



# 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

Over the last several months, the Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee (CCFAC) has been reviewing and evaluating the Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP) process to date, in preparation for the next funding cycle. A hallmark of the CCFP has been community involvement and the opportunity for public comment on every phase of the CCFP. During the week of May 22, the CCFAC will release draft documents which culminate its work in three areas relative to the next CCFP funding cycle that would begin with the County's fiscal year FY 2003. The three areas are as follows:

- 1) Report on whether to continue multi-year awards (two years awards) for the CCFP; 2) Needs Assessment Report and Funding Priorities for the next CCFP Request For Proposals (RFP); and 3) Evaluation Criteria for the next CCFP awards process.

In addition to making these draft documents available for public comment, the community will also have an opportunity to speak to the CCFAC at its meeting on June 12, 2001 (See calendar notes for meeting details). The CCFAC will submit to the Board of Supervisors (Board) its final recommendations on multi-year awards Monday, June 25, and proposed funding priorities and evaluation criteria Monday, July 9.

As a part of the CCFAC's ongoing efforts to improve upon the CCFP, the CCFAC is also working to incorporate the various suggestions and comments received during the multi-year focus groups with the nonprofit community.

Speaking of ongoing efforts, we encourage community-based nonprofit agencies to take advantage of the upcoming training planned and announced in this news-

letter. The CCFAC is also pleased to report that a recommendation for the contract award for Nonprofit Organizational Development is scheduled to be submitted to the Board for approval in June. This initiative was funded by the Board to provide one-on-one technical assistance for community-based nonprofits; it covers 16 areas of organizational development.



The next CCFAC newsletter will feature the outcomes of the community service, housing development and preservation programs funded with CCFP FY 2000 funding. Approximately 33,000 households were served through the work and dedication of 52 community-based nonprofits. The CCFAC and the County recognize that strong community-based nonprofits are an integral and invaluable link to human service delivery and the quality of life in Fairfax County.

As you can see, a lot of work has been taking place to prepare for the next CCFP and also to strengthen the County's community-based nonprofits. We thank the Board, County staff, other boards, authorities and commissions and the community for support of the CCFAC's work and the CCFP.

As always, the CCFAC places a high priority on keeping the community informed and welcomes any questions and comments.

Ann Zuvekas, Chair  
CCFAC

## TRAINING IN NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Fairfax County is offering training sessions to non-profit organizations in such areas as resource development, financial management, proposal development, and strategic planning. The purpose of the training is to help nonprofits increase their skills and capacities to secure additional resources and improve organizational management.



Classes will begin Tuesday, May 29 and will run through Saturday, June 30. For more information, please contact the Fairfax County Department of Administration for Human Services at 703-324-5551, TTY: 703-324-5628.

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVES FY 2002 CONSOLIDATED PLAN ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN

On Monday, April 30, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved the Proposed Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2002. The One-Year Annual Action Plan for FY 2002 describes the proposed amounts and uses of funding through the Consolidated Plan. This includes four Federal programs (CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA) and the County's Consolidated Community Funding Pool for nonprofit organizations (CCFP.) About \$8.8 million in Federal funds and \$5.9 million in State and local general funds will be available in FY 2002 to provide decent housing, establish and maintain a suitable living environment and expand economic opportunities, especially for low- and moderate-income persons. About \$1.9 million of the CDBG funds are allocated to the CCFP, thus increasing the amount of funds available for the CCFP to \$7.8 million. With the Board of Supervisors' approval of a two-year funding cycle for CCFP projects for FY 2001-2002, the \$7.8 million approved by the Board for FY 2002 will conclude the two-year funding cycle.

The Plan contains new initiatives for FY 2002. A new housing concept called "magnet housing" will be launched that will provide affordable, attractive housing, located close to an employer and tied directly to education and job opportunities. For example, a magnet housing development would be located in the Dulles Corridor or near a major hospital. Also, new initiatives will direct funds to senior/disabled housing and revitalization activities.

The final Plan for FY 2002 will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in May for HUD approval. The County will begin implementation of the Plan effective July 1, 2001. After this date, the County will make the Plan available for review at the FCRHA Website [www.co.fairfax.va.us/gov/rha](http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/gov/rha). Copies may be obtained upon request at the Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development, 3700 Pender Drive, Suite 300, Fairfax Virginia 22030 or by calling 703-246-5170.

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### DOWNPAYMENT AND CLOSING COST ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Homeownership will now be closer for many Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority tenants, program participants and others who live or work in Fairfax County, through the new Downpayment and Closing Cost Assistance Program (DCAP.) Assistance funded through the Fairfax County Community Development Block Grant Program will soon be available to address the needs of potential homebuyers that have good credit and income to purchase a home, but lack savings for a downpayment and closing costs. The DCAP assistance is in the form of a second trust loan in an amount up to \$5,000.

The Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development is finalizing an agreement with B.F. Saul Mortgage Company who will provide first trust financing and quality buyers for the DCAP funds and with Chevy Chase Bank who will collect the DCAP loan payments and service the loans. Priority for the funding will first be given to families residing in Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority properties that are currently paying ceiling or flat rents.



If you would like more information on the DCAP program, please call Patti Schlener, Chief, Relocation and Homeownership Services at 703-246-5083.

### SKILLS RESOURCE CENTERS

**FREE! FREE! FREE!**

The new Skills Source Centers are now up and running at Department of Family Service offices throughout the county. These are brand new offices with brand new equipment made available for one reason and one reason only—to help people locate and get a job. Employment counselors are available to provide job search assistance or help locate training opportunities. Computers are available to do letters and resumes as well as on-line access for job searches.

Below is a list of the Centers:

DFS-Skills Source Center  
12011 Government Center Parkway Suite 246E  
Fairfax, VA 703-324-7280

DFS-Skills Source Center  
11484 Washington Plaza West Suite 130  
Reston, VA 703-787-4974

DFS-Skills Source Center  
8850 Richmond Highway, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Alexandria, VA 703-799-8471

DFS-Skills Source Center  
6425 Leesburg Pike Suite 315  
Falls Church, VA 703-533-5400

## E-FFORDABLE.FAIRFAX

On Monday, April 2, Fairfax County announced its game plan to address the affordable housing issues faced by those living and working in Fairfax County. The County's response uses public funds in a smart and strategic way that will leverage private investment and participation. Over the coming months Fairfax County will usher in a series of new programs, leadership initiatives and timely forums, all intensely focused on affordable housing in Fairfax County. According to Kate Hanley, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, "e-ffordable is a creative, but fiscally responsible approach. Government cannot do it alone. \$7 million in public funds will leverage over \$20 million in private dollars."

The planned events and initiatives include the following:

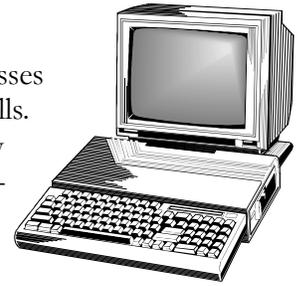
### **e-ffordable.org**

The new web site creates a connection between those looking for affordable housing and those who can help provide it. This site is a series of carefully organized links to any number of affordable properties and organizations available to help those needing housing referrals, ideas or assistance.

### **Magnet Housing**

This year, a brand new concept will be developed in Fairfax County that underlines the link between affordable housing and jobs. A creative approach is on the drawing boards—one that will attract capable, interested individuals to a living/learning/working environment. Residents will be connected to learning institutions

through on-line or traditional classes where they will learn specific skills. This project will be sponsored by major employers through scholarships and promises for apprenticeships and entry level jobs.



### **Fairfax Count's Downpayment and Closing Cost Assistance Program**

Downpayment and closing cost assistance for first-time homebuyers will soon be available for current renters and those working in Fairfax County who plan to buy a home here. Assistance will be in the form of a second trust mortgage up to \$5,000.

### **Affordable Housing Partnership Fund**

A new program was recently unrolled providing financial assistance to nonprofits and other developers of affordable housing. This program will not only support new housing convenience to jobs, but will encourage preservation of existing affordable housing that may be at risk. The program will provide funding for predevelopment expenses, gap and bridge financing as well as technical assistance.

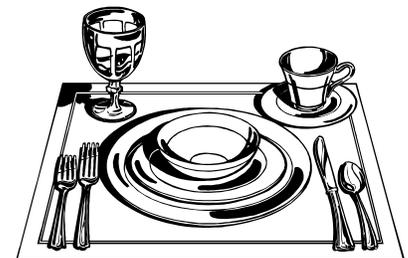
Find out about these and other upcoming news on e-ffordable.fairfax by going to our web site at: [www.e-ffordable.org](http://www.e-ffordable.org)

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## COMMUNITY ACTION ADVISORY BOARD (CAAB) NEWS

The Community Action Advisory Board (CAAB) works with the Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee to oversee the administration of Community Action funds received from the federal and state Community Services Block Grant. These funds are designated for programs and services that serve low-income families and individuals and are allocated as part of the Fairfax County Community Funding Pool process.

The CAAB held its annual Policy Forum Dinner Tuesday, April 3 at the House of Lion. The featured speaker was David A. Bradley, Executive Director of the National Community Action Foundation. Mr. Bradley is the principal author of the Community Services Block Grant and wrote a major portion of the McKinney Act. In addition, he has authored other federal legislation's including the Community Partnership Program and Programs for Special Populations. He spoke on "Human Services—Hanging in the Balance... What to Expect of the New Congress and Administration." At the dinner, recognition was given to Earth Walk Communications, Inc. and The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce for special corporate contributions to the community.



## MAY DECLARED COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH

May is the traditional month to celebrate community action throughout our nation. Again this year, Supervisor Gerald E. Connolly (D-Providence) brought to the board a motion to proclaim May the official Community Action Month in Fairfax County. He also invited the CAAB members to the Board of Supervisors' Meeting Monday, May 7 to be recognized and presented with a formal proclamation to com-

memorate the event. We want to express our appreciation to the Board of Supervisors for continued support of our activities.

*Thank You!*

## CALENDAR NOTES

**June**

June 12

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

*The CCFAC will receive public comments on multi-year funding awards, funding priorities, and evaluation criteria for the next CCFP funding cycle that will begin with the County's fiscal year FY 2003.*

## NON-PROFIT PROPOSALS REQUESTED FOR USE OF HOME FUNDS TO PRESERVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has announced two opportunities for Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) to submit applications for the funding of affordable housing projects utilizing HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) program CHDO funds.

Funds are available under the federal HOME Program for Housing Development Capital Projects. The types of affordable housing development activities that can be funded include the following: acquisition, new construction, moderate or substantial rehabilitation; ownership or rental housing; all housing types including mixed income and mixed use development; capital and related soft costs; site specific projects; and projects that can be completed in a 24-month time frame.

HCD has also reissued the Request for Proposals (RFP) for HOME funding for the Affordable Dwelling Unit Foreclo-

sure Acquisition Program. The County has made \$230,000 in federal HOME funds available for Community Housing Development Organizations, special types of non-profits as defined in the HOME Program, to bid on, purchase, and resell homes under the County's Affordable Dwelling Unit (ADU) program that have gone into foreclosure sale, and/or to acquire ADU homes where the loans have gone into default prior to foreclosure. These units would be resold to first-time homebuyers and be retained in the County's First-Time Homebuyer Program.

Proposals are due at HCD's office located at 3700 Pender Drive, Suite 300 in Fairfax by 4:00 p.m., Friday, June 1. For additional information, contact Stephen Knippler at 703-246-5161, TTY: 703-385-3578.

*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.*

