

OPENING OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES – CDBG-FUNDED FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2007 CONSOLIDATED PLAN ACTIVITIES

March 2, 2007

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:

The purpose of this notice is to provide an opportunity for public comment on proposed changes to project budgets of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)-funded projects listed below in accordance with the County's Citizen Participation Plan for substantive amendments to the Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan is a requirement of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as a condition of receiving CDBG and other federal funding. It identifies Fairfax County's overall needs for affordable and supportive housing, for homeless shelters and services, for community and economic development, and for building public and private partnerships. CDBG is one of the federal programs where funding is provided through Fairfax County to carry out housing and community development activities.

PROPOSED CHANGES

(Amounts have been rounded to the nearest dollar)

Reallocation of CDBG funds as follows:

1) Transfer of up to \$2.5 million in CDBG funds to be used in combination with HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds or other funding to fund the acquisition of affordable housing units and possible relocation costs at ParcReston and/or other units to be placed under the Fairfax County Rental Program (FCRP) sponsored by the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA). The FCRP includes all rental property owned by the FCRHA and developed with funds other than Public Housing funds and rented to families, single persons, seniors, and persons with disabilities. There are over 1,700 units under management. The FCRP generally serves working households with incomes in the 30%-80% range of area median income (AMI). A total of thirteen (13) residential units would be acquired by the FCRHA at ParcReston, located in Reston, Virginia. The \$2.5 million would be reallocated from the following programs: (i) Revitalization: Investing in Communities Program (ICP) - Up to \$1,909,155. The ICP is a program designed to create jobs, reduce blight, and revitalize older commercial areas of the County; (ii) Home Improvement Loan Program (HILP) – Up to \$400,000. HILP is a program to provide home improvement loans and assistance for properties that do not meet health and building code requirements and are owned by low and moderate income persons in Fairfax County, the Towns of Herndon, Clifton, and Vienna, and the City of Fairfax; and (iii) Home Repair for the Elderly (HRE) - Up to \$190,845. HRE is a program which provides minor repairs at no cost to the homeowner for eligible low-income elderly or disabled persons.

2) Transfer up to \$180,000 from HILP for the rehabilitation of ten affordable housing units at Madison Ridge, located on Rydell Road, Centreville, Virginia. The units consist of five one-bedroom and five two-bedroom units which are part of the Fairfax County Rental Program.

3) Expansion of the Woodley Hills Community Center Rehab/Replacement activity. The activity currently allows for some limited improvements to the community center and park site as well as study and design of further improvements. This activity is proposed to be expanded to include the removal and disposal of existing aged and deteriorated manufactured homes, purchase of new manufactured homes, site improvements, and design services. The project site is located near the intersection of Richmond Highway and Lockheed Boulevard in Alexandria, Virginia.

4) Reallocation of \$126,150 from Cedar Ridge Affordable Housing Relocation Costs that was proposed to be used to implement a Housing Assistance Plan to assist households at Cedar Ridge, a 198-unit property located in Reston, Virginia, that were identified as exceeding the income requirement related to a new financing program. Due to a change in the financing of the project, relocation dollars were not needed for the project. Currently, the planned use for these funds is for acquisition or rehabilitation of affordable housing units that become available or are in need of improvement under the Fairfax County Rental Program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

For additional information or to comment, please contact the Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development, Attention: Stephen Knippler, Senior Program Manager, 3700 Pender Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-6039 (Telephone: 703-246-5170, e-mail: stephen.knippler@fairfaxcounty.gov, TTY: 703-385-3578). Written comments should be received at the above address by **April 4, 2007**. It is planned that the Board of Supervisors will take action on the proposed reallocations at its regular meeting on April 9, 2007.

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 703-246-5101 or TTY 703-385-3578. Please allow seven working days in advance of the event in order to make the necessary arrangements.

