



# CCFAC NEWS

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A Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee (CCFAC) publication prepared periodically to inform the public of the programs and activities of Fairfax County's **Consolidated Plan** which includes the Consolidated Community Funding Pool process.

## Comments From the Chair

The Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee (CCFAC) thanks the 59 non-profit organizations that participated in seven Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP) Focus Groups held during November and December 2000. On Tuesday, February 13, the CCFAC began its Focus Group input review by studying comments received on the multi-year award process. The CCFAC will use the data in preparing its Board of Supervisors multi-year award report for late Spring. Solicitation and contract-oversight data will be studied during the Spring and Summer to improve the next award cycle, as well as strengthen the current CCFP processes. You helped make this Focus Group a great success. Your willingness to share your expert advice and experiences made the Focus Group a rich and varied learning opportunity for everyone who attended. We are always looking for ways to strengthen the CCFP. We will work to keep the public informed of our progress and, as always, we welcome your comments.

**Ann Zuvekas, Chair**  
CCFAC

## HUD's New Website on Federal Disability, Fair Housing Law

The Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) new website explains the rights and responsibilities of landlords and of people with disabilities seeking housing. The website, <http://www.hud.gov/fhe/fheacss.html>, provides practical information regarding Section 504, which prohibits discrimination based on disability in any federally funded programs, including housing states HUD. HUD has ongoing efforts to assure compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504). Under Section 504, HUD has two goals in mind: (1) to provide guidance to persons with disabilities about their rights and related statutes, the exercise of those rights, and what information and resources are available from HUD; and (2) to provide recipients of HUD financial assistance with information regarding their obligations under Section 504. The HUD website also includes information for HUD grantees, ranging from developers of affordable housing units to nonprofit organizations, on how to comply with the law. For more information: Contact HUD at 202-708-0685



## Immigrant Refugee Study

### *A Community Sampler: Eight Immigrant and Refugee Communities with Public School Children*

The Fairfax County Department of Systems Management for Human Services has published a report entitled *A Community Sampler: Eight Immigrant and Refugee Communities with Public School Children*. In addition to the report, eight summary brochures are available focusing on each of the communities studied. These publications contain the results of a study focusing on seven language groups: Farsi, Korean, Kurdish, Somali, Spanish, Urdu and Vietnamese. The eighth community group, persons from El Salvador, is a subset of the Spanish speaking language group. The findings provide a basis for better understanding the experiences of this selected group of immigrants and refugees.

Some of the topic areas presented in these publications include community strengths, language ability, employment status, educational attainment, financial well-being, family structure and living arrangements, citizenship status and community attachment. The data presented in these publications are based on 918 telephone interviews conducted in the family's primary spoken language. Listed below are several of the many facts that can be gleaned from the report.

- Approximately 93% of all the responding households indicated that they have at least one parent/guardian who is employed and 53.7% of the responding households report that two parents/guardians are employed.
- Most immigrants (86.8%) report that the traditions of the United States are important to them.
- Nearly 83% of the respondents report that their neighbors make their family feel welcome.

Copies of the report, are available on the County's website: <http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/comm/demogrph>. Copies of the report are also available for purchase from Maps and Publications Sales, County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 156, Fairfax, VA 22035 or call 703/324-2974 (TDD 1-800-828-1128). The cost of the report is \$15 per copy.

## Regional Housing Forums For State Housing Needs Assessment

Virginia Secretary of Commerce and Trade Barry E. DuVal has directed the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and the Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) to conduct a statewide assessment of housing needs. An adequate supply of safe, sound, affordable housing is a vital component of the Commonwealth's continued economic prosperity. This needs assessment will examine the current state of housing in Virginia and will identify the major housing issues facing the state in the future.



The housing needs assessment is intended to inform strategic decision-making by the boards and management of DHCD and VHDA regarding the allocation and use of state-administered resources. An important part of the project will be a series of regional housing forums that will be held in nine locations across the state in March and April 2001. These forums will provide opportunities for broad public input. They will **not** be public hearings. Instead, they will provide facilitated small group discussions regarding regional issues and a structured process for identifying and prioritizing regional housing needs. The Northern Virginia Regional Housing Forum will be held in Manassas. Interested persons can register online at VHDA's website [www.vhda.com](http://www.vhda.com) (click on "what's new").

Metropolitan Northern Virginia Regional Forum  
Manassas

March 29, 2001

Best Western - Manassas  
10820 Balls Ford Road  
Manassas, Virginia 20109

Meeting Room: Beauregard Room  
Time: 1 p.m.–4 p.m.

## Upcoming Training Opportunities

### Training in Non-Profit Organization Management and Resource Development to be Provided in Spring

Beginning in April 2001, Fairfax County will be offering training sessions to non-profit organizations interested in increasing their skills and capacities to secure additional resources and improve organization management. Classes will run through June 2001 and will cover areas such as resource development, financial management, proposal development, outcome measurement and strategic planning.

To be put on the mailing list to receive notification regarding the dates, times and locations of these sessions, please contact the Fairfax County Department of Administration for Human Services at 703-324-5184 (TTY 703-324-5628).



### Additional Upcoming Training Opportunities

The Virginia Housing Training Center, a part of the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, is sponsoring a course entitled *Getting Started on Affordable Housing Development*, **Tuesday, March 13 and Wednesday, March 14**, in Richmond, Virginia. Space is limited. For more information and to register, contact the Training Center at 804-371-7102.

# Draft Consolidated Plan One—Year Action Plan For FY 2002 Nearing Completion (July 1, 2001- June 30, 2002)

The Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee (CCFAC) has released the Draft Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2002 for public review and comment. A public hearing on the plan was held by the Board of Supervisors on February 5, 2001. Written comments were received through February 22, 2001 for consideration by the CCFAC. The CCFAC will make final recommendations to the Board for approval in March 2001.

The Draft Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2002 describes the proposed amounts and uses of funding through the Consolidated Plan, including four federal programs Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) and the County's Consolidated Community Funding Pool for non-profit agencies.

Following Board approval of the Draft Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2002 in March and CCFP project awards in April, the Final Plan will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in May for approval, with imple-

mentation by the County to begin on July 1, 2001. In FY 2001, the CCFP went from a one-year to a two-year funding cycle whereby the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved all CCFP projects for a two-year funding period FY 2001-2002. The One-Year Action Plan for FY 2001 covered the first year of these projects, while the proposed Action Plan for FY 2002 covers the second year of funding. About \$7.7 million in funding for first year awards were approved by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for FY 2001 projects, while about \$7.8 million in funding is recommended by the County Executive. The Board will make final awards for FY 2002 in April 2001 with action on the annual budget.

Copies of the Draft Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2002; the Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2001;

and the Five-Year Consolidated Plan for FY 2001-2005 may be obtained by calling the Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development at 703-246-5170, TTY: 703-385-3578 or they may be viewed at the following website: <http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/gov/rha>, at all Fairfax County libraries, and at the Citizens' Information Desk in the lobby of the Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA.



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## Availability of HOME CHDO Funds

The Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) will soon be announcing the availability of funds provided to Fairfax County under the federal HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HOME funds are available to eligible non-profit applicants for the purpose of preserving, improving, or developing affordable housing in Fairfax County. Eligible applicants include non-profit corporations who meet, or can be reasonably expected to meet within 12 months of the notice, the requirements for a Community Housing

Development Organization (CHDO) as defined in the HOME Program federal regulations.

An application form will be required for consideration of funding proposals.

To be placed on the mailing list for this notice; contact Jeffrey Kidwell at 703-246-5189, TTY 703-385-3578.



## Calendar Notes

**Mar.**

### March 13 & 14

The Virginia Housing Training Center: Getting Started on Affordable Housing Development (see details under Upcoming Training Opportunities)

### March 13

CCFAC meeting, 7:30 p.m., Government Center, Rooms 9/10

### March 19

Board of Supervisors meeting at which the *Proposed Consolidated Plan Action Plan: One Year Use of Funds for FY 2002* will be brought forth for approval

### March 29

Metropolitan Northern Virginia Regional Forum: (see details under Regional Housing Forums for State Housing Needs Assessment)

## CCFAC Online

Did you know that you can have the CCFAC quarterly newsletter at your fingertips? In a continuing effort to cut cost, we now have the capacity to e-mail our CCFAC quarterly newsletter. Also, you will be able to obtain information on funded projects and training opportunities for non-profit organizations. We expect to have our website up and running by March 30, 2001. After that date, you may call for our website address at



703-279-7310. Our website address will enable you to view our newsletter on line. If you have a Web address that you would like to share with us, or if you would like to obtain a copy of our newsletter via e-mail, please forward your web address or e-mail address to:

**Queen.Gaymon@co.fairfax.va.us.**

**CCFAC:** National Community Development Week is **April 16-22, 2001**. This year's theme, "CDBG: Building Communities Coast to Coast," coincides with the election of a new Administration and a new Congress. The purpose of CDBG Week is to encourage and recognize continued support of the housing and community development programs and services CDBG provides to local governments, community organizations, and low-and moderate-income citizens across the nation.

**Apr.**

### April 10

CCFAC meeting, 7:30 p.m., Government Center, Rooms 9/10

### April 23

Board of Supervisors meeting at which action will be taken to approve Consolidated Community Funding Pool awards Fiscal Year 2002, through Action on the FY 2002 Budget

*The CCFAC is supported by an interagency team from the Department of Administration for Human Services, the Department of Family Services, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Department of Systems Management for Human Services. For additional information about this publication or the **Consolidated Plan**, please contact the Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development at (703) 246-5170, TTY: (703) 385-3578. Address any written comments to CCFAC, c/o Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development, 3700 Pender Drive, Suite 300, Fairfax, Virginia 22030. Fairfax County is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in all County programs, services, and activities and will provide reasonable accommodations upon request. To request special accommodations call Sherri Phares at 703-246-5006.*

