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FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015
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PREFACE

This One-Year Action Plan indicates Fairfax County's intended use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds. It represents the fifth and final year's operationalization of the County's Five-Year Consolidated Plan for these sources of federal funds and is based on the goals and strategies in the Five-Year Plan.

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Abbreviations:

CCFAC	Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee
CCFP	Consolidated Community Funding Pool
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant
CSBG	Community Services Block Grant
ESG	Emergency Solutions Grant
FCRHA	Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority
HOME	Home Investment Partnerships Program
HOPWA	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS
HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
NSP	Neighborhood Stabilization Program
SAC	Selection Advisory Committee
SAFAH	Supplemental Assistance for Facilities to Assist the Homeless
TANF	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
VHDA	Virginia Housing Development Authority

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN FOR FY 2015

PURPOSE

The Consolidated Plan is a requirement of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as a condition of receiving funding under certain federal programs. The Consolidated Plan is a five-year comprehensive planning document that 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 Consolidated Plan also defines the county's strategy, priorities and objectives for addressing identified needs.

A One-Year Action Plan is required for each of the five years of the Consolidated Plan. This One-Year Action Plan for FY 2015 covers the period July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, and contains a description of how Fairfax County intends to utilize funds from the programs included in the Consolidated Plan in order to meet the needs identified. This Action Plan incorporates recommendations for the use of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds. The Action Plan lists the projects and activities planned including proposed use of funds by the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA) for FY 2015. The goals and objectives that are being addressed through the use of funds are also indicated in this Action Plan.

BACKGROUND

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has designated the Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee (CCFAC) as the citizen advisory group charged with overseeing the Consolidated Plan process. The CCFAC is also charged with oversight and developing funding priorities for the Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP), a competitive funding process for nonprofit community based programs. The CCFAC oversees all aspects of the CCFP including policies, priorities, and planning and development of evaluation criteria for proposals.

Fairfax County's Five-Year Consolidated Plan for FY 2011-2015 contains broad goals and objectives to address priority needs with the resources available through the Consolidated Plan. The county's goals and objectives address a broad range of needs pertaining to affordable housing, homelessness, community services, employment, and economic opportunities, community development and revitalization, neighborhood preservation, and institutional structures/coordination, monitoring, and evaluation. The full text of these goals and objectives appears in a subsequent section of this plan.

ADDRESSING NEEDS AND GOALS

An estimated $6.9 million in federal funds under the Consolidated Plan, and an estimated $11.6 million in federal, state and local funds through the CCFP (which includes $1.8 million in FY 2015 CDBG entitlement funds), will be available in FY 2015 to provide decent housing, establish and maintain a suitable living environment, and expand economic opportunities, especially for low- and moderate-income persons. Further, HUD has made federal grants to Fairfax County human services organizations that provide services to the county's homeless populations.

For this Action Plan, FY 2015 funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) is based on funding levels of FY 2014 until formal notification from HUD on actual grant levels. Funding for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program is estimated at the FY 2013 expenditure level and actual funding will depend on the final allocation made available to Northern Virginia jurisdictions through the Northern Virginia Regional Commission and the District of Columbia, recipient of the funds. The Federal and State Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and local Fairfax County General Funds included in the Consolidated Community Funding Pool are based on FY 2014 county budget levels, as the FY 2015 county budget is to be approved by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on April 29, 2014.

In December 2013, HUD issued revised procedures for the submission of Actions Plans required of all grantees. As is customary grantees will utilize estimated amounts based on the prior year's allocation. However, grantees must now include detailed contingency language in its Action Plan which explains how it will adjust its proposed plan to match actual allocation amounts, once actuals amounts become known. Final submittal of the Action Plan to HUD must include actual allocation amounts. The full contingency plan is included in the Federal Resources to be Applied Section beginning on page 21 of this document.

The county anticipates receiving funding from the following federal programs administered by HUD:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	$ 4,750,027
HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)	$ 1,417,514
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)	$ 322,031
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	$ 438,386
Total	$ 6,927,958

A total of $11.6 million was made available in the CCFP for funding projects and activities in FY 2015, based on Board of Supervisors appropriations.

CDBG Affordable Housing Funds[1]	$ 1,113,446
CDBG Targeted Public Service Funds[2]	$ 712,504
County General Funds[3]	$ 9,867,755
Total	$11,693,705

[1] The "Affordable Housing Funds" are CDBG funds allocated to the CCFP to provide funding to eligible nonprofit corporations or CDBG Participating Jurisdictions (Towns of Clifton, Herndon, and Vienna, and the City of Fairfax), for projects and activities in accordance with CDBG eligibility criteria and priorities and CCFP priorities approved by the Board of Supervisors. Funding allocation reflects amounts as approved by the Working Advisory Group and the FCRHA for FY14.
[2] The "Targeted Public Service Funds" are CDBG funds allocated to the CCFP to provide funding to eligible nonprofit corporations or CDBG Participating Jurisdictions (Towns of Clifton, Herndon, and Vienna, and the City of Fairfax), for projects and activities in accordance with CDBG eligibility criteria and priorities and CCFP priorities approved by the Board of Supervisors. Funding allocation reflects amounts as approved by the Working Advisory Group and the FCRHA for FY14.
[3] The County General Funds figure reflects the FY 2014 Adopted Budget Plan amount, and includes estimated CSBG revenue to the General fund. Numbers will be updated, if necessary, based on the FY 2015 approved county budget.

COMMENTS ON ACTION PLAN FROM PUBLIC HEARING AND 30-DAY COMMENT PERIOD

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the draft Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2015 on March 25, 2014. The 30-day comment period for submission of written comments will end on March 31, 2014. A summary of these comments will be provided in the Comments Section on page 62 of this Action Plan in future drafts.

ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN USE OF FUNDS FY 2015

INTRODUCTION

Fairfax County's Consolidated Plan combines the broad planning requirements of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 with the annual applications and reporting for the following four HUD programs administered locally by the County:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) (administered via Northern Virginia Regional Commission)

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has designated the CCFAC as the citizen advisory group charged with overseeing the Consolidated Plan process. The CCFAC also is charged with developing funding priorities, evaluation criteria, and policies for the Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP), which funds projects that provide for community services and affordable housing development, administration, construction, acquisition, and/or rehabilitation.

The CCFP funding sources include the Federal and State Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), the Fairfax County General Fund, and a portion of the County's Community Development Block Grant. A bi-annual funding cycle is used for the CCFP.

Following a public hearing by the Board of Supervisors on March 25, 2014 and the conclusion of the 30-day comment period for submission of written comments on March 31, 2014, the CCFAC will considered comments received on the draft Action Plan on April 8, 2014. The CCFAC will then forward its recommended Proposed Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2015 to the Board of Supervisors for approval on April 29, 2014.

CCFAC EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE FY 2015 ACTION PLAN

The CCFAC established a work plan and schedule that outlined a number of projects and activities for the fiscal year 2015. These projects and activities are highlighted in the following sections.

On November 12, 2013, the CCFAC held a Needs Hearing to provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the CCFAC on housing, community development, human services, and other issues.

<u>CCFAC/FCRHA Working Advisory Group</u>: Composed of three CCFAC members and three FCRHA commissioners, plus the FCRHA commissioner who serves on both. The Working Advisory Group (WAG) discussed community needs and funding priorities to formulate funding recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. The WAG reviewed the FCRHA Strategic Plan recommendations for funding to be included in the draft proposed FY 2015 One-Year Action Plan prior to release for public comment. Since the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors designated CCFAC as the citizen advisory group charged with overseeing the Consolidated Plan process, the WAG's recommendations for funding priorities were then submitted to the CCFAC. The CCFAC reviewed the WAG's recommendations and all public comments to develop a final set of recommendations to present to the Board of Supervisors.

Public Hearing on Proposed Action Plan for FY 2015: The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on March 25, 2014 on the Proposed Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2015. At the hearing, citizens will have the opportunity to express their views on housing, community development, and community service needs and fair housing issues in the County, as well as comment on the County's community development performance.

HIGHLIGHTS OF COMMUNITY PROFILE

Fairfax County is established as an Urban County under the Code of Virginia, governed by a Board of Supervisors comprised of nine members elected from nine magisterial districts and a chairman elected at-large. The Board of Supervisors appoints the County Executive. The Towns of Herndon, Vienna, and Clifton have elected Mayors and Town Councils and defined areas, but are part of the county and are included in the demographic and other statistical information cited in the Consolidated Plan. These towns and the City of Fairfax are participating jurisdictions in the county's Consolidated Plan process.

Population: The population of Fairfax County in 2012 was 1,109,725 and there were 398,733 households (occupied housing units), with an average household size of approximately 2.75.[4] This represents a population increase of 139,976 (14.4 %) since the 2000 Census. While this growth rate is smaller in comparison to some other jurisdictions in the region, Fairfax County still accounts for nearly 20.0% of the total population for the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area.[5] In 2015 Fairfax County projects that there will be approximately 1,124,100 (3.9% increase from 2010) people with 405,100 households (a 4.9% increase from 2010) and housing units will be 414,800 (a 4.6% increase from 2010).[6]

Diversity: According to the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS), racial and ethnic minorities make up over 46.0% of the county's residents. Asians are the largest minority group in Fairfax County with 20.4% of the population. Hispanics now represent 16.1% of the population, while Black/African-American population has grown slightly since 1990 (7.7%) and currently stands at 10.4%.

The percent of foreign-born residents living in the County has grown from 9.1% in 1980 to nearly 30% in 2012.[7] The increase in diversity is best seen in the youngest and oldest segments of the population. In a decade the minority population in the school system has more than doubled. According to the Fairfax County Public Schools, the number of minority students in the schools increased from 26.6% in 1989-1990 school year to 54.7% in 2008-2009 school year. Enrollment data for the school year 2013-2014 finds 41.4% of students identified themselves as white (non-Hispanic), while 23.6% were Hispanic, 19.5% Asian and 10.3% African-American. Meanwhile, diversity in the senior population is also increasing. The 1980 Census reported that 6.4% of persons age 65 and older were racial minorities, but by 2010 that proportion had more than tripled to 22.8%.[8] Persons over 65 years of age made up 10.2% of the population in 2012.[9]

[4] Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, Demographic Reports 2012
[5] U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012
[6] Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, Demographic Reports2012
[7] U.S. Census Bureau, 1980 and American Community Survey, 2012
[8] U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census, Summary File 1
[9] Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, Demographic Reports 2012

The percentage of ethnic and cultural minorities among the county's older adults is less than the general population but will increase as the boomers grow older. People of language or cultural minorities are dispersed throughout Fairfax County. The number of older adults speaking a language other than English at home doubled between 1990 and 2000 and continues to grow. [10] The 2012 ACS reported 28.2% of person age 65 and older spoke a language other than English at home. In Fairfax County 38.4% of residents age five and older indicated speaking a language other than English at home. Fairfax County Public Schools information showed that 49.0% of all elementary school students spoke a language other than English at home as of September 2012. These households containing elementary students who speak language other than English at home, more than 100 different languages are being spoken in these households.

Age: According the 2012 ACS, the median age in Fairfax County was 37.4. Since 1980 the percentage of Fairfax County residents under the age of 45 has slowly decreased. Meanwhile, the percentage of persons 65 and older increased from 4.5% in 1980 to 10.2% of the total population in 2012. The elderly are the fastest growing age segment in Fairfax County and are projected to comprise 12.1% of the county's population by the year 2015. During that same period, the percentage of children and youth under age 20 are expected to remain constant around 26%.[11]

Education: Overall, Fairfax County residents are highly educated. According to the 2012 ACS, the percent of Fairfax County adults 25 years of age or older who had graduated from high school was 91.0 % and 58.3% of residents had attained at least a bachelor's degree or higher education. 27.5% of county residents hold a graduate or professional degree.

Business/Employment: The George Mason University Center for Regional Analysis has reported that Fairfax County's economic vitality is "inextricably tied" to its response to the need for affordable workforce housing, and that the county's continued growth is "highly dependent" on the availability of housing that is "affordable to workers from the full spectrum of the economy". There were 34,820 establishments in Fairfax County according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in 2012. These includes over 400 foreign-owned firms and over 300 trade associations and professional societies according to the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority. According to the 2012 ACS, private for profit firms employed 60.1% of Fairfax County residents followed by the federal, state and local governments, which employed 21.2% of county residence, age 16 and over. About 94.0% of the companies in Fairfax County are small businesses with fewer than 50 employees and less than $1.0 million in annual revenue. However, Fairfax County continues to attract technology-based businesses. There are approximately 6,700 such companies according to the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority. The Virginia Employment Commission for 2012 annual not seasonally adjusted labor force was 622,666 people with 596,495 employed and 26,171 unemployed making the unemployment rate at 4.2%. The annual unemployment rate in 2008 was 2.9%.[12] More than half (54.2%) of county residents worked in Fairfax County. [13] The federal government investment in Fairfax County has been vital to its economic success as over $23 billion dollars of procurement spending in FY2013 was awarded to the county. [14]

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[10] The Fairfax Area Commission on Aging 50 + Action Plan

[11] U S Census Bureau, Census of Population, 1980 through 2010; American Community Survey 2012; and Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, Demographic Reports 2012

[12] Virginia Employment Commission, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

[13] American Community Survey, 2012

[14] Federal Procurement Data System

According to the 2012 ACS, 12.8% of the population was without health insurance and 5.8% of residents lived below the poverty level in 2012.

Income and Housing Cost Burden: According to the 2012 ACS, there were an estimated 72,533 households in Fairfax County earning less than $50,000 per year, or about 47 percent of the area median income for a family of four of $107,000. There were an estimated 64,600 persons living below the poverty level in 2012 – a decrease of approximately 9,000 from 2011 but an increase of almost 2,500 over 2010. In 2012 5.8% of county residents lived below the poverty line in Fairfax County. In Fairfax County, the National Low Income Housing Coalition *Out of Reach 2013* report found that the annual salary needed to afford a two-bedroom apartment at the FMR of $1,412 was $56,480 – approximately 53 percent of the Area Median Income for a family of four. According to the report, a minimum wage earner would have to work nearly four full-time jobs to afford a two-bedroom unit at the FMR in Fairfax County.

According to the 2009 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) tables provided by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), 14,516 (87 percent) Fairfax County renter households with incomes below 30% of the area median income have what is described as "one or more housing problems" defined as having a significant cost burden (meaning over 30 percent of their income is used for housing costs), incomplete plumbing facilities, incomplete kitchen facilities, or overcrowding (defined for CHAS data as being over 1 person per room) (CHAS 2009).

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION

The following table summarizes the respective federal, State, local, and private resources that are expected to be available to implement the Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2015 (see Appendix D for a detailed descriptions of these resources).

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE Fairfax County, Virginia (see Appendix D for detailed descriptions of resources)			
FEDERAL RESOURCES	STATE RESOURCES	LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOURCES	PRIVATE RESOURCES
HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)	Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) Loans	Bridging Affordability Program Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP)	For-Profit Financial Institutions
HOPE for Youth	Virginia Housing Partnership Fund	County Funds including Housing Trust Fund and The Penny for Affordable Housing Fund	Private Developers
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	Homeless Intervention Program	Affordable Housing Partnership Program Fairfax County Rental Program (FCRP)	Other Private Businesses Non-profit
CDBG Section 108 loans		FCRHA Tax Exempt Bonds	Non-profit Housing Development Corporations
Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)	State Tax Credit for Elderly/ Disabled Housing		Non-profit Service Organizations
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)			Low Income Tax Credit Investors
Public Housing Operating Subsidy			
Capital Fund Grant Program		Home Repair for the Elderly Program	
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)			
Department of Energy (DOE) /Other Energy Programs		Homeownership Assistance Program Emergency Housing and Shelter Program	
Low-Income Housing Tax Credits		Emergency Assistance Prog.	
Housing Choice Voucher Program			
Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities (Section 811)			
Supportive Housing of the Elderly (Section 202)			
Surplus Housing for Use to Assist the Homeless			
Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH)			
Supportive Housing Program (SHP)			
Shelter Plus Care			

LEVERAGING AND MATCH

A variety of sources are used to leverage funds. Both private and nonprofit developers (including the FCRHA) utilize Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) financing, and private financing. The FCRHA uses proceeds of its own revenue bonds as well as grants and loans. The Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) have worked with VHDA, various banks, and private investors to structure projects involving as many as 12 or more sources of funding. Section 108 loans and revolving loan funds from the Housing Trust Fund or FCRHA development accounts are also used. The match for operational programs, such as the emergency shelter programs, transitional housing, housing counseling, education and training programs, and emergency homelessness prevention funds is appropriated in the applicable agency budget. A combination of federal, State, and local funds are frequently involved.

PUBLIC LAND OR PROPERTY TO BE UTILIZED

The FCRHA is empowered under Title 36 of the Code of Virginia to acquire and own real property. A number of projects are currently in various stages of development on land owned or being acquired by the FCRHA.

The Residences at the Government Center: In 2008 Fairfax County selected Dallas-based JPI Development Services to build and operate an innovative, high quality, mixed income, 270-unit apartment complex on its Government Center campus. The county, using no cash of its own, will leverage an investment of $45 million by JPI's Assignee, Jefferson Apartment Group, through a long-term ground lease of the 8.8 acre county-owned site. Situated in a wooded setting and incorporating green building, low impact and sustainable design features, amenities at the project will include garage parking, fitness and children's play areas, swimming pool, conference room, outdoor courtyards, and will be connected to the adjacent Government Center by a trail system. Located across the street from Fairfax Corner's restaurants, shopping and movie theaters, the apartment complex will be close to transportation networks and the Fairfax Connector bus system. Jefferson Apartment Group has completed the county zoning and plan approval process with construction is anticipated to begin in FY 2015, pending final financing.

Lewinsville Senior and Daycare Center Redevelopment: The planned redevelopment of the 8.6 acre McLean property includes the demolition of the current facility and construction of two buildings which will provide: 1) approximately 82 units of “Independent Living” senior housing; 2) space for the Health Department’s Adult Day care facility; 3) two child day care centers; and 4) allow for the expansion of services of the existing Senior Center programs operated by the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services. It is anticipated that the project will be developed through a solicited Public Private Educational Facilities Infrastructure Act (PPEA) that was issued by the county. One building will contain the affordable senior housing which will be constructed and operated at no cost to the County utilizing tax credits and a long term ground lease. The second building will be the community support building which will house the senior center and the adult and child day care facilities.

Kate’s Place: The Kate’s Place project consists of six units of “Housing First” permanent supportive housing adjacent to the Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter Campus. The units will be occupied by families referred by the Shelter. The Project is part of the countywide effort to end homelessness.

Notice to proceed was issued October 2013 with the substantial completion scheduled for the late fall of 2014. The Energy Star rating system has been selected for the project in order to meet the green building standards established for county facilities.

Lincolnia Center Redevelopment: Lincolnia is a county-owned complex sited on 4.83 acres, consisting of approximately 61,000sf of gross floor area. The center provides space for three separate operations: Senior Housing and Assisted Living managed by the Department of Housing and Community Development, a Senior Center operated by the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, and an Adult Day Health Care Center managed by the Health Department. The Housing portion is comprised of 26 units of affordable apartments for seniors, 52 beds of licensed Assisted Living, common areas for the Housing residents, and a commercial kitchen which supports all on-site activities. The renovation will include replacement of the HVAC system and the emergency generator, extensive interior renovations and upgrades of lighting and the fire alarm system, elevator modernization, roof and fire pump replacement, numerous modifications to improve accessibility, and various site enhancements, including drainage improvements. The renovations conducted in partnership with the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services will be completed in FY 2016.

The Residences at North Hill Park: The new community will comprise Phase II of the development of the 48-acre parcel fronting Route 1, located on Tax Map 0924-01-0082A, which was acquired by the FCRHA in 1981. A Generalized Development Plan for a Mobile Home Park development was approved by the Board of Supervisors in 1982. Phase I, Woodley Hills Estates, was completed in 1991 and consists of 115 manufactured (mobile) homes on 14 acres. Phase II, would consist of 67 manufactured homes sited on a 11 acre portion of the remaining undeveloped 33 acres known as "North Hill". Forty-nine (49) of the units would be multi-section manufactured units and eighteen (18) would be single-section units. The FCRHA would own 20 of the 67 manufactured units and rent them to income eligible tenants. The remaining 47 units would be sold to income-eligible applicants who would purchase the units and pay a monthly lot rent. As an alternative to the aforementioned development, the County received an unsolicited proposal under the Public- Private Educational Facilities Infrastructure Act (PPEA) from a local developer for the development of the 33 acre North Hill site. The proposal consists of a mix of affordable and market rate multi-family rental housing, for-sale homes and parkland. The unsolicited proposal was reviewed through the Fairfax County Department of Purchasing and Supply Management in conjunction with other County agencies and was accepted for further consideration. Upon acceptance of the unsolicited proposal and pursuant to the county PPEA procurement policy, a solicitation for competing proposals was issued by the county. Proposals received in response to the solicitation are under evaluation in 2014.

SPECIFIC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR FY 2011-2015

The CCFAC has identified specific goals and objectives for each of the major program sections of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

On January 26, 2010, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors adopted a “Housing Blueprint”[15], which established the county’s affordable housing policy direction for FY 2011 and beyond. The Housing Blueprint reflects the philosophy of the Board that affordable housing is a continuum ranging from the needs of the homeless to first-time homebuyers. In between these

[15] www.e-ffordable.org/Housingblueprint.htm

two poles, the continuum includes the diverse housing needs of hard-working, but low paid families; senior citizens; persons with disabilities; and the workforce across Fairfax County. The goals and priorities set forth in the Housing Blueprint and this Consolidated Plan were the product of collaboration of county officials and staff, representatives from the non-profit community and for-profit development sector, and the citizens of Fairfax County, and supplemented by data compiled from local sources, HUD, and the U.S. Census.

While the Blueprint has continued to evolve since its inception, its original goals were incorporated into the Five-Year Consolidated Plan for FY 2011-2015 and are reflected in this Annual Action Plan. Those goals are:

- To End Homelessness in 10 years
- To provide affordable housing options to those with special needs
- To reduce the waiting lists for affordable housing [16]
- To produce workforce housing sufficient to accommodate projected job growth

To accomplish these goals, Fairfax County will draw upon the community and private sector to leverage resources through partnerships. The county will complete projects already in the pipeline as well as embark on new initiatives.

Consistent with the Housing Blueprint, the philosophy driving the priority needs is that affordable housing is a continuum ranging from the needs of the homeless to first-time buyers. Included in this range are the diverse housing needs of hard-working, but low paid families; senior citizens; persons with physical or mental disabilities; and the workforce across Fairfax County. The consensus among the parties establishing the housing priorities for the next 10 years is that affordable housing priorities have changed and that the emphasis should shift to those with the greatest need.

Those identified as having the greatest need include:

- **Individuals and families who are homeless**
- **Households with low to extremely-low incomes**
- **Special needs populations including persons with physical or mental disabilities and seniors**
- **The workforce essential to Fairfax County's economic health and growth**

[16] On December 31, 2013, the FCRHA received its signed Moving to Work (MTW) Agreement from HUD, which makes official the FCRHA's MTW designation and enables HCD to begin implementing its MTW Activities. The elite MTW designation gives housing authorities the flexibility to create programs that work best for their residents, allowing them to design and test innovative, locally-designed strategies to improve cost-effectiveness and help families achieve self-sufficiency. As a result of the changes associated with the MTW designation, the Board of Supervisors updated the Housing Blueprint's waiting list goal for FY 2014 to focus more broadly on meeting the needs of low-income working families, inclusive of those on the FCRHA's waiting lists. This change has no substantive impact on the activities described and planned in the One-Year Action Plan for FY 2015 to meet the waiting list goal. See Page 48 for further details concerning the FCRHA's MTW designation.

Specific Housing Objectives
The table below shows the specific objectives to meet the four goals outlined above.

Consolidated Plan Housing Objectives

Objective Number	Objective Description
1	Provide housing affordable to homeless individuals and families
2	Provide housing affordable to persons with physical or mental disabilities, including persons with HIV/AIDS
3	Provide housing affordable to households with low to extremely-low incomes (<50 percent MFI) and other special needs populations
4	Provide sufficient workforce housing through land use policy
5	Provide sufficient workforce housing through private sector partnerships
6	Preserve existing Public Housing
7	Promote resident self-sufficiency
8	Foster coordination and partnerships

Proposed Outcomes/Activities

Through the following proposed activities/outcomes the county will increase the number of housing units available to those most in need including homeless individuals and families, extremely-low income households, and special needs populations such as large families and seniors and persons with physical or mental disabilities; this will increase the number of housing units available in order to reduce current waiting lists; and will increase the number of workforce housing units available.

To End Homelessness in 10 Years
The county will address the 10-year need for 2,650 additional units/permanent housing opportunities for homeless individuals and families through several means.

Improved Affordability/Accessibility (Objectives 1, 14 through 18): Examples of activities beginning in FY 2011 include but are not limited to:

- *Bolster the existing resources,* including providing housing opportunities funded with re-targeted and additional federal resources (such as Continuum of Care units, turn over in the public housing program, the conversion of non-profit owned transitional housing and additional non-profit acquisitions using federal resources such as the HOME Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO), as well as the use of FCRHA-owned housing.
- *Initiate other efforts to house and serve homeless persons,* including, new construction, and private sector partnerships.
- *Using local resources, if appropriated,* to fund non-profit rental subsidy programs, short-emergency assistance, and non-profit housing acquisition.

To Provide Affordable Options to Special Needs Populations
The county will provide affordable housing options to special needs populations including low to extremely-low income households, seniors, large-families, and persons with physical or mental disabilities through several means.

Improved Affordability/Accessibility (Objectives 2 and 3, 14 through 18)*:* Examples of activities beginning in FY 2011 include but are not limited to:

- *Bolstering the existing resources* by renovation of existing FCRHA housing stock, and the purchase/development of accessible units.
- *Initiate other efforts to house and serve seniors and persons with physical or mental disabilities,* including the implementation of a state-funded pilot project, identifying county surplus land for future affordable housing development, incorporation of Universal Design in FCRHA new construction/rehabilitation, and require projects financed by the FCRHA to provide accessible where economically feasible. Partnerships with non-profits, completing projects in the pipeline.
- *Provide additional resources to address the needs of extremely-low income households, seniors, large-families, and persons with physical or mental disabilities.* Planned activities include those described above and the renovation of an existing assisted living facility.

<u>To Reduce the Waiting Lists by Half in 10 Years</u>

The county will address the FCRHA, CSB and shelter waiting lists and address the FY 2015 rental assistance need by several means.

Improved Affordability/Accessibility (Objectives 2 and 3, 6 and 7; 14 through 18): Examples of activities beginning in FY 2011 include but are not limited to:

- *Bolster the existing resources,* by ensuring maximum lease-up in FCRHA programs and properties, non-profit acquisitions using federal resources such as the CDBG funds granted to Fairfax County.
- *Initiate other efforts to reduce waiting lists and serve low-income working households,* such as exploring tax exemption for developers of housing for persons earning extremely low-incomes, completion of FCRHA pipeline projects, and the use of voluntary cash contributions received from developers via the land use rezoning process to develop additional affordable units.
- *Provide additional funding to reduce waiting lists,* including potentially using local resources to complete the FCRHA development pipeline and fund non-profit operating rental subsidy programs and affordable housing development.

<u>To Increase Workforce Housing through Creative Partnerships and Public Policy</u>

The county will address the need for 50,206 net new housing units affordable to households earning up to approximately 120 percent MFI based on projected job growth through 2030 (source: George Mason University, Center for Regional Analysis) through bolstering existing resources and initiating other efforts.

Economic Opportunity and Improved Affordability/Accessibility (Objectives 4 and 5; 14 through 18): Examples of activities beginning in FY 2011 include but are not limited to:

- *Bolstering the existing resources* through units delivered by private developers under the county's Workforce Housing Policy and the county's Affordable Dwelling Unit (ADU) program, as well as the county's homeownership programs and the development of affordable housing on county-owned land.
- *Initiate other efforts to increase workforce housing* via county land use policy and other means, including partnering with non-profits and completing projects in the pipeline.

Non-Housing Objectives:
Fairfax County has identified three broad categories within non-housing community development:

- Community Services
- Employment and Economic Opportunities
- Neighborhood Preservation, Residential and Commercial Revitalization

Consistent with the county's Housing Blueprint, the county's non-housing community development priorities reflect the philosophy of the Board that affordable housing is a continuum ranging from the needs of the homeless to first-time homebuyers. This continuum requires that non-housing community development priorities complement the county's housing priorities.

Specific Non-Housing Community Development Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: ***Community Services****: Maintain and strengthen a safe, healthy and vibrant community through a human service system that is responsive to all populations and their diverse needs including children, the elderly, persons with disabilities, or those with other special needs, with emphasis on benefiting low and moderate income persons and families.*

Objectives:

1.1 Promote healthy, positive child and youth development through a community support system that meets the diverse needs of all children and provides positive alternatives that help in the prevention of gang activity.

1.2 Identify gaps and develop strategies to meet critical current and emerging service needs in the community.

1.3 Encourage and support a coordinated public and private network of community services that fosters stability and maximizes independence of individuals and families.

1.4 Promote a human service system that ensures residents are able to meet basic and emergency human needs, that emphasizes prevention and early intervention to minimize crises and that preserves individual and family stability.

1.5 Encourage best practices, sensitivity to cultural differences and enhanced performances in service delivery to ensure residents receive high quality services as needed.

Goal 2: ***Employment and Economic Opportunities****: Reduce poverty and foster self-sufficiency by using public and private resources to provide essential training and support services, and by encouraging employment opportunities and development of business.*

Objectives:

2.1 Strengthen current job skill training and employment programs to prepare potential workers for better job opportunities and strengthen communication and partnerships with employers to remove barriers and to improve access to and increase the number of job placements in enhanced employment, especially for families with low income.

2.2 Promote training and educational opportunities for workers to gain skills necessary for jobs that provide wages for individuals and families to be self-sufficient and that support family stability.

2.3 Strengthen the provision and flexibility of supportive services for individuals to begin new jobs or continue in existing jobs by ensuring they have access to affordable child care, disabled adult and elderly care, transportation, English as a Second Language programs and/or other needed support.

2.4 Support community efforts in the development and assistance to micro-enterprises and small businesses to reduce small business failures and to retain and create more jobs.

2.5 Ensure that the commercial revitalization program serves as a resource to achieve a portion of these objectives.

Goal 3: ***Neighborhood Preservation, Residential and Commercial Revitalization****: In commercial and residential areas that are vulnerable to instability, facilitate reinvestment, encourage business development, promote public and private investment and reinvestment, preserve affordable housing and prevent or eliminate the negative effects of disinvestment and foreclosures.*

Objectives:

3.1 Develop strategies of prevention and early intervention in communities in danger of deterioration to reduce the need for greater community investment and improvements in the future. Continued implementation of Board Foreclosure Strategy.

3.2 Review existing plans for Conservation Areas, Redevelopment Areas, residential Revitalization Areas, Commercial Revitalization Districts, Commercial Revitalization Areas and Neighborhood Strategy Areas to promote a comprehensive and coordinated approach to meeting community development needs while maintaining the affordable housing stock and the unique character of each community.

3.3 Build on community strengths and involve the residents in decision making on needs, priorities, plans, improvements, and solutions to community concerns; in cooperation with the in cooperation with the county's Office of Code Compliance.

Institutional Objective:

Goal: Ensure broad community input throughout the development and implementation of the Consolidated Plan, build public/private partnerships to implement the Plan, and monitor and evaluate the goals, strategies and program outcomes. Examples of the activities planned to achieve this goal starting in FY 2011 include:

Objectives:

- Implement the Citizen Participation Plan and monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of community outreach and education on community needs, plans and priorities; funded programs and results; and the effectiveness of the citizen participation process under the Consolidated Plan.

- Identify and pursue new resources and partnerships within the community and continue to strengthen capacity and coordination among county agencies and service programs to support the Consolidated Plan goals, objectives, strategies and annual action plans.
- Emphasize expanding the capacity of private non-profit agencies to meet community needs through the provision and identification of training, technical assistance, mentoring and leveraging of resources provided by the county.
- Promote broad assessment, awareness and understanding of community needs. Emphasize outreach efforts to those who may be neediest in the population and least able to access community services. Monitor changes in the community and associated services needs and alter service delivery as warranted.
- Monitor the performance of programs and projects funded through the Consolidated Community Funding Pool, as well as the overall community impact. Develop and implement strategies for enhanced performance and benefit to the community, such as projects may not be refunded in subsequent years if performance objectives are not achieved.

The county has addressed and continues to address the needs of persons with disabilities and is further strengthening its efforts by adopting specific policies targeted towards universal design and accessibility.

FLOAT-FUNDED ACTIVITIES

CDBG grantees have a line of credit established by HUD that covers the amount of CDBG funds approved by HUD when the Consolidated Plan Action Plan is approved. Sometimes, however, activities take longer to get started than initially anticipated and funds remain in the grantee's line of credit. When this occurs HUD permits grantees to use a financing technique called float funding.

Under the float funding provision, the grantee uses the amount of funds available in the line of credit to fund an alternative eligible activity with the assumption that these funds will be repaid by the alternate activity and then used to fund the originally planned activity. No float-funded activities are planned in the program year by Fairfax County.

FEDERAL RESOURCES TO BE APPLIED IN FY 2015 WITH CONTINGENCY

For this Action Plan, FY 2015 funding for the CDBG, HOME, and ESG is based on FY 2014 allocations pending formal notification from HUD of FY 2015 grant levels. Funding for the HOPWA program is estimated at the FY 2013 expenditure level, but actual funding will depend on the final allocation made available to Northern Virginia jurisdictions through the District of Columbia, the direct recipient of the funds.

The federal funding expected to be received by Fairfax County for FY 2015 totals $6,927,958.

On December 13, 2013 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development issued revised procedures for the submission of the FY 2015 Action Plan required of all Grantees receiving entitlement funding from the four formula grants (CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA).

Pursuant to 24 CFR 91.15(a)(1), each jurisdiction must submit its consolidated plan to HUD at least 45 Days before the start of its program year. Historically, Fairfax County's annual plan is due on or about May 15 of each year to meet the 45-day time period before our July 1 program year start date.

Given this statutory requirement, jurisdictions must begin the Consolidated Plan process in advance of receiving notification from HUD regarding appropriation amounts for the 4 programs to meet various local approval schedules and citizen participation requirements. It is customary for jurisdictions to utilize estimated grant amounts based on the prior year award amounts and revise once actual amounts are released.

The December 13, 2013 guidance has revised this procedure and advised jurisdictions not to submit consolidated plans or action plans until actual HUD FY 2014 formula allocations have been announced. Grantees may delay submission of its action plan to HUD until 60 days after the date allocations are announced, or until August 16, 2014 (whichever comes first). This will allow a grantee to submit an action plan that reflects actual allocation amounts.

The timeframe required to prepare, disseminate, review and approve the Action Plan requires Fairfax County to represent draft allocation amounts for the four federal programs. The use of draft allocation amounts is not prohibited by HUD or the Citizen Participation Plan. However, a grantee must include "contingency provision" language in its action plan which explains how it will adjust its proposed plan to match its actual allocation amounts, once actual amounts become known.

Fairfax County proposes the following contingency provision for the use of CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA funds and requests citizen comment on this planned process for the allocation of federal funding for FY 2015.

CDBG

All CDBG funded activities will be proportionally increased or decreased from the estimated funding levels to match actual allocation with the following exceptions:

- Section 108 Loan Payment will remain as represented in the Federal Resources to be Applied Section on Page 25 of this plan.

- General Administration, Planning and Fair Housing are capped at 20% of the CDBG allocation based on HUD limits. Total allocation for these three activities will be 20% of the actual CDBG allocation.

- Targeted Public Services allocation is capped at 15% of the CDBG allocation based on HUD limits. Targeted Public Services allocation will be 15% of actual CDBG allocation.

- The Affordable Housing Fund will be funded at the estimated amount as presented in the Federal Resources to be Applied Section on page 27 of this plan in the event of a reduction to the actual CDBG allocation. If CDBG funding is increased from the projected amount, the Affordable Housing Fund will be proportionally increased to reflect actual allocation.

Percentages allocated for Section 108 Loan, General Administration, Planning, Fair Housing, Targeted Public Services and Affordable Housing Fund are made prior to all other proportional adjustments to remaining CDBG activities.

HOME

All HOME funded activities will be proportionally increased or decreased from the estimated funding levels to match actual allocation amounts with the following exceptions:

- HOME Administration is capped at 10% of the HOME allocations. HOME Administration allocation will be 10% of actual HOME allocation.

- Federal regulations require that jurisdictions set-aside a minimum of 15% of the HOME allocation each year for Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) investment. CHDO Set-aside will be 15% of the actual HOME Allocation.

Percentages allocated for HOME Administration and CHDO are made prior to all other proportional adjustments to remaining HOME activities.

ESG

All ESG funded activities will be proportionally increased or decreased from the estimated funding levels to match actual allocation amount.

HOPWA

Under federal regulations for the consolidated plan, the District of Columbia receives funds through the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program for the entire eligible metropolitan statistical area (EMSA). Funds are sub-allocated to Northern Virginia jurisdictions through the Northern Virginia Regional Commission and administered locally by Northern Virginia Family Services. All HOPWA funded activities will be proportionally increased or decreased from the estimated funding levels to match actual allocation amount, once those allocation amounts are provided.

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FEDERAL RESOURCES TO BE APPLIED IN FY 2015

The plan for the following application of federal resources reflects the Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee/Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority Working Advisory Group's recommendations.

Project/Activity	Goals & Objectives	FY 2015			
		CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA
Project ID - #1 Payment on Section 108 Loans: Annual payments on six loans under Section 108 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Funding through five of the loans has been used by the FCRHA for affordable housing development and preservation, and for the reconstruction of Washington Plaza in Reston, and the payment amount includes a portion for a loan to fund affordable housing preservation and Olley Glen. The sixth loan, to the county, was used for road and storm drainage improvements in five Conservation Areas: Bailey's, Fairhaven, Gum Springs, James Lee, and Jefferson Manor. Loan applications were approved by the Board of Supervisors, who pledged future CDBG funds for the payment of annual interest and principal premiums due on the notes. The FCRHA may apply for a new Section 108 loan in FY 2015 **Priority Need – Other** **Performance Indicator - N/A** **CDBG Citation – 570.703 (c) CDBG National Objective - LMH** **Start Date – 07/01/14 Completion Date – 06/30/15** **Other Resources: N/A** **Matrix Code: 19F Purpose: N/A**	Housing Objective 1, 2, 3 Neighborhood Preservation, Residential and Commercial Revitalization 3.1, 3.2	$1,233,247			
Project ID - #2 Fair Housing: The county's Human Rights Commission to contract for fair housing testing, to conduct fair housing outreach and education activities in the housing market and to investigate fair housing complaints. In addition funds will be used for activities that affirmatively further fair housing for FCRHA clients and at FCRHA properties. **Priority Need – Planning/Administration** **Performance Indicator – Number of fair housing tests; number of individuals trained; number of cases remedied** **CDBG Citation - 570.206 (e) CDBG National Objective – N/A** **Start Date – 07/01/14 Completion Date – 06/30/15** **Other Resources: N/A** **Matrix Code: 21D Purpose: N/A**	Housing Objective 1, 2, 3, 8	$62,260 *$1,100 * Carryover from prior year funds **$35,500 **Program Income FY 2014	*$38,370 * Carryover from prior year funds		

Project/Activity	Goals & Objectives	FY 2015			
		CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA
<u>Project ID - #3 Planning (Programs and Compliance)</u>: Continued funding to provide for planning and implementation of the county's housing and community development programs. Funding is required to meet CDBG and HOME regulations, local procedures, to prepare and process the county's Consolidated Plan and related citizen participation and public input processes, prepare community plans and implement housing and community development projects, as well as identifying and pursuing other non-entitlement funding to implement projects. Planning will include FCRHA activities that will affirmatively further fair housing. Funding provides for salaries and fringe benefits for six full-time positions, plus related operating costs. **Priority Need – Planning/Administration** **Performance Indicator – N/A** **CDBG Citation - 570.205 (a) CDBG National Objective – N/A** **Start Date – 07/01/14 Completion Date – 06/30/15** **Other Resources: N/A** **Matrix Code: 20 Purpose: N/A**	Institutional Objective	$273,900			
<u>Project ID - #4 General Administration</u>: Continued funding for the general administration of the County's CDBG, NSP, and HOME-funded programs and projects, as well as projects funded under the Section 108 and Economic Development Initiative. Funding provides for administration of housing and community development programs and projects, including contract management for projects and programs funded through the Consolidated Community Funding Pool, required local, state, and federal reports and preparation of documents, provision of technical assistance, financial management, and administrative and professional support to the CCFAC and various citizen participation processes. General Administration will include FCRHA activities that will affirmatively further fair housing. Funding provides for salaries and fringe benefits for six full-time positions, plus related operating costs. **Priority Need – Planning/Administration** **Performance Indicator – N/A** **CDBG Citation - 570.206 (a) CDBG National Objective – LMMH(NSP)** **Start Date – 07/01/14 Completion Date – 06/30/15** **Other Resources: N/A** **Matrix Code: 21A Purpose: N/A**	Institutional Objective	$613,840 *42,305 * Carryover from prior year funds			

Project/Activity	Goals & Objectives	FY 2015			
		CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA
<u>Project ID - #5 HOME Administration</u>: Under the HOME Program, local jurisdictions may designate 10% of the HOME grant for administrative costs. Administrative funds will be used to support the operation of the HOME Program and the projects receiving HOME funding. Proposed funding provides for salaries and fringe benefits for one and a half full-time positions, plus related operating and equipment costs and eligible preliminary costs related to the planning and design of housing development proposed by the FCRHA. **Priority Need – Planning/Administration** **Performance Indicator – N/A** **HOME Citation – 92.207 CDBG National Objective – N/A** **Start Date – 07/01/14 Completion Date – 06/30/15** **Other Resources: N/A** **Matrix Code:19A Purpose: N/A**	Institutional Objective		$141,751 *$272,400 *Carryover from prior year funds **$4,000 ** HOME Program Income FY 2014		
<u>Project ID - #6 Affordable Housing Fund</u>: An allocation to the Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP) to provide funding to eligible nonprofit corporations or CDBG Participating Jurisdictions (Towns of Clifton, Herndon, and Vienna, and the City of Fairfax) for the provision, development and preservation of affordable housing in accordance with CDBG eligibility criteria and priorities and the CCFP priorities adopted by the Board of Supervisors. Funding for specific programs and projects are subject to appropriations by the Board of Supervisors. **Priority Need – Rental Housing** **Performance Indicator – Number of Households Assisted** **CDBG Citation – To be determined based on allocations to CCFP projects** **CDBG National Objective - To be determined based on allocations to CCFP projects** **Start Date – 07/01/14 Completion Date – 06/30/15** **Other Resources: County General Funds and CSBG funds for the CCFP and Private Funds through nonprofits** **Matrix Code: To be determined based on allocations to CCFP projects** **Purpose: To be determined based on allocations to CCFP projects**	Housing Objective 1, 2, 3, 8	$1,113,446			

Project/Activity	Goals & Objectives	FY 2015			
		CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA
<u>Project ID - #7 Targeted Public Services</u>: An allocation to the Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP), determined by a HUD-required limit of 15% of CDBG award, to be used for Targeted Public Services. Funds are provided for CCFP awards to eligible nonprofit corporations or CDBG Participating Jurisdictions (Towns of Clifton, Herndon, and Vienna, and the City of Fairfax) for the delivery of public services in accordance with CDBG eligibility criteria and priorities and the CCFP priorities adopted by the Board of Supervisors. Funding for specific programs and projects are subject to appropriations by the Board of Supervisors. **Priority Need – Public Services** **Performance Indicator – Number of Households Assisted** **CDBG Citation - 570.201 (e)** **CDBG National Objective - To be determined based on allocations to CCFP projects** **Start Date – 07/01/14 Completion Date – 06/30/15** **Other Resources: County General Funds and CSBG funds for the CCFP and Private Funds through nonprofits** **Matrix Code: To be determined based on allocations to CCFP projects** **Purpose: To be determined based on allocations to CCFP projects**	Housing Objective 7, 8 Community Services 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5	$ 712,504			

<u>Project ID - #8 Home Repair for the Elderly Program</u>: Continued funding of the Home Repair for the Elderly Program (HREP) which provides minor repairs at no cost to the homeowner for an estimated 100 homes of eligible low-income elderly or disabled persons. The HREP provides up to about one week of work and $500 in material expenses by the HREP crew. Proposed funding provides for salaries and fringe benefits for five full-time positions (HREP crew and clerical support), plus related operating and equipment costs. These funds are supplemented by county funds generated from payments on loans through the Home Improvement Loan Program for the costs of outside contracting and materials. **Priority Need – Owner – Occupied Housing** **Performance Indicator - Number of homes repaired for elderly/disabled** **Outcome - 100 households have sustained affordable housing through minor home repairs for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.** **CDBG Citation - 570.202 (a) CDBG National Objective - LMH** **Start Date – 07/01/14 Completion Date – 06/30/15** **Other Resources: N/A** **Matrix Code: 14A Purpose: N/A**	Housing Objective 3	$283,500 *228,750 *Carryover from prior year funds			
<u>Project ID - #9 Tenant Based Rental Assistance – Homeless Prevention, Progress Center, and Non-elderly Disabled</u>: Rental assistance to prevent families/individuals from becoming homeless, assist homeless families/individuals with permanent housing, rental assistance for non-elderly disabled households and to provide reasonable accommodation requests and units for families that the public housing program cannot accommodate. **Priority Need – Rental Housing** **Performance Indicator – Number of households assisted** **Outcome – 40-50 households have affordable housing through rental assistance programs for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.** **HOME Citation – 92.209 CDBG National Objective - N/A** **Start Date – 07/01/14 Completion Date – 06/30/15** **Other Resources: N/A** **Matrix Code: 31F Purpose: Homeless Rental Housing**	Housing Objective 1, 2, 3, 8		$156,900 *$558,000 *Carryover from prior year funds		

<u>Project ID - #10 FCRHA Properties- Rehabilitation and/or Acquisition</u>: Funding will be used to rehab FCRP residential properties and group homes to maintain safety and quality of life. A portion of which will also have the flexibility to be used to purchase Affordable Dwelling Units (ADU's) or other properties for rental. **Priority Need – Rental Housing** **Performance Indicator – Number of units rehabbed; number households with improved housing** **Outcome - 285 households have sustained affordable housing through rehabilitation of housing for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.** **CDBG Citation - 570.202 (b) CDBG National Objective - LMH** **Start Date – 07/01/14 Completion Date – 06/30/15** **Other Resources:** **Matrix Code: 14D Purpose: N/A**	Housing Objective 1, 2, 3 Community Services 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5	*222,957 *Reallocated from prior year carried over funds **$194,500 ** CDBG Program Income FY 2014	$315,700 **$21,600 ** HOME Program Income FY 2014		
<u>Project ID - #11 Homeownership Program</u>: Proposed funding provides for salaries and fringe benefits to support four full-time positions involved in homeownership activities. The positions provide support to the First-Time Homebuyer Program. Duties include application intake/data entry, waiting list maintenance, application processing, certifying applicant eligibility, marketing and conducting drawings for new and resale units, establishing resale prices, monitoring second trust loans, conducting required annual occupancy certifications, dissemination of program information, providing educational programs and/or counseling for applicants/homeowners and assistance to homebuyers and builder sales staff. This program will enable assistance to households in approximately 50 homes and 200-250 families on the waiting list of certified eligible applicants. The number of households anticipated to be served through orientations and other marketing activities is 2,400. **Priority Need – Owner-Occupied Housing** **Performance Indicator – Number of households Assisted** **Outcome - 100 households have new access to homeownership through homebuyer programs for the purpose of creating decent affordable housing.** **CDBG Citation - 570.201 (k) CDBG National Objective - LMH** **Start Date – 07/01/14 Completion Date – 06/30/15** **Other Resources: State Programs, County ADU and MIDs Programs, & CDBG Program (Prior Years)** **Matrix Code: 05R Purpose: N/A**	Housing Objective 5	$ 306,541 *235,000 * Carryover from prior year funds			

<u>Project ID - #12 Relocation Program</u>: Proposed funding provides for salaries and fringe benefits to support one full-time position to provide federally mandated relocation and advisory services to approximately 1000 persons affected by the County and FCRHA programs. Relocation reviews will be completed as required on CDBG, HOME and Section 108 loan funded projects and relocation activity performed by nonprofit organizations. Technical assistance may be given to landlords, developers, and tenants of preservation projects and rehabilitation projects. Ongoing activities will also include the Homeownership Education Counseling for First Time Homebuyers, the Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Program, the Homebuyer Equity Loan Program, and a County Affordable Dwelling Unit Foreclosure Program. **Priority Need – Other** **Performance Indicator – Number of Households Assisted** **Outcome - 1000 persons have access to sustained affordable housing through relocation and advisory services for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing. 240-360 persons per year have new or sustained access to homeownership through pre- and post- homebuyer counseling and homebuyer programs for the purpose of creating decent affordable housing.** **CDBG Citation - 570.201 (i) CDBG National Objective - LMH** **Start Date – 07/01/14 Completion Date – 06/30/15** **Other Resources: Private Owners** **Matrix Code: 08 Purpose: N/A**	Housing Objective 1, 2, 3, 5	$150,789 *$132,000 * Carryover from prior year funds **$40,367 ** CDBG Program Income FY 2014			
<u>Project ID - #13 CHDO Set-Aside</u>: The federal HOME regulations require that a minimum of 15% of the total HOME grant be set-aside for investment in housing to be developed, sponsored, or owned by nonprofit groups, which have been certified as Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs). CHDO set-aside activities will serve to either preserve existing affordable housing or develop additional affordable housing units for low-income homebuyers and renters. **Priority Need – Rental Housing** **Performance Indicator – Number of Households Assisted** **Outcome: Housing affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households. (Number of households to be determined based on proposals.)** **HOME Citation – 92.300 CDBG National Objective – N/A** **Start Date – 07/01/14 Completion Date – 06/30/15** **Other resources: N/A** **Matrix Code: N/A Purpose: N/A**	Housing Objective 1, 2, 3, 8		$ 212,627		

<u>Project ID - #14 Senior/Homeless/Persons w/Disabilities</u>: Development/acquisition and modifications of housing and facilities designed specifically for persons with physical and/or mental disabilities, persons/families who are homeless (to include at risk) and persons who are seniors. (Number to be determined dependent upon project). **Priority Need – Rental Housing** **Performance Indicator – Number of individuals/households assisted** **Outcome - Households will have affordable housing through affordable housing preservation and/or development for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing. Number of households to be determined based on proposals.** **CDBG Citation - 570.201 (a) 570.201 (c) CDBG National Objective – LMH** **Start Date – 07/01/14 Completion Date – 06/30/15** **Other Resources: Private Investment** **Matrix Code: 01 Purpose: Persons w/ Disabilities (and Seniors)**	Housing Objective 1, 2, 3 Community Services 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4	*$148,638 *Reallocated from prior year carried over funds **$129,633 ** CDBG Program Income FY 2014	$590,536 **$14,400 ** HOME Program Income FY 2014		
<u>Project ID - #15 Emergency Solutions Grant</u>: The Emergency Solutions Grant program under the HEARTH Act has a greater emphasis on using funding to prevent homelessness and to rapidly re-house persons and families who become homeless. Funds will be used to support all eligible Emergency Solutions Grant Program activities. **Priority Need – Homeless** **Performance Indicator – Number of households Assisted** **Outcome – Number to be determined** **CDBG Citation - N/A CDBG National Objective - N/A** **Start Date – 07/01/14 Completion Date – 06/30/15** **Other Resources: County General Funds** **Matrix Code: Not Applicable Purpose: Homeless**	Housing Objective 1, 8			$322,031	

<u>Project ID - #16 HOPWA</u>: Under federal regulations for the Consolidated Plan, the District of Columbia receives funds through the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program for the entire eligible metropolitan statistical area (EMSA). The funds are sub-allocated to Northern Virginia jurisdictions through the Northern Virginia Regional Commission and administered locally by Northern Virginia Family Service. These funds provide rental assistance; short-term rent, mortgage, and/or utility payments; and permanent housing placement assistance for approximately 27-28 households with persons who are living with AIDS. **Priority Need – HIV/AIDS** **Performance Indicator - Number of individuals/households Assisted** **Outcome - 27-28 households have access to a sustained affordable housing through rental assistance and short-term rent, mortgage, and/or utility payments for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.** **CDBG Citation - N/A** **CDBG National Objective – N/A** **Start Date – 07/01/14** **Completion Date – 06/30/15** **Other Resources: N/A** **Matrix Code: 31F** **Purpose: HIV/AIDS**					$438,386

TOTAL FY 2015 ENTITLEMENT FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS		$4,750,027	$1,417,514	$322,031	$ 438,386
ADDITIONAL CARRYOVER AMOUNT FROM PRIOR YEARS		$ 1,010,750	$868,770		
TOTAL FY 2015 BUDGET ALLOCATIONS		**$5,760,777**	**$2,286,284**	**$322,031**	**$438,386**

CDBG AND HOME PROGRAM INCOME TO BE APPLIED IN FY 2015

Project/Activity	Goals & Objectives	FY 2015			
		CDBG Program Income	HOME Program Income	ESG	HOPWA
Project ID – #10 FCRHA Properties- Rehabilitation and/or Acquisition See description above.	See above.	$194,500	$21,600		
Project ID - #12 Relocation Program: See description above.	See above.	$40,367			
Project ID - #2 Fair Housing See description above.	See above.	$35,500			
Project ID - #14 Senior/Homeless/Persons w/Disabilities See description above.	See above.	$129,633	$14,400		
Project ID - #5 HOME Administration See description above.	See above.		$4,000		
TOTAL ESTIMATED PROGRAM INCOME		$400,000	$40,000		

Based on HUD requirements that program income be expended before drawing down entitlement funds from HUD, program income received may be applied to any approved CDBG or HOME activity that the county is implementing.

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITY FUNDING POOL (CCFP) FUNDING PRIORITIES AND ALLOCATION PROCESS

A major responsibility of the CCFAC is to recommend funding priorities for the CCFP (see page 9 for CCFP description). The CCFAC maintains an ongoing process for the review and analysis of both data and community input that provides the information on which funding priority allocations are based. The community input process include a variety of citizen and provider input activities conducted throughout the year around the county. Subsequent to the receipt and review of public comments, the CCFAC finalizes the funding priorities and forwards them to the Board of Supervisors for action.

On July 9, 2013, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved the priorities for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 cycle for the Consolidated Community Funding Pool. Listed below are the four priority areas and the target percentage range for each, with a comparison to the proportion of awards in the FY 2013-2014 CCFP cycle. In response to community input, the CCFAC recommended, and the Board approved, a continuation of the FY 2013- 2014 targets and percentages.

Consolidated Community Funding Pool, FY 2015-2016 Priorities

PRIORITY	Outcome Statement	Target Funding Percentages	Percentage of Awards FY 2013-2014
I. PREVENTION	Families and individuals remain independent and have the tools and resources to prevent future dependence. Communities increase their ability to support their members in preventing dependence.	10% to 20%	9.5%
II. CRISIS INTERVENTION	Individuals, families or communities in crisis overcome (generally not more than three months) and quickly move back to independence.	15% to 25%	12.8%
III. SELF-SUFFICENCY	Families, individuals, neighborhoods and communities attain self-sufficiency over a period of three months to three years.	45% to 55%	68.6%
IV. LONG-TERM SUPPORTIVE SERVICES	Individuals who have continuing long-term needs and who therefore may not become self-sufficient, achieve and/or maintain healthy, safe and independent lives to the maximum extent possible.	10% to 20%	9.1%

For more detailed descriptions of these proposed four priority funding areas, please refer to Appendix A of this document.

The four priority areas and recommended target percentages are not intended to be prescriptive or absolute, but to guide the CCFP applicants and the Selection Advisory Committee (SAC) which reviews the applications. Applicants determine for themselves which priority area or areas are most relevant to what they propose to achieve, and in some cases, more than one outcome area may be addressed. This approach allows the SAC to more easily connect individual proposals with the funding priorities approved by the Board of Supervisors.

The funding available through the CCFP is allocated through a competitive Request for Proposals process. The SAC is appointed by the County Executive and is comprised of county citizens. The SAC reviews and ranks the applications and makes final funding recommendations

to the Board of Supervisors. In order to maximize the time available for potential applicants to develop proposals and the awards selection process, the formal Request for Proposals for the FY 2015 – FY 2016 funding period was released prior to the release of the Proposed One-Year Action Plan for FY 2015. CCFP proposals for FY 2015 and FY 2016 were received on December 3, 2013. Funding awards for FY 2015 will be made by the Board of Supervisors in April 2014 as part of its action on the County's FY 2015 budget and the proposed projects to be funded (and projected outcomes) by the CCFP will be inserted starting on the next page.

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITY FUNDING POOL PROJECTS FOR FY 2015

**Projects will be inserted after the approval of the Board of Supervisors at the April 29, 2014 meeting.*

Project Title/Outcomes/a	Organization Name/Matrix Code/Primary Purpose/Service Area	CDBG Eligibility Citation	FY 2014 Funding	Fairfax County General Funds/b	CDBG Affordable Housing	CDBG Targeted Public Services

Project Title/Outcomes/a	Organization Name/Matrix Code/Primary Purpose/Service Area	CDBG Eligibility Citation	FY 2014 Funding	Fairfax County General Funds/b	CDBG Affordable Housing	CDBG Targeted Public Services
	Subtotal					
Other CCFP projects not using CDBG funding						
TOTAL FUNDING						

CONTINUUM OF CARE

The needs of homeless persons and homeless families with children have been identified in the Fairfax County community through the annual Point-in-Time count for more than ten years. This data is combined with extensive information from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), which together helps to describe the nature and extent of homelessness in the community. This depiction, coupled with the strategic directions set out in the approved *Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness*, is used in consultation with nonprofit and public agency partners to guide the assessment of needs for different types of facilities and services for homeless persons in the community. The Fairfax-Falls Church -CoC system includes homeless services for persons in the City of Fairfax and the City of Falls Church; this is illustrated in a chart in Appendix E.

Fairfax County's CoC system of programs and services includes all of the fundamental components of prevention and diversion, outreach, intake and assessment, emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, transitional housing with support services, permanent supportive housing, and linkage to other permanent housing. Although the full complement of services has been developed in Fairfax County, capacity remains an issue. Emergency shelters for families and individuals remain full, but there is increased use of prevention and diversion resources, and greater priority for rapid re-housing of people who do become homeless. Community case managers and housing locators work to assist people to locate and secure housing options in the community in order to avoid entrance into a shelter, or to move people out of shelters to permanent housing as quickly as possible.

Community case management and housing locators were developed as part of the implementation of the HOST (Housing Opportunities Support Teams) system that was a key component of the *Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community* (the *Ten-Year Plan*), which was approved by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on March 31, 2008. The Community Partnership and the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness were established in 2009 to implement the *Plan*. During FY 2010, a Housing Options Work Group developed annual targets to realize the housing goals in the Ten-Year Plan, and those targets were incorporated into the Five-Year Consolidated Plan for FY 2011-2015. These targets are updated on an annual basis.

Significant steps have been taken to implement additional components of the *Ten-Year Plan*. The Interagency Work Group included in the design was implemented as two groups, an Interagency Work Group on Housing Options and an Interagency Work Group on HOST Services. A fund was established at the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region to support the work of the *Ten-Year Plan* and continues to be developed, and Partnership events such as “Jeans Day” have been held to increase awareness in the community and raise funds. The Consumer Advisory Council was formed during 2012 and elected officers during 2013, and is continuing to define its participation in the activities of the Community Partnership.

The allocation of new resources under the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), which replaced the old Emergency Shelter Grant program, provided an opportunity to enhance the community case management capacity. All of the new ESG program resources are allocated to prevention and rapid re-housing assistance. This change was implemented with an amendment to the FY 2012 One-Year Action Plan, was incorporated into the FY 2013 One-Year Action Plan and is continued in the FY 2014 Action Plan. ESG efforts for FY 2015 will include all allowable ESG activities including: emergency shelter, homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing, and rental assistance. In addition, following a year-long work group, a redesign of Family Homeless Services Access was

implemented in the spring of 2012. This redesign eliminated the family shelter wait list, enables literally homeless families in crisis to gain immediate access to shelter, and prioritizes community case management services for prevention and rapid re-housing for families that are at risk of becoming homeless within two to three weeks. The redesign also enables community case managers to serve families with children and unaccompanied youth who are unstably housed and fit under the new, expanded homeless definition implemented in January 2012 by HUD under the provisions of the HEARTH Act passed in 2009. Building on the success of the family shelter intake redesign work is in progress on further developing a coordinated access, assessment, and assignment for transitional and permanent housing for families.

A similar planning process is beginning for the single system as well. This will build on the success of our community's 100,000 Homes Campaign, a national initiative to identify and house the 100,000 most vulnerable individuals experiencing homelessness across the nation. The Fairfax-Falls Church t identified 150 vulnerable individuals through this process and is in the process of housing them. New permanent supportive housing resources have been dedicated to this population. Recently our CoC was welcomed into the 100,000 Homes Campaign's 2.5% Club, acknowledging the success so far and the commitment to continuing prioritizing housing for this population.

The 2013 Continuum of Care application process was delayed by HUD until November 2013 and was submitted on February 3, 2014. The Fairfax CoC total request for 2013 funding was $6,624,848. This includes 26 renewal grants for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Transitional Housing (TH), 2 new PSH grants created through reallocation of TH, and 1 planning grant to assist with implementation of the HEARTH regulations.

The guidelines for the application process mandated that all projects needed to be ranked to establish a funding priority sequence, with projects place in two tiers. At least 5% of the total funding request was required to be placed in Tier 2. Projects placed in Tier 1 have an excellent chance of being funded; Tier 2 projects are at risk of being defunded depending on available funds countrywide. HUD announcement of funding is due in the spring of 2014.

Gaps and Priorities

Identifying gaps and priorities has been an integral part of the CoC development process. Point-in-time surveys have been conducted annually to obtain accurate unduplicated counts of the number of homeless persons in the county as of a given date. Since 2007, the point in time count only reports on persons who are literally homeless – living on the street, in shelters, or in time-limited transitional housing. On January 30, 2013, there were 603 single individuals and 747 persons in 230 families (295 adults/452 children), for a total of 1,350 people who met the homeless criteria. This number is a significant reduction (12%) from the overall number of 1,534 counted in 2012. Homeless single individuals decreased by 94 and the number of homeless families decreased by 19 with 90 fewer persons. Since 2007 there has been a twenty-six percent reduction in the number of people counted as homeless, from 1,813 people in 2007 to 1,350 in 2013. Following HUD guidelines, the point-in-time count totals exclude persons who do not have a permanent home but are doubled up or living in overcrowded situations and may be at significant risk of becoming homeless.

Analysis of the data collected about the population characteristics and housing needs of these persons is used in the CoC grant application process. This information is also used along with other data by working committees to identify needs and gaps, develop program ideas, seek funding sources, evaluate existing programs, and educate the community at large. Major gaps identified are the need for permanent supportive housing for persons with disabilities, which would include development of supported studio apartments and additional safe haven capacity, a continuing need for services and programs to help women and their children who are victims of domestic violence, and a growing need for other permanent affordable housing options for both single individuals and families with children. The Interagency Work Group on Housing Options work group for the Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness has identified a need for "Other Permanent Housing with Supports" as a type that has not previously been available. This housing type would serve families and individuals who could move to permanent housing, who do not have a member with a disabling condition, but do need support for some period of time in order to obtain and stabilize housing in their own name.

The ability to secure permanent affordable housing for families and individuals so that they can leave shelters or transitional housing is a major gap in the high-cost Northern Virginia housing market. In 2013, the fair market rent for a two bedroom apartment in Northern Virginia was $1,412. A renter would need to earn $27.15 per hour, or an annual salary of $56,480 to afford this rent. This is way beyond the means for almost all families or individuals who become homeless, even those graduating from transitional housing. Some form of ongoing housing subsidy is essential, but the demand for subsidized housing far exceeds the supply. The largest gap, and the greatest need in the CoC, continues to be the need for permanent affordable housing.

COORDINATION AND OTHER ACTIONS

Coordination of Resources to Achieve Objectives

The CCFAC is the primary coordinating group for the Consolidated Plan process. CCFAC has representation from FCRHA, numerous boards, authorities and commissions, and the schools community. Representatives from the full spectrum of stakeholders provide input into the priorities set for the upcoming years. Working together and setting priorities contributes to better understanding of current policies and services and fosters better coordination among groups. The lead coordinating agency is the HCD, working with an inter-agency team that includes the Department of Family Services (DFS), the Department of Administration for Human Services, the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, and the Office of the County Executive.

Another essential part of the coordination process is support for the efforts of other public, private, and nonprofit organizations that seek funding for housing activities and programs from a variety of federal and State funding sources. Fairfax County will generally support such applications. Coordination of multiple departments, agencies, and services is a difficult task and one that the county is striving to improve. The county continues to develop a "Housing Supports" blueprint, similar to the county's Housing Blueprint, to better plan and coordinate the delivery of supportive services to participants in the county's housing programs.

One of the goals of the Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP) is to help build public/private partnerships and improve coordination, especially within the human services regions of the county. The CCFP process reflects significant strides to improve services to county residents, and to usher in a new era of strengthened relations between the county and community

nonprofit and faith-based organizations. First, all programs funded through this process are required to develop and track program outcome measures. To aid agencies in meeting this requirement, the county has increased its focus on collecting data from nonprofits that demonstrates how the service recipient has benefitted from the funded program. The county also continues to work with providers to strengthen the reporting process, including continually seeking ways to secure more meaningful data. Second, the criteria used to evaluate the proposals explicitly encourage agencies to leverage county funding through strategies such as cash match from other non-county sources, in-kind services from volunteers, or contributions from the business community and others. Third, the criteria encourage agencies to develop approaches which build community capacity and involve residents and the individuals and families in the neighborhoods being served. Fourth, the county has provided an initiative to work more collaboratively with the nonprofit community to bolster training that will better inform all applicants and better support smaller nonprofits in their ability to meet the requirements of the RFP process.

Coordination of County Agencies

Fairfax County's Coordinated Services Planning (CSP) has extensive knowledge of the resources available to Fairfax County citizens. CSP provides Fairfax County residents with information, referral, linkage, and advocacy to the available public and private human services. To make these referrals, CSP staff uses the Human Services Resource Guide (managed and updated by NCS), a county database that contains detailed information on resources that are available to Fairfax County residents. In addition, through partnerships with community-based organizations and other Fairfax County agencies, CSP links callers to the following services:

- **Basic Needs**: Emergency food, shelter, clothing, furniture, and transportation.
- **Financial Assistance**: Rent or mortgage assistance to prevent eviction or foreclosure, security deposit assistance to secure permanent housing, utility payments to prevent disconnection, prescription assistance, and other special needs. Assistance is determined on a case-by-case basis and is generally available only once a year.
- **Health Care Services**: Provide referrals for health care services—medical, dental, eye glasses, hearing aids, mental health, substance abuse, home care, pregnancy, and family planning.
- **Employment and Education**: Includes referrals for job training, job search, English for speakers of other languages, legal assistance, and financial literacy.
- **Recreation:** Referrals to recreation facilities and programs, senior centers, teen centers, and referrals for those with special needs.
- **General Information and Referral:** Linkage to numerous other services and programs.

CSP staff members are multilingual, and CSP also offers interpretive services so that all citizens may be served. When contacted by residents in need of services, CSP assesses individual and family situations, and works with citizens to provide a personalized integrated service plan. The goal of the service plan is to help solve crises by coordinating the connection with the services and resources available within the community to address immediate and long-term needs. Services are provided by Fairfax County agencies, state and federal agencies, nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, and some private for-profit organizations. CSP explores prevention and early intervention services and strategies available through community-based organizations and Fairfax County service providers and encourages and promotes self-sufficiency which involves economic independence and social stability.

FCRHA works closely with other county agencies and has a cooperative agreement with the Temporary Assistance of Needy Families (TANF) administered by DFS, to share information and/or target supportive services. The FCRHA/HCD and the DFS have been collaborators in self-sufficiency programs, such as the Partnership for Permanent Housing, Project Self-Sufficiency, and Operation Bootstrap prior to the current Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program. The DFS and HCD are two departments within the Fairfax County government structure with service collaboration that predates current cooperative agreements. Representatives of DFS and other agencies sit on the FSS Program Coordinating Committee. FSS participants' service plans include the use of a Release of Information that permits the exchange of information between the agencies. Project Homes, which also serves families in transitional housing, is another joint venture of DFS and HCD.

Other coordination efforts between the FCRHA and TANF agency include client referrals; Information-sharing regarding mutual clients (for rent determinations and otherwise); coordinate the provision of specific social and self-sufficiency services and programs to eligible families; and jointly administer programs. In addition to this the FCRHA and TANF agency administer an allocation of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) for homeless families in conjunction with supportive services and the Family Unification Program.

Coordination to Serve Homeless Persons and Families, Persons with Physical or Mental Disabilities

The FCRHA and the HCD continually work to facilitate more coordination in addressing the housing needs of persons who are homeless and persons with disabilities. For example, HCD and the Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH) co-convene the county's "Housing Options Work Group", which is made up of a variety of non-profit groups serving the homeless and staff from the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB), the Fairfax Area Disability Services Board (FA-DSB) and the county's Department of Family Services. This group played a key role in the development of the Housing Blueprint. Its on-going charge is to identify housing options to meet the metrics in the Blueprint, at the supportive service levels called for in the county's Ten-Year Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness.

The CSB provides a full array of services that promote resilience, recovery, and self-determination to Fairfax-Falls Church residents with or at risk of developmental delay, mental illness, intellectual disabilities, alcohol, drug abuse or dependency. Services include: prevention, outreach, intake and assessment, early intervention, residential services, outpatient and day treatment services, case management, alcohol/drug detoxification, medication management, emergency services, day support, vocational, and peer-operated recovery services. The CSB either directly-operates its services or provides them through contracts with over one hundred community-based partners. Services are available at the shelters, at regional mental health centers, at agency sites, in individuals' and families' homes, and throughout the community. Emergency Shelters have outreach staff who work to connect homeless individuals and families with case management, supportive services, and housing. Recent improvements to the discharge policy will improve tracking and coordination between housing and supportive service providers and reduce the risk of homelessness.

The Fairfax Area Disability Services Board (FA-DSB) is a county-appointed advisory board that works to improve the lives of persons with all disabilities, with a portion of its efforts focused on those with physical and sensory disabilities. FA-DSB works closely with the Fairfax County DFS' Disability Services Planning and Development (DSPD) unit to provide coordinated services to

persons with physical or sensory disabilities. In addition to representing the needs of persons with physical, sensory, and other disabilities to local and state governments, the community and the private sector, FA-DSB works to develop and support linkages between services to improve the coordination and the array of services for persons with disabilities.

One important example of the non-profit community partnering with the county to coordinate efforts to serve populations with special needs is the Bridging Affordability program. Bridging Affordability, developed as part of the Housing Blueprint, provides rental subsidies for homeless individuals and families, those with disabilities, as well as households currently on the waiting lists for Fairfax County's housing programs. Fairfax County is operating the Bridging Affordability Program through a $12.8 million contract with Northern Virginia Family Service (NVFS), which is leading a collaborative of eight non-profit organizations. The collaborative includes NVFS, Alternative House, Fairfax Area Christian Emergency and Transitional Services (FACETS), Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services, New Hope Housing, Reston Interfaith, Shelter House, and Volunteers of America Chesapeake. The collaborative is providing rental subsidies and an array of supportive services to program participants.

Coordination of Government Agencies and the Private Sector
Another essential part of the coordination process is support for the efforts of other public, private, and nonprofit organizations that seek funding for housing activities and programs from a variety of federal and State funding sources. When appropriate and feasible, Fairfax County provides financial support to support such efforts.

Fairfax County expands opportunity for providing needed services to its citizens and augments it programs through utilizing both state and federal resources and resources from the private sector (see table in Community Development and Neighborhood Preservation section of document).

One of the best examples of coordination with other government agencies to provide services is through HOPWA. Fairfax County and 15 other Northern Virginia cities or counties work with the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) to address the needs of Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). NVRC acts as the administrative agent for HOPWA funds in the Virginia portion of the metro Washington Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA). These funds provide services to establish and maintain housing for low-income Persons Living with AIDS/HIV (PWAs). Through a regional approach and community-wide strategies, Fairfax County will continue to provide affordable housing and other resources for persons with HIV/AIDS in coordination with surrounding jurisdictions. The county will continue to promote community partnerships between State and local governments and community-based non-profits to create models and innovative strategies to serve the housing and related supportive service needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families. The county also strives to leverage funding and will continue to identify, and supply community strategies related to supportive services in conjunction with housing to ensure the needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families are met.

The county works in partnership with community organizations such as the Fairfax Area Agency on Aging to help consumers access and deliver services to seniors. Fairfax Area Agency on Aging and the Commission on Aging, its advisory body, promote the needs of senior citizens and serves as liaison between the county and other governmental, public, and private groups concerned with aging issues. In addition, the county takes advantage of the Senior Community Services Employment Program, a federally subsidized employment training program that provides temporary part-time work experience and job training in community services activities for people

age 55 and over who have limited income. It is often called the Title V Program because it is funded under Title V of the Older Americans Act of 1968.

Another example of how the county partners with other entities to provide services is the Fairfax County Community Health Care Network. The Fairfax County Community Health Care Network is a partnership of health professionals, physicians, hospitals and local government. It was formed to provide primary health services for low income, uninsured county residents who cannot afford primary medical care services for themselves and their families.

Coordination of Economic Development Efforts

Fairfax County should maintain its relatively prosperous economic climate and varied employment opportunities by continuing to develop and pursue a broad range of actions, including public/private partnerships, designed to enhance its long-term competitive position in regional, national, and international economic development. At the same time, the county should enhance those systems that support the employability of the population for its economic betterment.

Public-Private partnership efforts have successfully laid the ground-work for two major mixed use developments which will advance area revitalization.

The Northern Virginia Regional Partnership represents more than 1.6 million residents within four counties (Arlington, Fairfax, Loudon, and Prince William), five independent cities (Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, and Manassas Park), and four towns (Dumfries, Herndon, Leesburg, and Vienna).[17]

The Northern Virginia Regional Partnership collaborated with the Northern Virginia Technology Council, a regional technology industry association with over 1,000 business members. Together, they developed The Northern Virginia Technology Workforce Development Initiative, which has the goal of developing a "world-class, knowledge-based workforce that will attract other businesses to locate in Northern Virginia."[18] The following are some key elements of the Regional Partnership's Strategic Plan that they have acted to implement:[19]

- Attract and train new workers into the region's technology industries
- Expand opportunities to make career transitions toward technology jobs
- Begin to develop the region's future technology workforce

The county's revitalization focus has shifted to investing in mixed-use commercial areas. There is a continued effort to use public funds to leverage private sector investment to improve public infrastructure, promote new business development and jobs, retain existing businesses, reduce blight, enhance livability, and bolster the tax base to ensure the county's ability to provide public services. The result will be the creation of meaningful jobs for the unemployed and low- and moderate-income residents of the area, preservation of affordable housing opportunities for nearby residents, as well as activities to promote the substantial revitalization of the county's neighborhoods.

[17] Northern Virginia Regional Partnership, Inc.
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OTHER ACTIONS PLANNED FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES

Fostering and Maintaining Affordable/Accessible Housing

One of the priorities of the county for the use of CDBG and HOME funds, and the local Consolidated Community Funding Pool is to support the production and preservation of affordable/accessible housing. The actual allocation of these funds reflects this priority. In addition, CDBG-backed Section 108 loans have been used extensively in the production of affordable housing.

Affordable Rent Standard

As stipulated under CDBG regulations, jurisdictions are required to adopt and make public rent standards. For this purpose, "affordable rent" shall be rent for housing that is no greater than 40 percent of a household's gross annual income for an eligible lower income household as defined under CDBG program regulations. However, the goal shall be that lower income households, as defined under CDBG program regulations, pay rent that is no more than 30% of their gross annual income.

Improving Public Housing and Resident Initiatives

The FCRHA is a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The FCRHA is administratively supported by the Fairfax County HCD. The mission of the FCRHA is to initiate and provide opportunities for Fairfax County residents to live in safe, affordable housing and to help develop, preserve, and revitalize communities through fiscally responsible and open processes. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors created the HCD in 1973 for the purpose of carrying out the programs and serving as the staff of the FCRHA. The Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan is a plan that informs HUD, residents of federally subsidized housing, and the public of the PHA's mission for serving the needs of low-income and very-low income families and the PHA's strategy for addressing those needs. The PHA plan specifically focuses on the Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) programs as required by HUD and does not encompass all programs and activities of the FCRHA or HCD.

The Federal Public Housing Program is administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide funds for rental housing serving low income households owned and operated by local housing authorities such as the FCRHA. Federal Public Housing and Housing Choice Vouchers are among the many programs that FCRHA operates. There have been no new federal public housing units in Fairfax County since 1997 and none are anticipated in the future. FCRHA public housing priorities are concentrated on targeting populations most in need, preserving the 1,060 current units in public housing projects, reducing the waiting list for public housing units, and empowering the residents with self-sufficiency skills to move beyond public housing.

Eligibility for admission and occupancy to low-income public housing in Fairfax County requires the applicants to fulfill the following general criteria: (1) qualify as a family, (2) have annual income which does not exceed the income limits for admission to a designated development, and (3) qualify under the Local Preference if head or spouse is employed, attending school or participating in a job training program, a combination thereof at least 30 hours per week; or is 62 or older; or is the only adult in the household, is working less than 30 hours per week and is a primary caretaker of a disabled dependent; or meets HUD's definition of being disabled. Also, applicants must be from households that pay more than 30 percent of gross income for rent and utilities or

have household income at or below 50% of Area Median Income (AMI) and live or work in Fairfax County, City of Fairfax, City of Falls Church or Town of Herndon

In setting priorities for the upcoming years, and consistent with the Housing Blueprint, the county will put their emphasis on those identified as having the greatest need including the low to extremely-low income families, elderly families, and those with special needs, including families within these groups that are on the public housing waiting list. Not considering owner households, there are 28,425 renter households in Fairfax County with incomes at or below 50 percent of the area median income (based on 2009 CHAS). Of those renters, more than half pay in excess of 50 percent of their income for housing. As facilities and funding are limited, the county will use a partnership approach to offering alternative forms of housing assistance that will in turn reduce the number on the public housing waiting list. Fairfax County has developed Bridging Affordability, a program supported by local funding, that will provide funding to non-profits, via a competitive process, for use as rental subsidies and capital for acquisition of additional affordable units to address the homelessness and waiting list goals of the Housing Blueprint.

In November 2013, the FCRHA signed an agreement with HUD to be officially designated as a "Moving to Work" Agency. The elite Moving to Work (MTW) designation gives housing authorities the flexibility to create programs that work best for their residents, allowing them to design and test innovative, locally-designed strategies to improve cost-effectiveness and help families achieve self-sufficiency.

The FCRHA's MTW plan is a critical component of its Total Housing Reinvention for Individual Success, Vital Services and Economic Empowerment (THRIVE) initiative. THRIVE is designed to link residents to services and programs offered by other county agencies and our non-profit partners, with the goal of helping them become more self-sufficient. These programs are intended to help residents better manage their money; train for a new job; pursue college or other training; become a better parent; learn English; improve their health; and perhaps even purchase a home.

MTW will bring about several key changes including:

- Creating a housing continuum that seamlessly joins together the county's housing programs, including Public Housing and Housing Choice Vouchers - and establishes goals to help residents move toward self-sufficiency;
- Expanding the FCRHA's already strong community partnerships with nonprofit organizations to provide self-sufficiency services ranging from "ready-to-rent" training, to job readiness, through homebuyer education and beyond; and
- Reducing the burden both on staff and residents related to such things as re-certifications and inspections, which will allow staff to focus more on people – not paperwork. This new focus will allow county case workers to link residents to the services – such as job training and education – that they need to become and remain self-sufficient.

The FCRHA will immediately begin the implementation of its FY 2014 MTW Plan and continue to refine its THRIVE initiative over the course of what is anticipated to be a years-long transformation of the way housing assistance is delivered in Fairfax County.

Fair Housing

The Fairfax County Public Housing Program has been rated by HUD as a high performing program. Admissions and Occupancy policies for the program are governed by the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 (which amended the United States Housing Act of 1937) and are consistent with the objectives of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Fairfax County HCD actively participates as a member of the Fair Housing Task Force and the Fairfax County Office of Human Rights and Equity Programs participates in HUD's Fair Housing Assistance Program.

Fairfax County promotes equal opportunity and works to affirmatively further fair housing. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, states that entities receiving federal funding must provide services related to securing housing or shelter, including services related to community group living, and supportive of the purposes of this Act and of the titles of this Act, and adaptive housings services (including appropriate accommodations to and modifications of any space used to serve, or occupied by, individuals with disabilities). The county will continue to undertake affirmative measures to ensure access to assisted housing regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, and disability; to undertake affirmative measures to provide a suitable living environment for families living in assisted housing, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, and disability; to undertake affirmative measures to ensure accessible housing to persons with all varieties of disabilities regardless of unit size required; and to ensure compliance with federal, state and local fair housing policies and laws.

Specific Objectives

There were 4,726 applicants on the public housing waiting list as of January 2014. This represents a 11% decrease since April 2013. Of these, 74 percent are extremely-low income (at or below 30% AMI), 21 percent are low-income (at or below 50% AMI), and 4 percent are moderate-income (at or below 80% AMI) families and 1 percent of the applicants on the list reflect incomes of over 80% AMI. Elderly families account for 14 percent and families whose head or spouse has a disability account for 15 percent. All of these groups have been identified through the Consolidated Plan process as priority needs groups. Specific objectives to address the needs of these priority groups are shown on Table 1C of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan for FY 2011-2015.

Proposed Outcomes/Activities

Improved Affordable/Accessible Housing (Objective 1-3, 6 and 7; 14-18)

- FCRHA will exceed HUD federal targeting requirements for families at or below 30 percent of AMI in public housing and exceed HUD federal targeting requirements for families at or below 30 percent of AMI in tenant-based HCV assistance
- In addition to targeting families at or below 30 percent of AMI, the FCRHA will employ an admissions preference aimed at families with economic hardships; this preference is for families that pay more than 30 percent of gross income for rent and utilities for the past 90 days (excluding telephone and cable costs), or pay less than 30 percent of gross income for rent and utilities but earn less than 50% of AMI
- In addition to targeting families at or below 30 percent of AMI, the FCRHA will employ a preference for working families, elderly families, disabled families and homeless families
- FCRHA will employ an over-income policy in its Public Housing program that results in the termination of assistance to families above 100 percent of the AMI, thereby making those units available to families in greater need

Improved Affordable/Accessible Housing (Objective 1-3, 6 and 7; 14-18)

- FCRHA will carry out the modifications needed in public housing based on the section 504 Needs Assessment for Public Housing (Currently, there are 100 vouchers specified for persons with physical or Mental disabilities under the Mainstream Housing for Persons with Physical or Mental Disabilities Program and administered through Medicaid-waiver vouchers)
- FCRHA will draw on partnerships with local non-profit agencies for additional support for families with disabilities
- Within the 5-year period, FCRHA will seek a Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) grant to provide residential support services for households with disabilities and will set-aside public housing units for occupancy for disabled individuals in the Supportive Shared Housing Program administered by the Community Services Board

Improved Affordable/Accessible Housing (Objective 6)

Preserve Public Housing

Fairfax County is dedicated to preserving, renovating, and maintaining FCRHA-owned properties and regularly allocates appropriate federal resources for this purpose. With a severe shortage of affordable housing and with market pressures accelerating the shift of units out of the affordable housing supply, it is imperative that the limited supply of deep-subsidy assisted affordable units be preserved whenever possible. Housing with deep subsidies in Fairfax County includes federal Public Housing, privately owned federally assisted housing, and housing vouchers and certificates. The supply of federal Public Housing in Fairfax County has not increased in more than a decade. In addition there are 3,731 federally-funded Housing Choice Vouchers (waiting list closed since 2007) in Fairfax County. The county is committed to assuring the continued excellent reputation of the FCRHA through fiscally responsible policies, sound business practices, and well-maintained properties that meet the high community standards of Fairfax County. Examples of activities planned to address this goal in FY 2015 include, but are not limited to:

- Improve maintenance and limit the time units are not occupied
  - Over the time period covered by the FY 2011-2015 Plan, the county will continue to employ effective maintenance and management policies to minimize the number of public housing units off-line
  - Measures will be taken to conduct renovation activities efficiently and to reduce turnover time for vacated public housing units. In addition, FCRHA will promote use of on-line applications for housing assistance

- Improve communication practices
  - County will support the quality work and professionalism of the HCD staff and to provide highly effective programs by incorporating and maintaining up-to-date Information Technology solutions in FCRHA/HCD business and communication function
  - County will continue to encourage their citizens to have a sense of ownership in policies and programs through open and two-way communication of ideas and information about housing and community development challenges and opportunities

Improved Affordable/Accessible Housing (Objectives 2 and 6)

Reduce the Housing Waiting List

FCRHA will address combined federal Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher waiting list by providing self-sufficiency programs to current residents that will result in some residents moving on to other housing opportunities, consistent with the Housing Blueprint. Examples of activities planned in FY 2015 include, but are not limited to:

- Bolster the existing resources, by ensuring maximum lease-up in FCRHA programs and properties, and non-profit acquisitions using federal resources such as the HOME Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) set-aside granted to Fairfax County.
- Initiate other efforts to reduce waiting lists, such as exploring tax exemption for developers of housing for persons earning extremely low-incomes, completion of FCRHA pipeline projects, and the use of voluntary cash contributions received from developers via the land use rezoning process to develop additional affordable units.
- Provide local funding to reduce waiting lists through affordable housing development by private developers.

Suitable Living Environment (Objective 7)

Promote Family Self-Sufficiency

FCRHA works to empower the participants in its programs with the means to become as self-sufficient as possible. In FY 2011, the FCRHA and the Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) established the PROGRESS Center - an innovative model for coordinating services, opportunities and resources as a way to help families and individuals address complex challenges and move toward greater self-sufficiency. The PROGRESS Center is the Partnership for Resident Opportunities, Growth, Resources and Economic Self Sufficiency. The PROGRESS Center focuses on a number of critical areas including employment and training opportunities and services related to affordable health insurance, eviction prevention, compliance with Public Housing Community Service Requirements, emergency medical intervention, adult protective services, mental health services, and physical and sensory disabilities. Key to connecting FCRHA residents and Housing Choice Voucher recipients to these services and resources are partnerships established with other county agencies and non-profit organizations.

The FCRHA, through the PROGRESS Center, encourages and facilitates movement toward financial independence beyond the need for FCRHA services while recognizing the needs and limitations of the mentally and physically disabled, the aged, and infirm. Because the annual unit turnover rate for Public Housing programs is about 10 percent, the FCRHA will continue to focus in up-coming years on the self-sufficiency and asset development of families living in Public Housing and HCV households. Examples of activities planned beginning in FY 2015 include, but are not limited to:

- Promote programs that offer Public Housing residents and housing choice voucher recipients the skills and resources to move beyond assisted housing
- FCRHA will continue to encourage policies that support and encourage work
- FCRHA will continue its Family Self-Sufficiency Program (the anticipated FY 2015 capacity is to serve 50 participants each from Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Programs)
- Coordinate the Family Self-Sufficiency Program with the Welfare-to-Work and Affordable Housing initiatives

The FCRHA and the TANF Agency (DFS) share information and/or target supportive services. The agencies share information as it relates to benefit information in general—HCD verifies housing assistance benefits and uses TANF information to determine rental assistance subsidy amounts. Both agencies must have signed releases from the applicants/participants to share this information.

The FCRHA/HCD and the DFS have been collaborators in self-sufficiency programs, such as the Partnership for Permanent Housing. For the FSS program HCD frequently works with VIEW participants (some of whom receive TANF initially).

Other coordination efforts between the FCRHA and TANF agency include client referrals; information sharing regarding mutual clients (for rent determinations and otherwise); coordinate the provision of specific social and self-sufficiency services and programs to eligible families; and jointly administer programs. In addition to this the FCRHA and TANF agency administer an allocation of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) for homeless families in conjunction with supportive services and the Family Unification Program.

Removing Barriers to Affordable Housing

The Fairfax Board of Supervisors has adopted the following Affordable Housing Goals as part of the Housing Blueprint:

1. To End Homelessness in 10 Years
2. To Provide Affordable Housing Options to Those with Special Needs
3. To Streamline and Reduce the Waiting Lists for Affordable Housing by half in 10 Years
4. To Produce Workforce Housing Sufficient to Accommodate Projected Job Growth

In implementing these goals, it is the intention that opportunities should be available to all who live or work in Fairfax County to purchase or rent safe, decent, affordable/accessible housing within their means. Affordable/accessible housing should be located as close as possible to employment opportunities without adversely affecting quality of life standards. It should be a vital element in high density and mixed-use development projects, should be encouraged in revitalization areas, and encouraged through more flexible zoning wherever possible.

The following policies demonstrate the breadth and depth of the county's commitment to creating affordable housing opportunities for its citizens including those groups identified as having priority needs and to removing regulatory impediments.

- Provide bonus densities in exchange for affordable housing and reduce NIMBY reactions (details on the Affordable Dwelling Unit program are provided later)
- Residential rezoning should not be approved above the low end of the Plan range unless an appropriate commitment of land, dwelling units, and/or a cash contribution to the Housing Trust Fund is provided
- Capitalize the Housing Trust Fund so that it can be used as a mechanism to fund the development of affordable housing
- Encourage affordable housing as a development option for infill sites, particularly in commercial areas and near employment concentrations
- Give priority for the use of county and other government-owned buildings, and land as sites for the provision of affordable housing

- Promote and facilitate innovative site design and construction techniques, as well as encourage the use of manufactured housing and manufactured housing components, when aimed at providing affordable housing
- Support the efforts of the FCRHA in producing a portion of these affordable housing units through the provision of county resources and the approval of suitable housing sites
- Encourage and facilitate home sharing as one mechanism for lowering housing costs

The county is committed to encouraging the provision of affordable housing in all parts of the county. Policies implementing this objective include:

- Expand housing opportunities in or near mixed-use Centers as a way of providing the opportunity for persons employed in the county to live near their jobs
- Promote the development of multifamily housing in both mixed-use Centers and existing residential areas, as appropriate, in an effort to diversify the housing stock and expand lower cost housing options (the county has adopted Locational Guidelines for Multifamily Residential Development as part of the Countywide Land Use)
- Promote affordable housing opportunities throughout the county, particularly in areas where existing supply is low

Fairfax County strives to conserve stable neighborhoods and encourage rehabilitation and other initiatives that will help to revitalize and promote the stability of older neighborhoods. Policies implementing this objective include:

- Address the community impacts of foreclosure encourage redevelopment through tax abatement
- Improve and maintain existing housing and neighborhood quality by upgrading substandard housing and improving physical community facilities (e.g., streets, sidewalks, lighting) in existing neighborhoods
- Maintain housing quality in existing neighborhoods and preserve neighborhood stability through the abatement of “spot” blight
- Facilitate improvement and maintenance of existing neighborhoods by initiating community development programs, in communities where needed, with as little displacement as possible; and incorporating affordable housing units as part of all major housing rehabilitation efforts
- Retain existing below market rental housing through acquisition, rehabilitation assistance and other subsidies
- Facilitate the retention of existing mobile home parks which are identified in the Area Plans as appropriate for mobile home park use (the county has adopted Guidelines for Mobile Home Retention as part of the Countywide Land Use Plan)

To increase the supply of housing available to special populations, including the physically and mentally disabled, the homeless, and the low-income elderly, and large families, the county employs the following policies:

- Locate housing resources for special populations in all parts of the county as a way of improving accessibility to employment opportunities, county services, as well as cultural and recreational amenities

- Facilitate the development of single room occupancy residences, and other types of permanent housing for homeless persons and families, as well as others in need of these housing options
- Enforce fair housing laws and nondiscriminatory practices in the sale and rental of housing to all citizens
- Promote multifamily housing for the elderly and the handicapped that is conveniently located to public transportation and community services
- Encourage the creation of handicapped accessible housing units or units that can be easily modified for use by the disabled
- Re-design of Domestic Violence service system making sheltering services community-based

The county will utilize regional approaches to address the impact of government regulations on the overall supply of housing. Fairfax County advocates "fair growth" within the region, a strategy that requires regional cooperation to assure sufficient land is planned and zoned for residential development and reduces the reliance on land use planning and rezoning as a technique to control development.

Predicted job growth through 2030 will strain the supply of new housing in Fairfax County. The challenge is to identify opportunities for increased housing development despite a decreasing supply of developable "green" land (i.e. vacant land suitable for development), as the county has become more and more "built out". In developing the remaining areas of green land, the county will seek to reduce development cycle times by limiting development in areas that require rezoning and the associated time-consuming processes for approval.

As Fairfax County becomes increasingly built-out, the county is promoting an increased supply of housing through redevelopment. Opportunities for redevelopment will mainly occur in older, commercial corridors, rather than in residential areas. Including mixed-income, transit-oriented residential development and mixed-use commercial redevelopment is a strategy that the county is using to generate a significant number of housing units.

Regarding types of affordable housing, staff will continue working to develop policies for consideration by the Board of Supervisors designed to encourage the private-sector production of residential studio units.

The FCRHA's accessible housing goal has been to have 5% of the agency's total housing units accessible to persons with physical disabilities and 2% accessible to persons who are sight and/or hearing impaired. This goal is being achieved by renovating designated units of the agency's existing housing stock and purchasing/developing accessible units. The principles of universal design will be incorporated in FCRHA renovated and newly constructed units to the extent feasible. All projects financed by the FCRHA will be required to provide accessible units, where economically feasible.

In addition, as units become available through the Affordable Dwelling Units (ADU) program, developers are being requested to make a minimum of 5 percent of the units accessible. Should the FCRHA purchase existing developments, sufficient units will be renovated to ensure compliance with accessibility regulations, whereby a minimum of 5% of the units must be made accessible for persons with mobility disabilities and a minimum of 2% of the units for individuals with sensory disabilities, where economically feasible.

Request for affordable housing proposals has also included a funding priority for projects that serve persons with disabilities and other special needs populations. Additionally, greater coordination of housing and human services resources is intended, in part, to encourage programs to improve the job skills and earnings of low-income residents in subsidized/assisted units, thereby enabling these families to move to unsubsidized housing and expanding the benefit of limited resources through increased unit turnover.

Evaluating and Reducing Lead-Based Hazards

Abatement of lead-based paint in Fairfax County's Public Housing was completed in the fall of 1997. The county is complying with regulations issued by HUD which require notification, evaluation, and reduction of lead-based paint hazards in federally owned residential properties and other housing receiving federal assistance. Telephone consultation, literature, and referrals to private lead testing companies are provided to citizens who call regarding lead-based paint or other potential environmental lead hazards in the community.

In 2010, HCD staff attended a Training Seminar on Implementing the Lead Safe Housing Rule in CPD-Funded Programs. The county is implementing procedures for compliance with regulations issued by HUD which established new requirements for notification, evaluation, and reduction of lead-based paint hazards in federally owned residential property and housing receiving federal assistance. All CDBG/HOME funded projects receive Environmental Reviews and as part of the review a determination is made on any potential lead paint hazards and need for testing and abatement. Maintenance staff has been trained in the EPA lead base paint certification program and HCD is certified by the EPA to conduct Lead based paint activities for renovation and repair.

The Fairfax County Health Department conducts environmental blood lead level evaluations for all reported cases of lead poisoning in children under 6. The evaluation is used to create a Lead Hazard Control Plan for interim lead controls and abatement of lead hazards. An investigation of the source of the contamination takes place including the child's home. If the source is determined to be from the home, siblings will be tested and the Health Department will counsel the family on steps to take to remove the source of contamination. Retesting of the children is required. The Department of Family Services may be asked to intervene if the family does not properly remove the lead contaminants. If necessary, the child or children could be removed from the home until appropriate measures have been taken.

The Fairfax County website displays a lead poisoning prevention page (http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/eh/lead/). The webpage defines some of the major sources of lead in people's homes: dust from deteriorating lead-based paint primarily due to opening and closing windows in older homes (built pre-1978), residual lead dust in residential soils, and lead pipes. In addition, the Health Department educates the household members about reducing lead exposure. To reduce risk of lead poisoning, the county recommends that residents remove peeling paint and chips from the home, not allow for children to be present when scraping or cleaning up paint chips, minimize dust through frequent damp mopping of floors and using wet cloths to wipe down windows, and discourage children from playing in bare soil surrounding the home. In addition, the Fairfax County lead poisoning prevention website provides links to numerous websites with information on lead exposure. Telephone consultation, literature, and referrals to private lead testing companies are provided to citizens who call regarding lead-based paint or other potential environmental lead hazards in the community.

Reducing the Number of Households with Incomes Below Poverty

Agencies in Fairfax County work together and coordinate services to help combat poverty and help low-income residents to become self-sufficient. Funds from the Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP) support programs that target households with incomes below poverty.

One of the funding priorities in the CCFP is to provide the supports people need to be self-sufficient. Programs funded through the CCFP with CSBG funds are specifically targeted toward households with incomes at or below the poverty program guidelines. The FCRHA, DFS, and the Community Action Advisory Board (CAAB) share responsibilities in combating poverty.

The CAAB serves as an advisory body to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The CAAB advises the Board on the needs, concerns, and aspirations of low-income persons and recommends policies that promote meaningful change. The following are goals established by CAAB:

- Identify review and develop policies as they relate to low-income residents
- Support actions that minimize reductions to programs and services providing the greatest supports to low-income families and individuals
- Maximize opportunities to provide input based on identified priority areas
- Oversee the disposition of Community Service Block Grant funds, to include:
    - Researching and assessing community needs
    - Allocating funds
    - Approving programs and contracts with community organizations serving low-income persons
- Educate the Board of Supervisors and other county officials, other agencies and civic groups, the low-income community and citizens of Fairfax County in support of the CAAB mission

Community Action Programs (CAPs) are public-private partnerships, locally managed and controlled by volunteer boards of directors, for the purpose of reducing poverty and promoting self-sufficiency of the poor.[20]

Several anti-poverty services and programs are offered to residents and participants in FCRHA programs. The FCRHA employs several policies to enhance the economic and social self-sufficiency of assisted families. These policies include:

- Public housing rent determination policies
- Public housing admissions policies (Working Preference)
- HCV admissions policies (Working Preference)
- Preference/eligibility for HCV homeownership option participation
- Housing and Community Development Corporation and FCRHA Resolutions Implementing Economic Uplift and Self-Sufficiency
- Adoption of First-Time Homebuyers - Direct Sales
- Adoption of Policies and Regulations Concerning the Sale and Rental of Affordable Dwelling Units (First Time Homebuyers' Program)
- Establishment of the PROGRESS Center, including the continuation of the Family Self Sufficiency Program and the establishment of the Service Coordinator and Section 3 Programs

[20] Fairfax County Proposed Five-Year Consolidated Plan for FY 2011-2015, Antipoverty section.

FAIR HOUSING ISSUES AND ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS

Federal regulations issued by HUD governing the Consolidated Plan require jurisdictions to complete an Analysis of Impediments (AI) to fair housing choice. In June 1997, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Fairfax County Fair Housing Analysis of Impediments. In 2007, the Fairfax County Office of Human Rights and Equity Programs (OHREP), Human Rights Division, amended its Fair Housing Plan. The Plan includes a list of past activities implemented to address fair housing, and a summary of current impediments to fair housing. The Board of Supervisors adopted the Fair Housing Analysis of Impediments, as amended, in July 2007.

In 2010-2011 Fairfax County updated the Fair Housing Analysis of Impediments Five-Year Fair Housing Planning Document (2011-2015) and conducted a new Analysis of Impediments (AI) to identify impediments to fair housing and projects to undertake to address the impediments listed. The document was submitted to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for review in July 2011. The Board directed staff to utilize the revised Local Plan to continue to insure that impediments to fair housing in Fairfax County are fully addressed.

A copy of the Analysis of Impediments for 2011-2015 is available at the following link:

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ohrep/hrd/fairfaxai4262011.pdf).

The county will continue to address all impediments in the FY2011-2015 document, but will focus on the three following impediments in FY 2015:

Impediment 7- There is a disparity between the homeownership rates of whites, Hispanics, and blacks.

- The county and its agents will continue to support the provision of individual pre-purchase counseling, including long-term budget and credit repair assistance targeted to low and moderate income populations

Impediment 9 - Ensure home seekers are not denied access to the full range of housing choices.

- OHREP plans to continue to support testing audits and programs across all protected classes to uncover unlawful housing discrimination. The agency will conduct fifty (50) fair housing tests for members of protected classes. The protected classes targeted, types of tests, and testing methods used will be informed by and selected based on prior test results.

Impediment 10 - Fair housing complaints filed with HUD and agencies like the Commission are dramatically below estimated incidents of housing discrimination

- To ensure that members of the public, as well as county staff who provide services to the public, can readily access and understand their options when they believe they have experienced housing discrimination, OHREP will continue to conduct targeted education and outreach efforts. OHREP will work closely with members of the real estate profession

- and others offering real estate related services in the rental and sales markets, and with county agencies, organizations and groups that help target audiences access and retain housing to conduct approximately thirteen (13) fair housing training sessions as follows:
    - One (1) presentation for staff members at the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority;
    - Four (4) presentations for staff members at (a) the Fairfax County Community Services Board, (b) the Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness, and for (c) contractors providing housing and/or housing related services for the County;
    - Six (6) presentations for members of target audiences planning to either rent or buy housing in the County; and
    - Two (2) presentations for real estate professionals and others who operate in the Fairfax County rental and sales markets who provide real-estate related services.

General Fair Housing Objectives

Education and Outreach
OHREP has implemented and continues to work to address the impediments identified and affirmatively further fair housing. As part of those efforts, agency staff members have and continue to reach out to and work closely on a regular basis with community leaders in the private, non-profit and public sectors to educate real estate professionals, target audiences, commissioners, and others about fair housing laws, and to increase cultural understanding within and across communities.

As part of its education and outreach efforts, OHREP also has developed and regularly distributes fair housing brochures (available in 6 languages) at a variety of venues across the County. Publications developed include three recent new brochures, two of which focus on disability, and one harassment free housing issues, 1,000 copies each of which were printed and widely distributed; more publications are planned. The agency also recently worked with the county's public TV station to produce and make available a new PSA on disability in group homes. The station continues to regularly air this and other videos on fair housing, fair lending and related issues. The videos and publications also are available on the agency's Web site. OHREP will continue to work with the station to develop PSAs on fair housing issues.

Enforcement
As a FHAP agency, OHREP accepts and investigates fair housing complaints; consequently, all investigative staff members have and are required to successfully complete fair housing investigator training. Staff members also attend fair housing conferences, training sessions and Webinars on an ongoing basis. In addition, recent training has included attendance by an assistant county attorney assigned to fair housing at a training session focusing on fair housing litigation skills.

Testing
In addition to education, outreach and training activities, OHREP regularly conducts fair housing testing. The agency recently completed a series of 120 fair housing tests, in the rental market based on race, national origin, religion, familial status, and disability, including accessibility requirements. Additional testing is planned.

The Board of Supervisors has designated the Fairfax County Office of Human Rights and Equity Programs, Human Rights Division, as the agency responsible for implementation and oversight of actions addressing impediments to fair housing choice on behalf of the Fairfax County Human Rights Commission.

MINORITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

Fairfax County has a Supplier Diversity Program with the objective to undertake every effort to increase the opportunity for the utilization of Small, Women and Minority owned (SWAM) vendors in all aspects of procurement. The program operates under the auspices of the Department of Purchasing and Supply Management (DPSM) contracts division. The objectives of the county regarding this program are:

- To actively and diligently provide the procurement of facilities, equipment, supplies, and services from SWAM businesses, in an equally competitive manner.

- To actively and diligently work toward accentuating the positive education and outreach oriented elements of this program, so as to increase rather than decrease competition and thereby maximize the value received for the taxpayers' dollars expended on goods and services bought by the county.

In order to meet the objective of ensuring maximum opportunity for the participation of SWAM firms in the county procurement activities, it is necessary to initiate outreach efforts to identify these firms and opportunities for them to learn about doing business with the county. The county's outreach efforts include participating in local and regional conferences and seminars.

The DPSM has developed a *Selling to Fairfax County* workshop for SWAM businesses interested in providing goods and services to the county. The workshop is held on the third Wednesday of every month and the workshop instructors are the contract administrators from DPSM.

DPSM hosts the Annual Vendor Forum, a reverse trade show where Fairfax County agency decision makers are made available for open networking and where educational sessions for small businesses are held at no cost to the vendor community. This show is held in the first quarter of the calendar year.

In addition, a Small Business Commission (SBC) was created by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to advise and assist the Board, County Executive, and county purchasing agent, on any matter that will enhance the capability of small, minority, and women-owned businesses, as well as those owned by disabled persons, to succeed and to obtain contracts with the county. The SBC is made up of twelve representatives appointed by the Board of Supervisors, all of whom serve without compensation.

MONITORING STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

HCD monitors and reports to the CCFAC, the FCRHA for some activities, the Board of Supervisors and the public on progress and achievements of programs funded under and covered by the goals of the Consolidated Plan.

For the Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP), which uses CDBG, County General Funds and the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), funding awards are made by the Board of Supervisors and contracts are executed with the nonprofit sub-grantees. The contracts include each sub-grantee's proposal descriptions, goals, projected outcomes, and budget. These elements form the basis for monitoring each program and for the program's evaluation.

The Department of Administration for Human Services and HCD has the responsibility for monitoring the performance of CCFP programs funded by CSBG, CDBG, and County General Funds. There are certain standard contract requirements (including federal requirements) which are common to all CCFP performance evaluations. A monitoring checklist is used for these standard contract requirements. In addition, staff also reviews each sub-grantee's annual audit.[21]

The Fairfax County HCD, Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, and Department of Administration for Human Services, collaborate with various entities to provide training to nonprofit organizations in monitoring and accountability. Outcome measurement is a funding requirement and assists organizations to: (1) focus on their mission, (2) track program results, and (3) develop consistent procedures for reporting services delivered as well as a basis for determining the effectiveness of funded programs.

COMMENTS

The CCFAC held a public hearing on Housing and Community Needs on November 12, 2013. These comments are summarized below. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on the draft Proposed Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2014 on March 25, 2014. These comments follow below.

CCFAC Housing and Community Development Needs Hearing on November 12, 2013
Mary Lee DiSpirito, Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA), submitted written testimony from which she made a presentation in support of a less complex and consistent CCFP funding application, and continued emphasis on outcomes.
Ms. DiSpirito also distributed and presented data from "*Tends in Community Needs,"* a report on Coordinated Services Planning, updated for FY2014 (Q1) by the Department of Neighborhood & Community Services (NCS).

Ms. DiSpirito also testified as chair of the local board of Emergency Food and Shelter Services, concerning the inadequacy of funding available to community based organizations that assist an increasing number of residents in need of emergency assistance. She presented a display, mapping the Food Providers Network, and discussed the efforts of the Washington Area Food Bank to identify and address gaps in services and service duplications.

Meghan Hubner, The Alternative House, described the services to teens and young adults, funded by Fairfax County and federal sources. Ms. Hubner stated that Alternative House currently serves 8 youth and is the only teen shelter in the county. The program also currently serves 11 young mothers and there are 30 on the waiting list. The program owns and rents properties in order to provide the services. Based on their work, Ms. Hubner testified that affordable Housing is the greatest need.

Doris Ray, The ENDependence Center (EDC), testified in support of (1) rent subsidy voucher assistance to persons transitioning from institutions to the communities, and (2) providing bonus points to funding applications for housing projects in which at least 10% of the units will be fully accessible, including roll in showers. Ms. Ray distributed copies of the U.S. Department of Housing and Community Development CPD Notice issued June 6, 2005, concerning "*Implementing the new Freedom Initiative and Involving Persons with Disabilities in the Preparation of the Consolidated Plan Through Citizen Participation*."

[21] Fairfax County Five-Year Consolidated Plan for FY 2011-2015.

Ms. Ray explained that the EDC with working with ARC, Brain Injury Services and other organizations to identify and provide assistance to nursing home residents who want to move back into the community. She requested that 6 to 10 rental subsidy vouchers be set aside for use only by persons transitioning back into the community. She stated that the vouchers made available as a result of a Department of Justice settlement are not available to persons with brain injury.

Diane Urquiza, shared her experience as a nursing home resident following a major health breakdown. She was able to transition from a nursing home into an apartment with the assistance of the EDC and the availability of a rental housing subsidy voucher. Ms. Urquiza encouraged a set aside of rental subsidy vouchers for the benefit of others who want to transition to their own homes**.**

Bob Ponichtera, Executive Director and Founder of Liberty's Promise, submitted written testimony by email dated November 8, 2013. Mr. Ponichtera's written testimony recommends that a portion of CCFP funding be dedicated to after school programs for teens.

Kelly Greenwood, Chair of the Fairfax Area Disability Services Board, submitted written testimony by letter dated November 12, 2013. She advocates for (1) CCFAC support for the allocation of rental subsidy vouchers for individuals transitioning from nursing facilities to community living, and (2) CCFAC collaboration with the Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RHA) and the Department of Housing and Community Development for the establishment of an incentive for federally funded housing projects that include barrier free showers in fully accessible units.

Board of Supervisors Public Hearing on March 25, 2014
Testimony to be documented in Action Plan Drafts following the March 25, 2014 hearing.

Additional Comments Received (Written)

TBD

How the Public Comments were Addressed

TBD

CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing, which means it will conduct an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting that analysis and actions in this regard.

Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan --It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR 24; and it has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the CDBG or HOME programs.

Drug Free Workplace --It will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

1. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;

2. Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about –(a) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace; (b) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace; (c) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and (d) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;

3. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph 1;

4. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph 1 that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will -
   (a) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
   (b) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;

5. Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

6. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b), with respect to any employee who is so convicted -
   (a) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or (b) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

7. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;

2. If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and

3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all sub awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan --The housing activities to be undertaken with CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds are consistent with the strategic plan.

Section 3 --It will comply with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.

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SPECIFIC CDBG CERTIFICATIONS

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation --It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan --Its consolidated housing and community development plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that provide decent housing, expand economic opportunities primarily for persons of low and moderate income. (See CFR 24 570.2 and CFR 24 part 570)

Following a Plan --It is following a current consolidated plan (or Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds --It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it certifies that it has developed its Action Plan, so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low and moderate income families, or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available);

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds including Section 108 guaranteed loans during program year(s) Fairfax County Fiscal Years 2012, 2013 and 2014, (a period specified by the grantee consisting of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years), shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period;

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

   However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

   The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108, unless CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements financed from other revenue sources. In this case, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds. Also, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made

against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force --It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and

2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Compliance With Anti-discrimination laws --The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601-3619), and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint --Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, subparts A, B, J, K and R.

Compliance with Laws --It will comply with applicable laws.

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Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance --If the participating jurisdiction intends to provide tenant-based rental assistance:

> The use of HOME funds for tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of the participating jurisdiction's consolidated plan for expanding the supply, affordability, and availability of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing.

Eligible Activities and Costs --it is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR § 92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in § 92.214.

Appropriate Financial Assistance --before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;

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ESG Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program Recipient certifies that:

Major rehabilitation/conversion – If an emergency shelter's rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the jurisdiction will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation. If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the jurisdiction will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion. In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the jurisdiction will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

Essential Services and Operating Costs – In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the jurisdiction will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long the jurisdiction serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

Renovation – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

Supportive Services – The jurisdiction will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal State, local, and private assistance available for such individuals.
Matching Funds – The jurisdiction will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

Confidentiality – The jurisdiction has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

Homeless Persons Involvement – To the maximum extent practicable, the jurisdiction will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

Consolidated Plan – All activities the jurisdiction undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Discharge Policy – The jurisdiction will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health

facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.

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HOPWA Certifications

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

Activities --Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

Building --Any building or structure assisted under that program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the plan:

1. For at least 10 years in the case of assistance involving new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition of a facility;

2. For at least 3 years in the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.

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APPENDIX 1 TO CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING AND DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS:

A. Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U. S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than $10,000 and not more than $100,000 for each such failure.

B. Drug-Free Workplace Certification

1. By signing and/ or submitting this application or grant agreement, the grantee is providing the certification.

2. The certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. If it is later determined that the grantee knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, HUD, in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.

3. Workplaces under grants, for grantees other than individuals, need not be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the grantee does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the grantee must keep the identity of the workplace(s) on file in its office and make the information available for Federal inspection. Failure to identify all known workplaces constitutes a violation of the grantee's drug-free workplace requirements.

4. Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings), or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions may be used (e. g., all vehicles of a mass transit authority or State highway department while in operation, State employees in each local unemployment office, performers in concert halls or radio stations).

5. If the workplace identified to the agency changes during the performance of the grant, the grantee shall inform the agency of the change(s), if it previously identified the workplaces in question (see paragraph three).

6. The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code):

County of Fairfax Department of Housing and Community Development, at:
3700 Pender Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22030
One University Plaza, Fairfax, Virginia 22030
4530 University Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22030
South County Govt. Center Office, 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, Virginia 22309

Check ___ if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here. This information with regard to the drug-free workplace is required by 24 CFR part 21.

7. Definitions of terms in the Non-procurement Suspension and Debarment common rule and Drug-Free Workplace common rule apply to this certification. Grantees' attention is called, in particular, to the following definitions from these rules:

   "Controlled substance" means a controlled substance in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U. S. C. 812) and as further defined by regulation (21 CFR 1308.11 through 1308.15);

   "Conviction" means a finding of guilt (including a plea of nolo contendere) or imposition of sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the Federal or State criminal drug statutes;

   "Criminal drug statute" means a Federal or non-Federal criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, use, or possession of any controlled substance;

   "Employee" means the employee of a grantee directly engaged in the performance of work under a grant, including: (i) All "direct charge" employees; (ii) all "indirect charge" employees unless their impact or involvement is insignificant to the performance of the grant; and (iii) temporary personnel and consultants who are directly engaged in the performance of work under the grant and who are on the grantee's payroll. This definition does not include workers not on the payroll of the grantee (e. g., volunteers, even if used to meet a matching requirement; consultants or independent contractors not on the grantee's payroll; or employees of sub-recipients or subcontractors in covered workplaces).

APPENDIX 2 TO CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA CERTIFICATIONS

RESALE / RECAPTURE GUIDELINES FOR HOMEBUYER ACTIVITIES USING HOME FUNDS:
When using HOME funds in any FCRHA program involving homebuyer activities, the program will incorporate the following provisions as appropriate:

RECAPTURE

If the HOME recipient decides to sell the house within the affordability period at whatever price the market will bear, the FCRHA will require recapture of all or a portion of the direct HOME subsidy as follows:

- Sharing of the net proceeds: when the net proceeds are insufficient to repay the direct HOME subsidy and the homebuyer's investment, the net proceeds may be shared in either of two ways:

  1) Recapture of the HOME funds may be based on the ratio of the HOME subsidy to the sum of the homeowner's investment (down payment and any capital improvement investment made by the owner since purchase), plus the HOME subsidy:

$$\frac{\text{HOME Subsidy}}{\text{HOME Subsidy + Homeowner Investment}} \text{ X Net Proceeds = HOME recapture}$$

  2) The homebuyer's investment may be repaid in full before any HOME funds are recaptured. The FCRHA may choose to use the available proceeds from the resale to repay the homeowner's investment first. The HOME subsidy is then repaid to the extent that proceeds are available.

- Excess Proceeds: When net proceeds exceed the amount necessary to repay both the homeowners investment and the HOME subsidy, the excess proceeds may be paid to the homeowner, retained by the FCRHA, or shared by both parties.

- Exception: Development subsidies are not subject to recapture. For properties that receive development subsidies only, and there is no direct financial assistance to the homebuyer, the resale requirements below will apply.

RESALE

Under certain FCRHA programs, the HOME-assisted units must remain affordable over the entire affordability term, and therefore those units will be designated as "affordable units." If a unit is so designated, and is sold during the affordability period, the sale must meet the following criteria:

- The new purchaser must be low-income, meeting the HOME Program definition, and occupy the property as the family's principal residence.
- The sales price will be controlled by the FCRHA so as to be "affordable" to the new purchaser.
- The original homebuyer, now the home seller, must receive a "fair return" on their investment, as defined by the FCRHA.
- The FCRHA will use deed restrictions, land covenants or other similar legal mechanisms
- to enforce the resale restrictions.

APPENDIX A

PRIORITIES FOR THE CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITY FUNDING POOL (CCFP)

For Fiscal Years 2015-2016

Approved by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, July 9, 2013

I. PREVENTION

Outcome: Families and individuals remain independent and have the tools and resources to prevent future dependence. Communities increase their ability to support their members in preventing dependence.

Services in this category are intended to help those who are at risk of falling into, but are not yet in situations which would require significant, multiple, or ongoing interventions or services. Those who are repeatedly falling into difficulties generally need more extensive and complex services than "prevention." This category also includes community and neighborhood development programs that provide early and positive public engagement to identify emerging problems and solutions and develop community-based prevention activities.

Target Funding Range: 10-20%

Service Examples (may include some of the following examples, but not limited to):

- Mentoring programs for youth, adults, and families
- Conflict resolution and anger management training and counseling
- After-school or other programs that provide positive alternatives to risky behavior
- Courses that teach language or culture to help groups interact positively
- Life skills and healthy choices programs
- Financial literacy/management training and counseling to foresee and prevent financial crises
- Health fairs and health screening clinics, dental clinics; inoculations, nutrition education
- Community or neighborhood need/asset assessments to engage local resources for implementing community-based prevention programs

II. CRISIS INTERVENTION

Outcome: Individuals, families, or communities in crisis overcome short-term problems (generally not more than three months) and quickly move back to independence.

Services in this category assist individuals and families that need (due to personal or social crises such as those related to the economic downturn of 2008-09, a health crisis, or temporary disability) short-term, or one-time assistance with basic needs (food, shelter, transportation, counseling) to avoid falling more deeply into dependency on public support. In addition, providers of these programs should conduct initial assessments, or referrals to identify longer term or chronic issues, and steer recipients toward resources to address these more complex problems. This category would not cover ongoing services to address more chronic conditions such as illiteracy, substance abuse, long-term poverty, ongoing illness, or permanent disability.

Target Funding Range: 15-25%

Service Examples:

- Food pantry
- Utility payments
- Rental assistance
- Financial counseling
- Furniture collection and distribution
- Disaster response
- Services to victims of domestic violence and their families
- Emergency medical assistance, including emergency counseling and pharmaceutical assistance
- Provision of temporary or emergency shelter to the homeless

III. **SELF-SUFFICIENCY**

Outcome: Families, individuals, neighborhoods, and communities attain self-sufficiency over a period of three months to three years.

Services in this category recognize that many social problems are complex in origin and require complex intervention. Sophisticated assessment, coordination, collaboration, and case management are generally required to provide these services effectively. Individuals, families, neighborhoods, and communities served have long-term but not permanent problems. Services in this category may link to prevention services, but should not be confused with them. This category should not include emergency short-term (category II) or ongoing needs (category IV) services for individuals or families.

Target Funding Range: 45-55%

Service Examples:

- Evaluation of long-term needs
- Development of a comprehensive plan to achieve self-sufficiency, which may include phased services and/or referrals
- Acquiring/preserving/rehabilitating/constructing affordable, accessible, and stable housing with accessible supportive social services
- Transition assistance requiring involvement with individuals or families over a period of more than three months
- Employment training/job skills/awareness of economic opportunities
- Primary medical/dental services
- Counseling services
- Trauma recovery
- Adult education

- Language and cross-cultural assistance
- Child care to help parents stay employed
- Legal services
- Transportation to provide access to existing programs or services
- Financial asset formation
- Services for homeless families and individuals, including homeless youth

IV. LONG-TERM SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Outcome: Individuals who have continuing long-term needs and who therefore may not become self-sufficient, achieve and/or maintain healthy, safe, and independent lives to the maximum extent possible.

Services in this category meet the needs of individuals who, because of age or other permanent conditions, will need ongoing help and likely will never achieve self-sufficiency. It may be difficult to initially assess whether an individual or family needs services from this category, as compared to another category. Indeed, those receiving ongoing services may also benefit from preventive programs, require emergency services, or move from dependence to self-sufficiency in some areas of their lives while needing ongoing assistance in others. Programs to help neighborhoods or communities address growing ongoing supportive service needs within the community would also fall into this category.

Target Funding Range: 10-20%

Service Examples:

- Affordable, accessible, and stable long-term housing with supportive social services
- Services to assist individuals transitioning from institutional to home or community-based care
- Personal assistance with routine tasks
- Transportation to medical appointments
- Social environments for isolated individuals
- Home health visits
- Individual and family counseling
- Respite services to help caregivers
- Nutrition assistance
- Supportive employment

Capital Projects from the Community Development Block Grant may be awarded in multiple categories (generally self-sufficiency and long-term supportive services) independently of the target funding percentage.

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APPENDIX B

ADVISORY GROUPS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee

The CCFAC, which is responsible for the overall citizen and community input process and for preparation of the Consolidated Plan and the annual update to the One-Year Action Plan, is composed of representatives from the following:

Community Action Advisory Board
Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness
Fairfax Area Disabilities Services Board
Fairfax County Alliance for Human Services
Fairfax County Health Care Advisory Board
Fairfax County Human Services Council
Fairfax County Public Schools/PTA Community
Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority
Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board
Fairfax-Falls Church United Way

These groups and the Directors and staff contacts of the respective County agencies or organizations received notification of the availability and link to the Proposed Action Plan for review and comment to the CCFAC or to prepare formal public comment for consideration by the Board of Supervisors.

Participating and Cooperating Jurisdictions

Access to the Consolidated Plan is also furnished to the Towns and Cities which participate in the Fairfax County CDBG and HOME Program, and to the City of Falls Church, which contracts with Fairfax County for emergency shelter and services to the homeless (but does not participate in the county's CDBG and HOME program). The following jurisdictions are included.

Town of Herndon
Town of Clifton
Town of Vienna
City of Fairfax
City of Falls Church

Additional Citizen Organizations and Advisory Groups

The following additional citizen organizations, councils, boards and advisory groups, which are not specified in the Citizen Participation Plan and may not be represented directly on the CCFAC, and/or staff contacts for these groups, are given the opportunity to provide comments and input to the CCFAC or the Board of Supervisors on the Proposed Action Plan for FY 2015.

Affordable Dwelling Unit Advisory Board
Economic Development Authority
Human Rights Commission
Tenant-Landlord Commission
Commission for Women
FCRHA Resident Advisory Council
Planning Commission
Northern Virginia Regional Commission
Therapeutic Recreation Services Advisory Council
Employer Child Care Council
Route 1 Task Force for Human Services
Federation of Citizens Associations
Magisterial District Councils
Chambers of Commerce
Fairfax County Athletic Council
Fairfax County Community Center Coalition
Community Improvement Committee
Community Policy & Management Team
Resource Advisory Program
SACC Parent Advisory Council
Head Start Parent Policy Council
Medical Care for Children Project
Juvenile Court Citizens Advisory Board
Commission on Organ & Tissue Donation & Transplantation
Mt. Vernon Mental Health Center Advisory Board
Northwest Center for Community Mental Health Advisory Board
Northern Virginia Mental Health Foundation

Associations and Nonprofit Organizations

Approximately 400 associations and nonprofit organizations involved in affordable housing, community development, emergency assistance, homeless services, and supportive housing programs were invited to participate in the development of the Consolidated Community Funding Pool targeted funding priorities and in review of the draft proposal evaluation criteria. These organizations, and those which requested a copy of the FY 2015-16 Application Package for the Consolidated Community Funding Pool, were also given the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed One Year Action Plan for FY 2015 to the CCFAC or to prepare formal comments for the Board of Supervisors.

APPENDIX C

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITY FUNDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE TIMELINE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

September 2013

***9/10**	***Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee (CCFAC) meeting 7:30 p.m., Fairfax County Government Center, Room 9/10***
	Discuss – Possible topics and speakers for public hearing on housing and community development needs

October 2013

10/1	FY 2015 / 2016 CCFP RFP Issued
***10/8**	***CCFAC meeting 7:30 p.m., Fairfax County Government Center, Room 9/10***
	Appointment of Working Advisory Group (WAG) Members

November 2013

11/4	FY 2015 / 2016 CCFP RFP Addendum Released
***11/12**	***CCFAC meeting 7:30 p.m., Fairfax County Government Center, Room 9/10***
	Fairfax County Public Hearing on Housing and Community Development Needs

December 2013

12/3	CCFP FY 2015 / 2016 Funding Proposals Due
***12/10**	***CCFAC meeting 7:30 p.m., Fairfax County Government Center, Room 9/10***
12/12	FCRHA meeting 7:00 p.m., One University Plaza

January 2014

1/1	CCFP Selection Advisory Committee (SAC) begins review
*****1/7***	***CCFAC/Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA) Working Advisory Group (WAG) meeting 7:30 pm, Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development, HCD Center***
****1/14***	***CCFAC meeting 7:30 p.m., Department of Housing and Community Development, HCD Center***
1/14	***Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., Board Auditorium, Fairfax County Government Center***
*****1/23***	***CCFAC/Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA) Working Advisory Group (WAG) meeting 7:30 pm, Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development, HCD Center***
1/28	***Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., Board Auditorium, Fairfax County Government Center***
1/30	FCRHA meeting 7:00 p.m., One University Plaza

February 2014

2/4	***CCFAC meeting 7:30 p.m., Department of Housing and Community Development, HCD Center*** ***Note: This is not the regular February CCFAC Meeting Date or location*** **Action**: Consideration of WAG recommendations and Adoption of recommendations for the use of FY 2015 CDBG and HOME funds **Action**: Approval of release of Proposed One-Year Action Plan for FY 2015 (including adoption of recommendations for use of FY 2015 CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds) for Public Comment
2/11	***Board meeting, 10:00 am, Board Auditorium, Fairfax County Government Center***
2/25	***Board meeting, 10:00 am, Board Auditorium, Fairfax County Government Center***

2/26	FCRHA Special Meeting 7:00 p.m., One University Plaza Consideration of WAG recommendations and Adoption of recommendations for the use of FY 2015 CDBG and HOME funds
2/28	Release of Proposed Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2015 30-day public comment period begins

March 2014

3/4	***Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., Board Auditorium, Fairfax County Government Center*** Authorization to Advertise a Public Hearing for March 25, 2014 on the Proposed Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2015
3/6	FCRHA meeting 7:00 p.m., One University Plaza
****3/11***	***CCFAC meeting 7:30 p.m., Fairfax County Government Center, Room 9/10***
3/25	***Board meeting, 4:30 p.m., Board Auditorium, Fairfax County Government Center*** The Board of Supervisors holds Public Hearing on the Proposed Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2015
3/31	Public comment period ends for Proposed Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2015

April 2014

4/1	CCFP SAC completes proposal review SAC makes award recommendation to the BOS
****4/8***	***CCFAC Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Fairfax County Government Center, Room 9/10*** Consider public comments on Proposed Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2015 prior to forwarding of the Plan to the Board of Supervisors for approval. **Action**: **Approval of forwarding the Proposed Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2015 to the Board of Supervisors for final approval**
4/8-10	***Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., Board Auditorium, Fairfax County Government Center*** Board Public Hearing on the Budget
4/10	FCRHA meeting 7:00 p.m., One University Plaza

4/22	***Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., Board Auditorium, Fairfax County Government Center*** *Board Budget Markup*
4/29	***Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., Board Auditorium, Fairfax County Government Center*** *Budget Adoption* Approval of Proposed Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2015 Consolidated Community Funding Pool Awards for FY 2015

May 2014

5/1	CCFP FY 2015-2016 contract negotiations begin
****5/13***	***CCFAC meeting 7:30 p.m., Fairfax County Government Center, Room 9/10***
5/13	***Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., Board Auditorium, Fairfax County Government Center***
5/14	Submit to HUD the adopted Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2015, implementation to begin July 1, 2014.

June 2014

6/1	CCFP FY 2015-2016 contractor orientation
6/3	***Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., Board Auditorium, Fairfax County Government Center***
****6/10***	***CCFAC meeting 7:30 p.m., Fairfax County Government Center, Room 9/10***
	Election of Officers
6/12	FCRHA meeting 7:00 p.m., One University Plaza
6/17	***Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., Board Auditorium, Fairfax County Government Center***

July 2014

7/1	CCFP FY 2015-2016 contracts initiated
7/1	***Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., Board Auditorium, Fairfax County Government Center***
	FY 2015 CCFP projects begin CDBG Program Year 40 (FY15) begins HOME Program Year 23 (FY15) begins

*Denotes Regular CCFAC Meetings
**Denotes WAG's role in overall process

APPENDIX D

RESOURCES EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE

Federal Resources

HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME): HOME is an entitlement program which provides flexible housing grants to be used for: the acquisition, rehabilitation, and new construction of affordable housing, tenant based assistance, home buyer assistance, planning, and support services. Fifteen percent (15%) of the annual funding must be set aside for housing development activities of Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs), as defined by HUD.

HOPE for Youth: The Youth Build program provides assistance for activities and services to assist economically disadvantaged youth to obtain education and employment skills and to expand the supply of permanent affordable housing. It can be used for planning grants, or implementation grants that can include: architectural and engineering work, acquisition, rehabilitation, construction, relocation, administrative costs, education and job training services, counseling, leadership skill development, support services, wages, stipends, and benefits to participants, operating expenses, replacement reserves, legal fees, training and technical assistance for the applicant.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): CDBG is a federal annual entitlement grant program which funds activities to carry out one of three national objectives: benefit low/moderate-income families; aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or address urgent needs where conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community. Types of projects generally eligible for funding include: acquisition, rehabilitation, development of public improvements, facilities and housing; public services (up to 15 percent of grant); restoration of historic properties; removal of architectural barriers; special economic development activities; program planning and administration; relocation payments; and other assistance related to community development projects.

CDBG Section 108 Loan Guarantee: This program provides federal loans, secured by a pledge of future CDBG grants and other security, to help fund large-scale development projects. Loan funds may be used for real property acquisition, rehabilitation of publicly owned real property, housing rehabilitation, relocation, clearance, and site improvements, interest payments on guaranteed loan and issuance costs, and debt service reserves.

Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG): This is an entitlement program that provides grants to improve the quality of existing emergency shelters and to increase the number of shelters developed for the homeless, and can be used for: renovation, conversion of buildings, rehabilitation, essential social services, and operating costs (excluding staff payroll).

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA): This is primarily an entitlement program that provides both entitlement and competitive grants for housing assistance and supportive services for low-income persons with AIDS or related diseases and their families. It can be used for: acquisition, rehabilitation, conversion, lease, repair

of facilities, new construction, project-based or tenant-based rental assistance, planning, support services, operating costs, short-term payments (rent, mortgage, utility), and administrative expenses.

Public Housing Operating Subsidy: The FCRHA receives some operating subsidy for public housing units which were developed through acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction using public housing development funds.

Capital Fund Grant Program: This formula-based program provides funding for the FCRHA to make physical and management improvements or development in public housing, and can be used to upgrade living conditions, correct physical deficiencies, and achieve operating efficiency.

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG): As part of the County's Consolidated Community Funding Pool, the CSBG provides funding for Community Action Program anti-poverty activities, housing counseling, emergency assistance, and other supportive services.

Department of Energy (DOE)/Other Energy Programs: DOE programs may provide funds for rehabilitation (or weatherization), and new construction.

Low-Income Housing Tax Credits: This program, administered by the Virginia Housing Development Authority, provides federal tax credits to investors who provide financial support for development of approved low-income housing projects.

Housing Choice Voucher Program (Formerly Section 8): This program provides rental assistance payments to private owners who lease their units to assisted families and individuals. New allocations of funds for rental assistance are awarded on a competitive basis.

Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities (Section 811): This is a competitive grant program which provides funding to expand housing with supportive services in independent living facilities or group homes, and can be a source of financing for capital advances or project rental assistance.

Supportive Housing of the Elderly (Section 202): This program provides capital advances to finance elderly housing that offers supportive services, and project rental assistance (exclusive of debt service) which can be used for: acquisition, rehabilitation, new construction, rental assistance, support services.

Surplus Housing for Use to Assist the Homeless: This program provides rent-free, suitable federally-owned properties that are leased to homeless organizations, which must pay the operating and any rehabilitation and/or renovation costs.

Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH): The Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA) has 35 housing vouchers, awarded under a partnership between HUD and the Department of Veterans Affairs, to house homeless U.S. veterans in the community. The HUD-VASH program combines federal Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance, administered by the FCRHA, with case management and clinical services provided by VA at its medical centers and within the community.

The following federal programs are administered by HUD under the Homeless Assistance Grants program in a competitive funding process.

The Supportive Housing Program (SHP): This program provides grants which can be used for acquisition, rehabilitation, new construction (limited), leasing of structures, operating costs, and supportive service costs of housing, such as transitional housing and permanent supportive housing, which includes a planned service component to serve persons with special needs. Two formerly separate programs (The *Supplemental Assistance for Facilities to Assist the Homeless (SAFAH)* program and The *Safe Havens* program) are now consolidated as The *Safe Havens* program, which offers grants to provide very-low-income housing for homeless persons with serious mental illnesses, and can be used for: new construction, acquisition, rehabilitation, leasing assistance, low-demand support services, outreach activities, and operating costs.

Shelter Plus Care: This program provides grants, which can be sponsor-based, project-based, or tenant-based, for rental assistance that is offered with support services to homeless persons with disabilities.

Other Public Resources: State Programs

Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) Loans and Grants: The VHDA offers below-market interest loans and grants to fund low-income housing in the State through acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, and homebuyer assistance.

Virginia Housing Partnership Fund: This fund was designed to offer grants and loans as match funds for other grant programs providing for the acquisition, rehabilitation, and construction of low-income housing in the Commonwealth, but it is currently not supported with appropriations from the General Assembly. It does receive some State HOME program funds and has repayments from prior loans to loan again.

Homeless Intervention Program: State funds to provide grants or loans for the payment of temporary rental, mortgage, and security deposit assistance to households who are homeless or are in imminent danger of becoming homeless. A housing counseling component is directed toward the goal of financial independence and self-sufficiency for the program recipients. The program is operated by a Nonprofit with a contract directly with the state.

State Tax Credit for Elderly/Disabled Housing: This program provides a State tax credit to landlords in return for reduced rent charged to tenants who are elderly or have disabilities.

Other Public Resources: Local Programs

Bridging Affordability: The Bridging Affordability Program is funded by Fairfax County and is designed to address the county's Housing Blueprint goals of ending homelessness in ten (10) years and reducing the county's waiting lists for affordable housing by half in ten (10) years. The program provides funding to a consortium of non-

profit organizations to provide rental subsidies to homeless individuals and families, persons with disabilities, and households on the county's affordable housing waiting lists.

Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP): Since FY 2000, an allocation of County General Funds has been combined with federal/State Community Services Block Grant funds and an allocation of Community Development Block Grant funds to provide a pool of dollars for community-based nonprofit programs funded through a competitive solicitation process.

County Funds (including Housing Trust Fund): These funds provide funding for a variety of housing-related activities, including acquisition of property and structures, rehabilitation, construction, rental assistance, financial leveraging, and revolving loans. These include the Housing Trust Fund, the Preservation Loan Fund, and the Affordable Housing Partnership Fund described below.

Affordable Housing Partnership Program (AHPP): This fund provides financial assistance to nonprofits and other developers of affordable housing. The program not only supports new housing stock but will encourage preservation of existing affordable housing that may be at risk. The program provides funding for predevelopment expenses, gap and bridge financing as well as technical assistance.

Fairfax County Rental Program: This operating program supports the acquisition, rehabilitation, maintenance, and operating costs of housing owned by the FCRHA for rent to eligible low- and moderate-income residents who may not meet federal assistance guidelines.

Home Repair for the Elderly Program: This program provides funding for minor home repairs for the elderly as well as handicapped and disabled homeowners at no cost to the homeowners. The program provides a crew to do up to one week's labor, up to $500 in material expenses, to complete necessary repairs and maintenance.

Homeownership Assistance Program: This program provides a second-trust mortgage loan up to $5,000 to FCRHA tenants, program participants and others who live and work in Fairfax County. The buyers make affordable monthly payments on the second-trust loan and must provide one-half of the down payments from their own funds. The Fairfax County Employees Homeowner Program assists employees to purchase a home in Fairfax County.

Emergency Housing and Shelter Program: This program provides for the contract operation of the County's six community shelters for homeless individuals and families, supportive services, and payments for emergency motel placements.

Emergency Assistance Program: This program provides loans for security deposits, rent or mortgage assistance, and utility payments to prevent evictions; and it provides grants for moving and storage fees to assist clients in relocating to affordable housing after an eviction.

There are many private for-profit and nonprofit organizations which contribute to residential construction and community development activities in Fairfax County. The

resources which these organizations use can vary over time and may be specific to particular projects. Such resources are described here in general categories.

Private Resources: For-Profit

Financial Institutions: Involvement of the banking community is crucial to structuring the multi-layered financing arrangements that have become necessary to produce and preserve affordable housing. In a time of reduced and constrained public resources, the financing of a large project can involve more than a dozen funding elements from different sources. One private bank provided the essential elements for the acquisition and rehabilitation of a 240-unit apartment complex in a financing arrangement that involved 13 separate sources of funds. Public/private partnerships have also been negotiated for other preservation projects. Bank loans are critical for new construction activity, and are usually part of the package for a household purchasing a home through a first-time homebuyer assistance program. Banks also participate in a public/private partnership for a small and minority business loan program.

Private Developers: Many private development companies are involved in housing production in Fairfax County. The Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program, along with multi-family development loans from VHDA or the Virginia Housing Partnership Fund, has become a combination attractive to development companies to finance construction of multi-family housing developments that would be affordable to people with incomes at 50-60 percent of median income. With limited funding available, applications for these programs have been highly competitive. For projects with 50 units or more, the county's Affordable Dwelling Unit Ordinance provides a bonus density incentive for developers to provide a percentage of units in new construction as affordable housing. The FCRHA has the option to acquire or lease up to one-third of the units, and the balance are for direct sale to eligible low/moderate income homebuyers, or rental to eligible renters.

Other Private Businesses: Many private businesses contribute goods, services, volunteer time and money to nonprofit community-based organizations to assist with a variety of programs, including emergency assistance, food, and home repairs for elderly or other low-income households. For example, there is private support given for the purpose of establishing computer-learning centers for low-income families. Additionally, there is an initiative underway in which the FCRHA will develop magnet housing whereby affordable housing and jobs are linked. This concept will provide a living/ learning/ working environment that is tied to employers and educational institutions.

Private Resources: Nonprofit

Nonprofit Housing Development Corporations: Several nonprofit housing development corporations are active in Fairfax County. Like for-profit developers, these organizations have also applied for the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program and multi-family loan programs available through VHDA. Some applications of the nonprofit developers have been oriented toward acquisition and rehabilitation of older garden-apartment complexes to preserve these units as part of the affordable housing inventory. Nonprofit developers can also work closely with service organizations to develop programs, such as transitional housing, where intensive support services and case management may be essential. Some of the federal grant programs for new construction are only available to

nonprofit organizations. Utilization of these programs usually means that the nonprofit has to provide any required matching funds from other resources. These organizations thereby add significantly to the overall level of resources for affordable housing in the County.

Nonprofit Service Organizations: Fairfax County is fortunate to have a long-standing tradition of active community-based nonprofit organizations that provide a wide variety of social services support and assistance to people in need. While some of these groups are directly involved in developing housing, they contribute immeasurably to activities to prevent homelessness through emergency rental assistance, utility payments, and security deposits, as well as providing families and individuals with food, clothing and assistance in locating housing. Four such nonprofit agencies are contracted to operate the five community shelters in the county. While many of these service organizations receive some funding from the county, they also develop other sources of funds that add to the overall level of resources benefiting the communities they serve.

Low Income Housing Tax Credit Investors: When nonprofit housing development corporations receive an award of tax credits from VHDA, they form partnerships with tax credit investors to syndicate the tax credits. The tax credit investors provide equity to the project in return for an annual tax credit for each of ten years. The equity is an important part of the total financing package for the development of affordable rental housing. The nonprofit is usually the managing general partner of the partnership and the tax credit investor has limited involvement. The project must maintain affordable rents and be occupied by households at specific income levels for a minimum of 30 years.

Appendix E

Charts:

Continuum of Care and

Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness

Revised March 2013

Continuum of Care

A System of Programs and Services

REGIONAL HOSTS

OUTREACH/INTAKE ASSESSMENT

Coordinated Services Planning
- Prevention-oriented assessments

Community Based Organizations
Ecumenical Groups and Churches
Victims' Assistance Network
CSB Mental Health/Alcohol and Drug Services
- Outreach Workers
- Shelter Services (MH & ADS)
- Emergency & Mobile Crisis Unit
- ADS Detox & MH Jail Diversion

Lamb Center
FACETS
Community Drop-in programs
Alternative House Outreach
LIFT Outreach Worker
Route One Community Kitchen
All Emergency Shelters
Temporary Last Resort Housing
Medical Respite Homeless Program (respite health care services)
Homeless Healthcare Program (health care outreach services)

PREVENTION SERVICES

Coordinated Services Planning
Community Based Nonprofits and Ecumenical Groups:
- Homeless Prevention Services
- Emergency Housing Assistance
- Information & referral
- Emergency assistance including food, medical, counseling, advocacy and financial assistance

Community Case Management
- Linkage with service providers
- Prevention and Diversion

Housing Locator Network
Dept. of Family Services
- Employment, Medical Assistance, Public Assistance
- Social work services

Legal Aid:
- Advocacy / Representation
- Information & referral

EMERGENCY SHELTERS

Alternative House-adolescents
Embry Rucker-families and singles
Bailey's Crossroads-singles
Eleanor Kennedy-singles
Shelter House-families
Mondloch I-chronically homeless
Next Steps Program -families
Katherine K. Hanley-families
Artemis House-domestic violence
Bethany House-domestic violence

WINTER PROGRAMS

Overflow at Singles Shelters
Falls Church Winter Shelter
Hypothermia Prevention Programs

RAPID RE-HOUSING

Community Case Management
Housing Locator Network

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Residential Youth Services-LIFT
Alternative House Transitional Living
- Assisting Young Mothers Program
- Homeless Youth Initiative

Dept. of Family Services (DFS)
- Comm. Housing Resources Prog.

Homes for the Homeless (CRSC)
- Safe Places Residential Program

Shelter House Off-site Program
ADS Self Sufficiency Program
NOVACO – domestic violence
New Hope Housing - Turning Point and Stepping Out Programs
Homestretch Transitional Programs
United Community Ministries
- Journeys-domestic violence

Reston Interfaith
Northern Virginia Family Service
CSB MH & ADS Residential
Kurdish Human Rights Watch
Family PASS Program
Beth El House

PERMANENT SUPPORTED HOUSING

Pathway Homes
PRS, Inc.
Stevenson Place Assisted Living
Shelter Plus Care and SHOP Program
New Hope Housing
- Milestones
- Gartlan House
- Max's Place Safe Haven

FACETS TRIUMPH Project
VOA-Chesapeake Supported Housing
Dept. of Family Services (DFS)
- RISE Program

Public Housing/SSHP
Housing Choice Vouchers/SNHI
HOPWA
Housing First Apartments

PERMANENT HOUSING

Dept. of Housing & Comm. Developm't
- Public Housing
- Tenant-Based Housing Vouchers
- Project-Based Housing Vouchers
- Coan Pond for Working Singles
- Moderate Income Rental Program
- Homeownership Assistance Program
- HUD-VASH Vouchers

Partnership for Permanent Housing
CSB PACT & ICTT Supported Housing
Non-Profit Housing / Project Homes
Habitat for Humanity / Oxford Houses
Private Assisted Housing
Bridging Affordability

MAINSTREAM RESOURCES (SUPPORT SERVICES)

EDUCATION
Adult Education
GED
Education for Independence
Head Start
ESOL
Citizenship Classes
Housing Counseling Training
Parenting Center
Homeownership Training and Assistance

EMPLOYMENT/TRAINING
Training Futures
Virginia Employment Commission
Job Corps
Department of Rehabilitation Services
Service Source
PRS, Inc.
Laurie Mitchell Employment Center
Community-based Job Training & Placement
Microenterprise Business Development
SkillSource One-Stop Job Centers

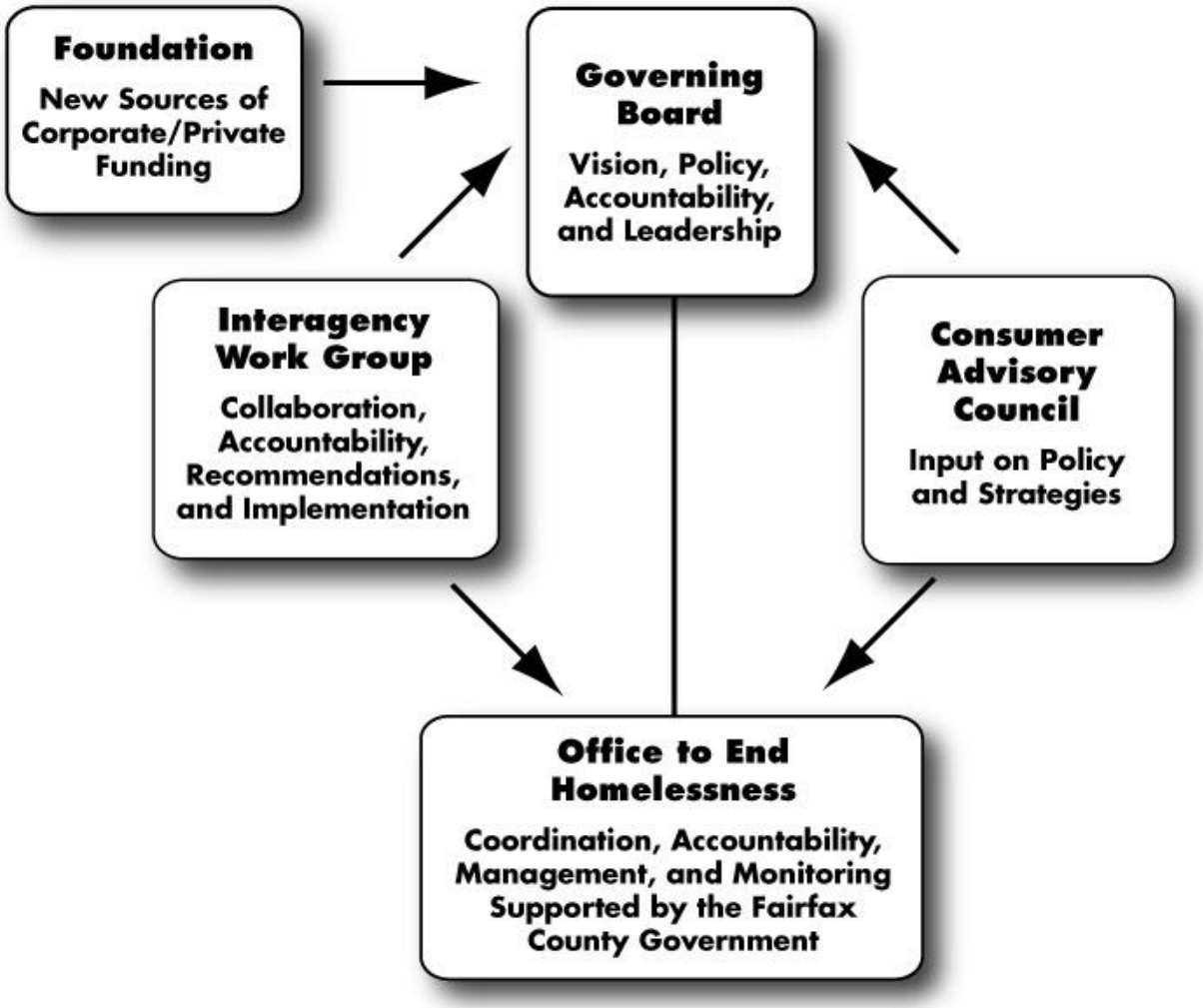
HEALTH CARE
Public Health Department
RNs & NPs to Shelters
Community Healthcare Network
Mental Health Services
Substance Abuse Treatment
Hospitals
The Women's Support Center
Program for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT)

Services utilize many funding sources, including local, State, CoC or other federal grants, and private funds.

SOCIAL
Veterans Support Services
Representative Payees
Case Management
Housing Counseling
Housing Placement Services
Rapid Re-housing Services
Life Skills Training
Child Care
Immigration/Legal Services
Refugee Services
Multi-cultural Services
Volunteers

TRANSPORTATION
Fairfax Connector
Bus Tokens
Metro Passes
Cab/Taxi Vouchers
FASTRAN
Ride Serve
County Cars

The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness



The Governing Board and Office to Prevent and End Homelessness were formed late in FY 2009 and became fully operational in FY 2010. The Consumer Advisory Council was formed in FY 2012. The Interagency Work Group was established as two groups: an Interagency Work Group on Housing Options and an Interagency Work Group on HOST Services.

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APPENDIX F

MARKETING OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS

On behalf of the FCRHA, the Fairfax County HCD markets its programs, both rental and home ownership, and other agency services, on an ongoing basis using a variety of methods and media through the county Office of Public Affairs (OPA). HCD has developed a close working relationship with OPA for the purpose of marketing. In addition, all outreach is offered in alternative formats to ensure accessibility for persons with disabilities.

The FCHRA has been successfully and actively marketing its programs to persons with disabilities. Approximately one-third of all households served in FCRHA programs include a person with a disability. A most recent example of a program marketing to persons with disabilities is the Bridging Affordability Program. The program serves both persons with Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board-eligible disabilities and persons with physical and sensory disabilities using rental subsidies.

Print Media
HCD prepares and distributes printed materials – brochures, flyers, posters, fact sheets, etc. which always include affirmation of our commitments to Equal Housing and access for persons with disabilities, as provided under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). These printed materials are distributed to targeted audiences and also made available for pick-up in several public areas throughout the County, including Board of Supervisors' offices, libraries, the Government Center, etc.

Video/Broadcast Media
HCD produces programs for broadcast through our local cable channel (Channel 16) highlighting programs and services offered by this agency, including programs funded using federal funds. These are joint efforts with the County's Cable Programming office and are available for viewing by all subscribers to Cox Communications cable in the county. The programs are targeted to raise the awareness of low and moderate income households to opportunities for affordable housing and homeownership, but the programs also serve as an educational tool for all citizens of the services being offered by the county and the Housing Authority. Each program also demonstrates not only the diversity of our community, as well as the diversity of the staff serving the community.

News Releases/Public Service Announcements
Periodically, HCD issues press releases on affordable housing opportunities and initiatives in its rental, homeownership and community development programs, as well as its down payment and closing cost assistance programs. These announcements are sent to a diverse media market representing the cultural, ethnic and racial diversity of the region. Media lists are updated regularly. News Releases are also distributed through the county's Newswire webpage.

Forums/Special Events

HCD regularly hosts special events to promote and market agency programs, projects, initiatives and accomplishments such as, ground breaking and ribbon cutting ceremonies for new properties; forums on affordable housing for the general public and our partners; and press conferences to promote innovative projects and strategies developed by the agency and county. In conjunction with its first-time homebuyer programs, HCD regularly holds orientations to promote its homeownership programs and to help potential purchasers prepare for the home buying experience. These sessions have been conducted in a variety of languages and in various locations throughout the county.

APPENDIX G

COUNTY OF FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

FOR THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors
December 8, 1997

Amended by the Board of Supervisors
February 11, 2002

Revised and Amended Citizen Participation Plan
Approved by the Board of Supervisors
April 30, 2007

Purpose of the Citizen Participation Plan

As an Urban County, Fairfax County, Virginia is eligible to apply for funds under the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) which are provided to the county through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Federal regulations were revised in 1994 to provide for the consolidated submission of documents (the Consolidated Plan) which cover the planning and application aspects of the CDBG, ESG, HOME, and HOPWA programs (federal funding sources).

Beginning Fiscal Year (FY) 2000, the Consolidated Plan will also include local funding sources and federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds appropriated by the Board of Supervisors. In addition, the Consolidated Plan includes a description of the Continuum of Care for homeless services and programs, and may include federal funding for these programs at such time as these funds are made available through the federal funding allocation process for the Consolidated Plan.

The Fairfax County Citizen Participation Plan provides a guide for public input and participation in the Consolidated Plan process. The purpose of the Citizen Participation Plan is to encourage citizen participation in the definition of housing, community development and public services needs; services to be provided by community-based organizations; the funding priorities for programs and target populations to be served through resources available in the Consolidated Plan, and in any amendments, as well as to the Consolidated Plan and the annual performance report as may be required by HUD.

The Citizen Participation Plan includes the following objectives and describes how each will be met to ensure compliance with federal regulations. The objectives of the Citizen Participation Plan are to:

- Encourage citizen participation by providing citizens with adequate information concerning the amount of funds expected to be available for community development housing activities, public services, and services to be provided by community-based organizations through federal and local funding sources;

- The proposed range of activities that may be undertaken with those funds, including the amount that will benefit very low and low income persons, and the plans to minimize displacement, and to assist any persons displaced, other important program requirements, and proposed and approved uses of funds;

- Provide for and encourage citizen participation from all sectors of the community, with particular emphasis on participation by persons below the federal poverty line, low and moderate income residents of blighted areas, and of areas in which federal funds under federal funding sources are used or are proposed to be used;

- For the participation of minority and non-English speaking residents, as well as persons with mobility, visual, speech or hearing impairments;

- Provide citizens, public agencies, and all other interested parties with reasonable and timely access to information and records relating to the county's Consolidated Plan, and the use of assistance provided by federal funding sources included in the Plan for the preceding five (5) years;

- Provide technical assistance to groups representing very low and low income persons and to interested residents that request such assistance in developing proposals for funding assistance under federal and local funding sources covered by the Consolidated Plan, with the level and type of assistance to be determined by the county;

- Conduct public hearings to obtain the views of citizens on housing, community development, public services needs, needs for services to be provided by community-based organizations, proposed activities, and program performance, which hearings shall be held after adequate notice, at times and locations convenient to potential and actual beneficiaries, with accommodation for persons with disabilities and non-English speaking residents;

- Gather community input, through a variety of methods such as, community meetings, focus groups, surveys, and other appropriate forums, regarding funding priorities for services provided by community-based organizations;

- Prepare a summary of comments or views received from citizens in writing or orally through public hearings, focus groups, community meetings, and other methods when preparing the final Consolidated Plan, and any amendments to the Plan or the performance report and attach the summary to the final Plan or report. In addition, provide for a timely

written answer to written complaints and grievances within fifteen (15) working days, where practicable; and

- Provide criteria for determining what constitutes a substantial change in the planned or actual activities described in the approved Consolidated Plan which would require an amendment to the Plan.

Notice of Consolidated Plan Schedule

The county will encourage citizen participation by providing citizens with adequate information concerning the amount of funds expected to be available for community development and housing activities, public services, and services to be provided by community-based organizations through federal and local funding sources, the proposed range of activities that may be undertaken with those funds, including the amount that will benefit very low and low income persons and the plans to minimize displacement, and to assist any persons displaced, other important program requirements, and proposed and approved uses of funds.

The annual Consolidated Plan schedule will be mailed to neighborhoods, groups, associations, nonprofit, ecumenical, business, other community organizations, and other interested individuals which have been involved in past funding cycles for each program. Other neighborhoods, groups, associations, organizations, and individuals will be added to the list upon request to HCD.

Information which will be available will include the amount of funding expected to be available under all the federal funding sources and programs in the Consolidated Plan, including estimated program income, program and application requirements, the proposed activities which will benefit very low and low income persons, plans for minimizing displacement caused by proposed activities and assistance opportunities for persons displaced, opportunities for citizen input, submission of project proposals, and schedules for proposed and final applications. This information may be obtained from the HCD.

An advertisement of the Proposed Consolidated Plan will be published in a newspaper(s) of general circulation and a copy of the Proposed Consolidated Plan will be available to the public for review and comment at least 30 days prior to submission to HUD. The proposed Consolidated Plan will be available for review 1) at the HCD, 2) at the information desk of the county Government Center at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035; and 3) at the information desk of all branches of the Fairfax County Public Library system. The final submission to HUD will also be distributed to these locations.

Citizen Participation Process

The county will provide for and encourage citizen participation from all sectors of the community, with particular emphasis on participation by persons below the federal poverty line, low and moderate income residents of blighted areas and of areas in which federal funds are used or are proposed to be used; and for the participation of minority and non-English speaking residents, as well as persons with mobility, visual, speech or hearing impairments.

The county will provide citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties with reasonable and timely access to information and records relating to the county's Consolidated Plan, and the use of assistance provided by federal funding sources included in the Plan for the preceding five (5) years.

Citizens will have an opportunity to comment on housing, community development, public service needs, and population and program priority needs identified to be addressed by community-based organizations and the proposed Consolidated Plan prior to its submission to HUD at public hearings, meetings, or by directly contacting the appropriate county agency. Information on the Consolidated Plan schedule will be disseminated to local agencies and nonprofit organizations working with minority, non-English speaking, and physically impaired residents to afford as many people as possible the opportunity for full citizen participation.

The county will work closely with the FCRHA to encourage the participation of residents of public and assisted housing developments in the development and implementation of the Consolidated Plan. The county will apprise the FCRHA of housing and community development activities related to its developments and surrounding communities so the FCRHA can make such information available at the annual public hearing on the Comprehensive Grant program.

Citizen input on housing, community development, and needs for services to be provided by community-based organizations will be received annually at one or more public hearings to be held before the Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee. The Committee is composed of one representative each from the FCRHA, Human Services Council (HSC), Community Action Advisory Board, Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, Homeless Oversight Committee, Fairfax-Falls Church United Way, Commission on Aging, Advisory Social Services Board, Fairfax Area Disabilities Services Board, Health Care Advisory Board, Fairfax County Alliance for Human Services, representatives from the business community, schools community, faith community, children younger than school age community, and youth needs and services community. Membership may include representation from human services provider groups, consumer and community organizations and Boards, Authorities and Commissions, which relate to the Human Services Community, as appropriate. Members shall be appointed by the County Executive and shall serve for a term of three years. The role and responsibilities of the Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee will be to:

- Solicit community input
- Advise the Board of Supervisors on the development and implementation of the federally required Consolidated Plan
    - Advise the Board of Supervisors on issues relating to the coordinated funding process:
      --Policy considerations
      --Funding priorities
      --Selection criteria
      --Performance measures

- Coordinate with the Community Action Advisory Board in implementation of the CSBG process

- Implement the combined solicitation process and, if deemed appropriate, make comments on Selection Advisory Committee recommendations forwarded by the County Executive to the Board of Supervisors
- Monitor the Consolidated Plan process and report to the Board of Supervisors on its effectiveness relative to defined goals
- Consider and evaluate the potential for including other county and community processes in the Consolidated Plan process.

Based on the comments received from citizens through needs hearing(s) and other community input strategies from interested Nonprofit, ecumenical, business and other civic organizations and county agencies, the Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee will prepare a Proposed Consolidated Plan. The Proposed Consolidated Plan will be submitted for review and comment to organizations and individuals on the mailing list. Comments received will be addressed by the Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee and included with the submission of the Proposed Consolidated Plan to the Board of Supervisors.

A public hearing will be held by the Board of Supervisors on the Proposed Consolidated Plan. Final approval of program priorities and funding recommendations included in the Consolidated Plan will be made by the Board of Supervisors.

Reasonable and timely access will be given to citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties to information and records relating to previous funding applications and allocations for the programs included in the Consolidated Plan for the preceding five (5) years.

Technical Assistance

The county will provide technical assistance to groups representing very low and low income persons, as well as to community-based organizations and interested residents that request such assistance in developing proposals for funding assistance under any of federal or local funding sources covered by the Consolidated Plan, with the level and type of assistance to be determined by the county.

This technical assistance could include activities such as training on grant writing, small/minority business support offered through the Purchasing and Supply Management agency, Internet information links, pamphlets and brochures/information packets on resources available in the community.

County staff will be available upon request to answer any questions concerning the requirements of federal and local funding sources included in the Consolidated Plan, such as available funding amounts, funding priorities, eligible activities, environmental review procedures, equal opportunity requirements, relocation provisions, citizen participation requirements and any other requirements of federal and local funding sources. In cases where staff can not answer questions pertaining to federal HUD funds, assistance will be requested from HUD.
As part of the on-going citizen participation effort, county staff will meet with citizen groups in Fairfax County which represent very low, and low and moderate income residents such as neighborhood conservation and redevelopment areas, and with citizen groups in other areas of

the county which express interest in participating in federal and/or local funding sources included in the Consolidated Plan, to explain program and application procedures. These meetings will be held in facilities convenient to the neighborhood or groups requesting the meetings.

County staff will provide technical assistance when requested to neighborhood groups, minority groups, community-based organizations, and other residents interested in participating in federal and local funding sources included in the Consolidated Plan. All such groups, including the disabled and elderly, and those serving non-English speaking ethnic/minority populations, will be encouraged and assisted as requested in submitting their views and proposals. County staff will be available to provide assistance in the development and submission of program funding requests and other input. Any persons requiring assistance should contact the Division of Real Estate Finance and Grants Management at HCD at 246-5170 or the TTY number 385-3578.

Public Hearings

The county will conduct public hearings to obtain the views of citizens on housing, community development, public services needs, needs for services to be provided by community-based organizations, proposed activities, and program performance, which hearings shall be held after adequate notice, at times and locations convenient to potential and actual beneficiaries, with accommodation for persons with disabilities and non-English speaking residents.

A minimum of two public hearings will be held prior to the submission of the Consolidated Plan to HUD.

One or more public hearings will be held by the Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee at the beginning of the Consolidated Plan process to solicit citizen comments on housing and community development needs, needs for services to be provided by community-based organizations, proposed activities, and program performance. Testimony received at this hearing will be considered by the Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee in preparing the Proposed Consolidated Plan. In addition, the Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee may gather community input through a variety of means, such as forums and focus groups, in the development of funding priorities and criteria.

Prior to the submission of the Consolidated Plan to HUD, the Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the Proposed Consolidated Plan as recommended by the Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee.

Public hearings will be held at times convenient to potential and actual beneficiaries of the programs to be funded. Public hearings will be held in the Fairfax County Government Center Board Auditorium located at 12000 Government Center Parkway, or in other locations which are convenient to potential and actual beneficiaries, and which are accessible to persons with disabilities. At public hearings where a significant number of non-English speaking residents are expected to participate, Fairfax County will address their needs by providing an interpreter.

Notice of public hearings on the Consolidated Plan will be advertised in a newspaper(s) of general circulation and at least one minority and non-English speaking publication 15 days prior to the date of the public hearing. The notice will include sufficient information about the purpose of the public hearing to permit informed comment from citizens.

Notice of public hearings on the Consolidated Plan will also be advertised in all branches of the County Library system and press releases issued by the Fairfax County Office of Public Affairs.

Response to Citizen Comments

The county will prepare a summary of comments or views received from citizens in writing or orally through public hearings, focus groups, community meetings, and other methods when preparing the final Consolidated Plan, and any amendments to the Plan or the performance report and attach the summary to the final Plan or report. In addition, provide for a timely written answer to written complaints and grievances within fifteen (15) working days, where practicable.

Written or oral comments received from citizens as a result of public hearings or other activities to gather community input held on the Consolidated Plan will be given serious consideration in the preparation of the final Plan document, amendments to the Plan, or the performance report. A summary of the comments received from citizens, both accepted and not accepted, will be attached to the final Consolidated Plan, Plan amendments, or performance report.

Comments, complaints, or grievances concerning the Consolidated Plan should be addressed to the Division of Real Estate Finance and Grants Management, Department of Housing and Community Development, 3700 Pender Drive, Suite 300, Fairfax, Virginia 22030.

Every effort will be made to respond in writing to written complaints within 15 working days of receipt of the complaint. If additional time is required, written notice will be provided.

Amendment of the Consolidated Plan

The county will provide criteria for determining what constitutes a substantial change in the planned or actual activities described in the approved Consolidated Plan which would require an amendment to the Plan.

The Consolidated Plan may be amended with the approval of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

The county will amend the approved Plan whenever it makes one of the following decisions representing a substantial change or adjustment:

1) To carry out a project, using funds from any of the four federal HUD programs covered by the Consolidated Plan (including program income) not previously described in the action plan; or

2) To eliminate a project from any of the four federal programs covered by the Consolidated Plan (including program income) for which funds were previously approved by the Board of Supervisors.

In general, any substantial change or adjustment to a Consolidated Plan project budget will be treated as an amendment subject to public notice, review, and comment through the county's quarterly budget review process. Adjustments required to Consolidated Plan project budgets will be included in the third quarter and carryover budget reviews, and will be subject to public comment during the public hearing process held on each of these reviews.

In some circumstances, Consolidated Plan program objectives may be addressed through the appropriation of funds outside of the quarterly budget review process for an activity not previously approved in the Consolidated Plan. In such cases, public notice will be given before the Board of Supervisors is scheduled to take action on such an appropriation.

Substantive amendments to the Consolidated Plan will be publicly advertised at least 30 days prior to consideration of the amendments by the Board of Supervisors to allow time for public comment.

Adoption and Amendment of the Citizen Participation Plan

Proposed changes to the Citizen Participation Plan will be publicly advertised at least 30 days prior to the adoption or amendment of the Citizen Participation Plan by the Board of Supervisors to allow time for public comment.

The proposed revisions to the Fairfax County Citizen Participation Plan for the Consolidated Plan will become effective upon the date of the Board of Supervisors' approval for the planning and implementation process of the Consolidated Plan.