

**SUPPLEMENTAL COVID-19
AND
FY 2022
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND
NOTICES OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**



ARLINGTON
VIRGINIA

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AGENDA

1. Community Development Fund framework
2. Supplemental COVID-19 NOFA – purpose and requirements
3. FY 2022 NOFA – purpose and requirements
4. Application instructions
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND OVERVIEW

- Competitive grant program
- Funding sources:
 - Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
 - Federal/state Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
 - State Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (CSBG-TANF)
 - Local Affordable Housing Investment Fund (AHIF)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

- Formula grant to Arlington County through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- CDBG programs must comply with [Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 570](#)
- Can serve clients up to 80% area median income
- Additional requirements:
 - National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
 - Section 504/Americans with Disabilities Act
 - Fair Housing Act
 - MBE/WBE
 - Equal Employment Opportunities Act
 - Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act

AFFORDABLE HOUSING INVESTMENT FUND (AHIF) HOUSING SERVICES

- Set-aside from the County's Affordable Housing Investment Fund, which is generally bricks and mortar development projects
- Related to homelessness and/or housing stability and/or to benefit residents living in committed affordable units (CAFs)
- Funds generally reserved for new, start-up, demonstration projects or involve the expansion of a current program.
- AHIF Housing Services grants are non-renewable and awarded for two years - no need to apply for the second year, but you will need to update agreement
- CDBG income and reporting requirements apply

COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG)

- Requirements for federal [Community Service Block Grant](#) passed through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, administered by the Virginia Department of Social Services
- CSBG programs must comply with [Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 96](#)
- ***FY 2021 ONLY***, CSBG can serve clients up to 200% federal poverty level

COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT – TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (CSBG-TANF)

- Funds are allocated biennially through the Virginia General Assembly. Requirements are in the [Virginia Code](#).
- CSBG-TANF can serve clients up to 200% FPL.
- TANF-specific requirements:
 - Families must include a minor child (less than 18 years old) who resides with the family.
 - Services or payments cannot be considered “assistance” as defined by the TANF grant
 - All costs incurred must relate to one or more of the following: work subsidies, education and training, child care, transportation and non-recurrent short-term benefits which cannot extend beyond 4 months.

2020 INCOME LIMITS

Number of Persons	1	2	3	4	5	6
Area Median Income	\$94,500	\$100,800	\$113,400	\$126,000	\$136,100	\$146,200

Depending on the type of program support, the following income limits are required for Community Development Block Grant and Community Services Block Grant activities.

Income Level	1	2	3	4	5	6
Moderate Income (80%)*	\$75,560	\$80,640	\$90,720	\$100,800	\$108,880	\$116,960
Low Income (67%)	\$63,315	\$67,536	\$75,978	\$84,420	\$91,187	\$97,954
Very Low – Section 8 - 50%	\$47,250	\$50,400	\$56,700	\$63,000	\$68,050	\$73,100
Extremely Low - 30%	\$26,400	\$28,150	\$31,650	\$35,150	\$38,000	\$40,800
CSBG (125% of federal poverty level)	\$15,950	\$21,550	\$27,150	\$32,750	\$38,350	\$43,960
CSBG – TANF (200% of federal poverty level)	\$25,520	\$34,480	\$43,440	\$52,400	\$61,360	\$70,320

<https://housing.arlingtonva.us/income-rent-limits/>

CONSOLIDATED PLAN

Goal 1 – Create and sustain affordable housing

- 1.1 Increase the supply of Committed Affordable Units, including 10% permanent supportive housing
- 1.2 Improve owner-occupied housing
- 1.3 Rehabilitate or repair rental housing, including energy efficiency
- 1.4 Assist households to become homeowners.

Goal 2 – Promote healthy and self-sufficient families

- 2.1 Provide job training and skills
- 2.2 Foster microenterprise development
- 2.3 Reduce barriers to employment
- 2.4 Assist families to build assets
- 2.5 Support increased educational attainment
- 2.6 Increase individual and family well-being

CONSOLIDATED PLAN

Goal 3 – Stabilize families at risk of homelessness

- 3.1 Provide permanent supportive housing for homeless persons with disabilities
- 3.2 Rapidly rehouse homeless persons
- 3.3 Prevent households from becoming homeless
- 3.4 Provide emergency housing

Goal 4 – Foster vibrant and sustainable neighborhoods

- 4.1 Inspect committed affordable units
- 4.2 Provide technical assistance and referrals
- 4.3 Conduct community events and workshops
- 4.4 Conduct neighborhood cleanups

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BOTH NOFAS

- Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations serving Arlington residents, principally benefitting low- and moderate-income persons.
- Responsive to goals and objectives of [Five-Year 2016-2021 Consolidated Plan](#).
- Activities must be delivered from an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 compliant location.
- Programs sponsored by faith-based organizations must deliver services and outreach regardless of program beneficiary religious affiliation.
- Direct assistance (for example, rent and/or utilities) is generally not allowed, *unless it is on an emergency basis*.

SUPPLEMENTAL COVID-19 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

- One time grants for COVID-19 related efforts serving low and moderate income residents
- Applicants must demonstrate that program will serve clients who have been impacted by COVID-19
- Grant funds cannot supplant existing funds
- New or innovative solutions, including technology solutions to bridge the digital divide in providing services to low and moderate income residents.
- Applicants must demonstrate that funds can be spent by June 30, 2021
- Grants will be \$50,000-\$200,000, with an anticipated \$400,000-700,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds available

SUPPLEMENTAL NOFA PRIORITY AREAS

HOUSING: assist residents to acquire new or retain existing housing, including eviction prevention, technical or legal assistance, mediation, and other related services.

FOOD SECURITY: assist residents to become food secure, including purchase of food or equipment, developing food security network, and other related services.

JOB TRAINING AND PLACEMENT: provide job training and upscaling for essential and supply chain occupations (such as health care, cleaning, and grocery), including industry in-demand certifications, as well as soft skills such as ESOL and computer training.

SMALL BUSINESS RETENTION AND SUPPORT: design training and provide one-on-one technical assistance to low- and moderate-income entrepreneurs using tools such as the [Business Model Canvas](#), providing direct assistance to entrepreneurs who need to pivot their existing business model.

SUPPLEMENTAL NOFA TIMELINE

Proposals due	Friday, August 7, 2020
Proposals reviewed and recommendations developed	August 2020
Recommendations reviewed by Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee	September 23, 2020
County Board action on funding recommendations	October 2020
Funds available	November 2020
Program implemented and funds spent	June 30, 2021

FY 2022 “REGULAR” COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

- Competitive one-year renewable grants (CDBG and CSBG)
- AHIF grants are non-renewable and awarded for two years
- Grants usually between \$20,000-\$50,000
- Federal funds awarded through the federal appropriations process, so funding availability may not be known until Spring 2020

FY 2022 NOFA TIMELINE

Proposals Due	Friday, September 11
Proposals reviewed by staff and CDCAC or Housing Commission	September – November
Proposal Presentations	October 7, 14, 21, 28
County Manager budget proposal released	February 2021
CDCAC and Housing Commission recommendations completed	February 2021
County Board budget hearing	March 2021
Final budget adopted	April 2021
Community Development Funds available	July 2021

https://housing.arlingtonva.us/community-development/

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Suggested Sites

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Community Development Fund

The Community Development Fund provides grants through a combination of federal, state and local sources. There are currently two open Notices of Funding Availability.

Supplemental Community Development Fund NOFA

The supplemental NOFA is soliciting proposals for programs and services that serve low- and moderate-income residents in Arlington, and address a need related to the COVID-19 public health crisis. Eligible programs contribute to achieving the goals described in [Arlington's 2016-2021 Consolidated Plan](#), and must meet one of the following priority areas:

- **HOUSING:** assist residents to acquire new or retain existing housing, including eviction prevention, technical or legal assistance, mediation, and other related services.
- **FOOD SECURITY:** assist residents to become food secure, including purchase of food or equipment, developing food security network, and other related services.
- **JOB TRAINING AND PLACEMENT:** provide job training and upscaling for essential and supply chain occupations (such as health care, cleaning, and grocery), including industry in-demand certifications, as well as soft skills such as ESOL and computer training.
- **SMALL BUSINESS RETENTION AND SUPPORT:** design training and provide one-on-one technical assistance to low- and moderate-income entrepreneurs using tools such as the [Business Model Canvas](#), providing direct assistance to entrepreneurs who need to pivot their existing business model.

Grant funds are expected to be available November 2020, and will be awarded for the eight-month period of November 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Grants are anticipated to be in the \$50,000-200,000 range

FY 2022 Community Development Fund NOFA

The FY 2022 NOFA is soliciting proposals for programs and services that help to improve the economic conditions and quality of life for low- and moderate-income individuals and households in Arlington. Eligible programs contribute to achieving the goals described in [Arlington County's 2016-2021 Consolidated Plan](#). Typical programs include economic self-sufficiency, business development, job training and placement, community development, and more.

Grants through the regular FY 2022 NOFA will be awarded for the period July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022, and are generally in the \$20,000-\$50,000 range.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS

Proposals must be submitted online via ZoomGrants

- [Video: ZoomGrants™, How to Apply](#)
- [Presentation: How to Apply for Funding via ZoomGrants™](#)
- [ZoomGrants™ Applicant Tip Sheet](#)

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

- Application Summary
 - New this year: provide contact information for **authorized signer** of agreements
- Proposal Narratives
- Proposed Budget and Narrative
- Performance Measures
- Attachments
 - Note: Most attachments are optional for supplemental NOFA, but **will be required** if you are awarded a grant

PROPOSAL TIPS

- Read the Notice(s) of Funding Availability carefully for eligibility requirements.
- **Do not submit the same proposal for both NOFAs.** They will not be accepted.
- Be sure to document leverage, including in-kind such as volunteers.
- Feel free to contact County staff with questions about whether your program is eligible!

QUESTIONS?

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