



A CLOSER LOOK

The Fairfax County Consolidated Plan

Fiscal Years 2022 - 2026

The Consolidated Plan is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to describe Fairfax County’s plans for using federal housing funds to provide decent affordable housing and suitable living environments, and to increase economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income households in Fairfax County.

Federal dollars are provided to the county through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant program (ESG). Once awarded, these funds are managed by the Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to fund affordable housing and community development activities, and to strengthen partnerships between county agencies and local organizations in providing these opportunities and services to residents.

Fairfax County will receive about \$8.9 million in new funding for FY 2023.

The complete Consolidated Planning Process includes the preparation of three documents that work together to lay out long-term priorities and goals, identify short-term actions, and describe and evaluate county’s progress:

5-Year Consolidated Plan

The 5-Year Plan identifies Fairfax County’s needs, priorities and strategies to address affordable housing, homelessness, public services, neighborhood preservation and revitalization, economic development, and more, during a specified 5-year period.

1-Year Action Plan

A 1-Year Action Plan explains Fairfax County’s plans for using the CDBG, HOME and ESG funds received in a given year to achieve the goals and priorities set forth in the 5-Year Consolidated Plan.

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The **Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report** is prepared each year to report how funds have been used and to describe the outcomes achieved.

These three planning documents are prepared by HCD with input from residents, faith communities, nonprofit service providers, affordable housing providers, civic organizations, and numerous community development agencies in the county. The process is led by the **Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee**, the members of which are appointed by the County Executive to advise the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on affordable housing and community development needs, and the use of CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds.



The Essential Role of The Community

Fairfax County has many partnering organizations that stand on the front lines in providing essential programs and services to address a variety of community needs. We value our partners’ experience in the planning process; however, there is one additional group that we seek input from each year - **our residents**.

We value and need the diverse perspectives, experiences, concerns, and recommendations of our residents to help us determine how to best use our resources to address challenges that exist at the neighborhood level. During the community engagement process, we provide many ways for sharing your feedback with us. To learn how you can be an active participant in this process by sharing your input, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/housing/CCFAC.

Why Housing Matters

The ability to live in a decent, safe, and stable home environment is a foundational component in our ability to achieve success in every aspect of our lives - including economic self-sufficiency, healthy living and well-being, and professional and academic development.

In Fairfax County, the greatest challenge for both renters and homeowners living at or below the Area Median Income is **housing costs**. Research shows that this challenge is particularly disproportionate among low-income households, older adults, and minority (non-white) households.

The lack of affordable housing can result in the reduced ability of residents to pay for other essentials (food, medical care, childcare, etc.), contribute to long-term savings, and maintain home stability. It also contributes to community issues such as overcrowding, traffic congestion, and hindering the cultivation of a diverse workforce for growing businesses in our community.

Simply put, Fairfax County needs more affordable homes to serve the increasing need that exists in our community. The Consolidated Plan process allows the county to receive, direct, and leverage federal dollars to enhance the development, acquisition, preservation, and rehabilitation of affordable housing in all areas of the county (because your zip code SHOULD NOT determine your ability to succeed).



5-Year Consolidated Plan Housing Goals

July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2026

In consultation with residents, community partners and Fairfax County agencies, the county has adopted the following goals for the FY 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan:

GOAL #1

To address the challenge of homelessness

GOAL #2

To provide affordable housing options to those with special needs

GOAL #3

To meet the affordable housing needs of low-income working households; and

GOAL #4

To produce workforce housing sufficient to accommodate projected job growth

1-Year Action Plan (FY 2023) Projects

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

The 1-Year Action Plan for FY 2023 describes 13 projects through which the county will invest over \$13 million in federal funding during this fiscal year. The projects include:

- Section 108 Loan Payments
- Fair Housing Education and Enforcement
- Funding for Administrative and Planning Activities
- Targeted Public Services
- Home Repair for the Elderly & Community Rehabilitation
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance
- FCRHA/County Residential and Public Facility Rehabilitation and Acquisitions
- Homeownership Assistance and Access
- Nonprofit Affordable and Special Needs Rental Housing
- Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing



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To request this information in an alternate format, please contact the Department of Housing and Community Development at 703-246-5000, TTY 711.

Learn More Online!

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/housing/data/consolidated-plan

Questions?

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