



County of Fairfax, Virginia

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Dear Friend of the Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP):

Despite these very tough economic times, we are pleased to inform you that Fairfax County is moving ahead developing priorities for the 2011-12 Consolidated Community Funding Pool. We invite you to review the attached preliminary draft document defining the priorities for that pool. You may provide comments to us either in writing (sent to: Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development, Attention: Stephen Knippler, Senior Program Manager, 3700 Pender Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22030, e-mail: stephen.knippler@fairfaxcounty.gov by June 9th, 2009) or by speaking with us at the next meeting of the Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee (CCFAC), June 9th, 7:30 PM in Conference Room 4/5 at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax.

We would welcome your comments on any part of this document, but would particularly be interested to hear your comments on the following questions.

- The Funding Pool has always been aimed primarily at support for human service programs, not organizations. However, as we ask you to look at community needs more systematically, we are implicitly asking community-based organizations to become more sophisticated at the institutional level. ***Should we allow CCFP Funds to be used in part for organizational infrastructure (such as administration, resource development, case management, or service coordination across programs) as part of a program proposal? If so, what would be the appropriate proportion of a project that could be directed to the infrastructural activities?***
- The Funding Pool has always been a resource for community based programs that want to work more closely with Fairfax County. ***How should the CCFP encourage links between community-based programs and specific County initiatives, such as the County's ten-year plan to prevent and end homelessness?***
- The CCFAC is strongly committed to measurable outcomes as part of all programs, particularly progress toward self-sufficiency. ***To what degree can self-sufficiency be used as a bench-mark for programs in the prevention, crisis intervention and ongoing services categories?***

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The Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee looks forward to working with you as we develop the framework for the 2011-12 funding cycle. With your support, we look forward to sending this priorities document forward for review and approval by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in July, so that the “Request for Proposals” can go out in the early fall, Proposals can be received and evaluated over the winter, awards can be made in the spring, and contracts initiated on July 1st, 2010.

Thank you for your support.

Yours,



Frank Blechman, Chair
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