

OPENING OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO FAIRFAX COUNTY CONSOLIDATED PLAN ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2009 TO INCORPORATE FUNDING AND ACTIVITIES UNDER THE HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND RAPID RE-HOUSING PROGRAM

April 10, 2009

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:

The purpose of this notice is to provide an opportunity for public comment on a proposed amendment to the Fairfax County Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2009 to incorporate funding and activities under the new Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP). The HPRP was established under Title XII of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. HPRP funds are resources provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide financial assistance and services to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless or help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized. The provision of this opportunity for comment is in accordance with the County's Citizen Participation Plan for substantive amendments to the Consolidated Plan.

The Consolidated Plan is a requirement of HUD as a condition of receiving certain federal funding. The Plan 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. The proposed program modifications utilizing HPRP funds will have no adverse impact on any of the projects and activities already a part of the One-Year Action Plan for FY 2009.

PROPOSED CHANGES

Use of HPRP Funds:

Fairfax County is expected to be awarded \$2,462,398 under the HPRP federal allocation formula. Of these funds, 5 percent (or \$123,119) is allowed for administrative costs, and approximately 3 percent (\$79,279) is proposed for meeting HUD data collection and reporting requirements. The primary activities are the homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing components. These activities begin implementing objectives identified in the Board approved Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness, and are key components of the Housing Opportunities Support Team strategy articulated in the Plan. Specific services include (but are not limited to) rent and utility assistance, deposits, housing search and community-based case management.

- Approximately \$910,000 (37%) will be allocated for Prevention Services, and
- Approximately \$1,350,000 (55%) will be allocated for Rapid Re-Housing Services.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Copies of the amendment will be available for review on Friday, April 10, online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rha>, at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless> and at the Citizen Information Desk located on the lobby level of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035. Copies may be obtained at the Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development, 3700 Pender Drive, Suite 300, Fairfax, Virginia 22030 or 8350 Richmond Highway, Suite 527, Alexandria, Virginia, 22309. All of the above mentioned locations are accessible to persons with disabilities.

For additional information or to write comments, citizens should 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, fax 703-246-5115, e-mail: stephen.knippler@fairfaxcounty.gov, TTY: 703-385-3578). Written comments should be received at the above Pender Drive building address or e-mail address by **April 22, 2009**. At its regular meeting on May 4, 2009, the Board of Supervisors will take action on the proposed Plan amendment and use of HPRP funds for submission to HUD by May 18, 2009.

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.

