Amanda Johnson Community Development Corporation (BAJCDC), Client Services Specialist		\$20,000 (TANF)	600 individuals assisted
		Capital Youth Empowerment Program (CYEP), Fathers in Touch		\$20,000 (TANF)	23 individuals will decrease child abuse and neglect
GOAL 3	Northern Virginia Dental Clinic (NVDC)		\$22,000 (CSBG)	120 enrolled, 100 improve oral health	
	3.1 Provide permanent supportive housing for homeless persons with disabilities	Arlington Street People's Assistance Network (A-SPAN), Supportive Housing	\$30,000 (AHIF)	16 chronically homeless clients housed	
	3.3 Prevent homelessness for households	AHC, HOMES for Underserved Residents (formerly Eviction Prevention)		\$25,000 (CDBG)	100 families served, 50 families receive coaching
Arlington Thrive, Case Management Pilot Program		\$20,000 (AHIF)	50 clients provided intensive case management support		
GOAL 4	4.2 Provide technical assistance, referrals to tenants, landlords, homeowners	Arlington County, Housing Services/Outreach Program		\$62,000 (CDBG) 515 individuals receive technical assistance	
	4.3 Educate community on fair housing, code enforcement, homeownership and tenant-landlord issues	Arlington County, Housing Services/Outreach Program		1100 participants, 41 workshops	
	4.4 Conduct neighborhood cleanups	Arlington County, Housing Services/Outreach Program		2 cleanups, 500 participants	
Provide small grants to community organizations for community building events and activities				\$5,000 (CDBG) 5-7 grants, 2,000 assisted	