



HOME-ARP Allocation Plan & Homeless System Governance

Board of Supervisors Housing Committee

February 14, 2023

Today's Presentation

- **Topics:**

- Draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan
- Recommendations on Continuum of Care Board Structure

- **Speakers from the Dept. of Housing and Community Development:**

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HOME-ARP

Draft Allocation Plan

The HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP) provides funding to participating jurisdictions to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability. Fairfax County was awarded \$7.88 million from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Qualifying Populations

- **HOME-ARP funds must be used to primarily benefit individuals or families from the following qualifying populations:**
 - Homeless
 - At risk of homelessness
 - Those fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
 - Other families requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness
 - Households at greatest risk of housing instability

Eligible
Activities &
Proposed
Budget

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 2,102,551		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ 2,102,551		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance	\$ 0		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 2,693,894		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 394,228	5 %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 0	0 %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 591,342	7.5 %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ 7,884,566		

Process to Date

- **Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis**

- Virginia Tech's Center for Housing Research with County staff (Nov. 2022)
- See draft Allocation Plan for details
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/housing/data/HOME-ARP-Allocation-Plan>

- **Consultation**

- Over 20 organizations participating, plus individuals with lived experience
- In-person and virtual sessions (Dec. 2022)
- Online survey (Dec. 2022)
- CCFAC public hearing (Jan. 2023)
- Interviews (Jan. 2023)
- Public comment period on draft plan (Feb. 2023)

Consultation Feedback

- **COVID Challenges**

- Changes in employment, financial situations, living conditions, family dynamics, physical and mental health.

- **Housing and Services Gaps**

- Need for affordable housing and supportive services for people with extremely low incomes, administrative burdens, wide variety of populations in need.

- **Organization Needs**

- Staff shortages; increasing costs; funding challenges.

- **Additional Data and Analysis Needs**

- Over-representation of Black or African American and Hispanic people in need, as well as seniors, LGBTQIA, and transition age youth, justice involved, and others.

Summary

- **Rare Funding Opportunity**
 - Can create deeply affordable rental housing and supportive services
 - 88+ permanent supportive housing units in pipeline need funding
- **Chronic Homelessness**
 - Number increasing disproportionately quickly (up 34% in past 5 years)
 - Need permanent supportive housing
- **Nonprofit Operating Costs**
 - An eligible expense and needed by nonprofit providers
- **Affordable Housing Shortage**
 - Particularly limited for extremely low income (30% AMI) households

Next Steps

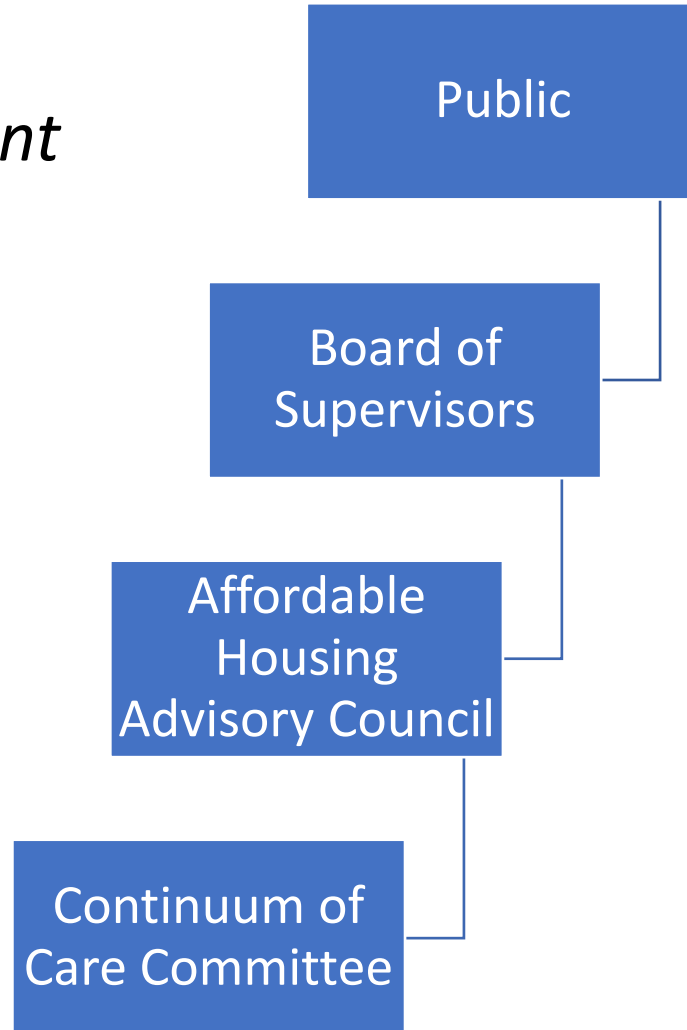
- **February 8**
 - Opening of Public Comment Period for Substantial Amendment to Action Plan.
- **February 14**
 - Board of Supervisors Housing Committee (**today**)
- **March 10**
 - Closing of Public Comment Period for Substantial Amendment to Action Plan.
- **March 21**
 - Board of Supervisors Meeting
 - Approval of HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and Substantial Amendment.
- **Before March 31**
 - Submission of HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and Substantial Amendment to HUD.

Recommended Continuum of Care Board Structure

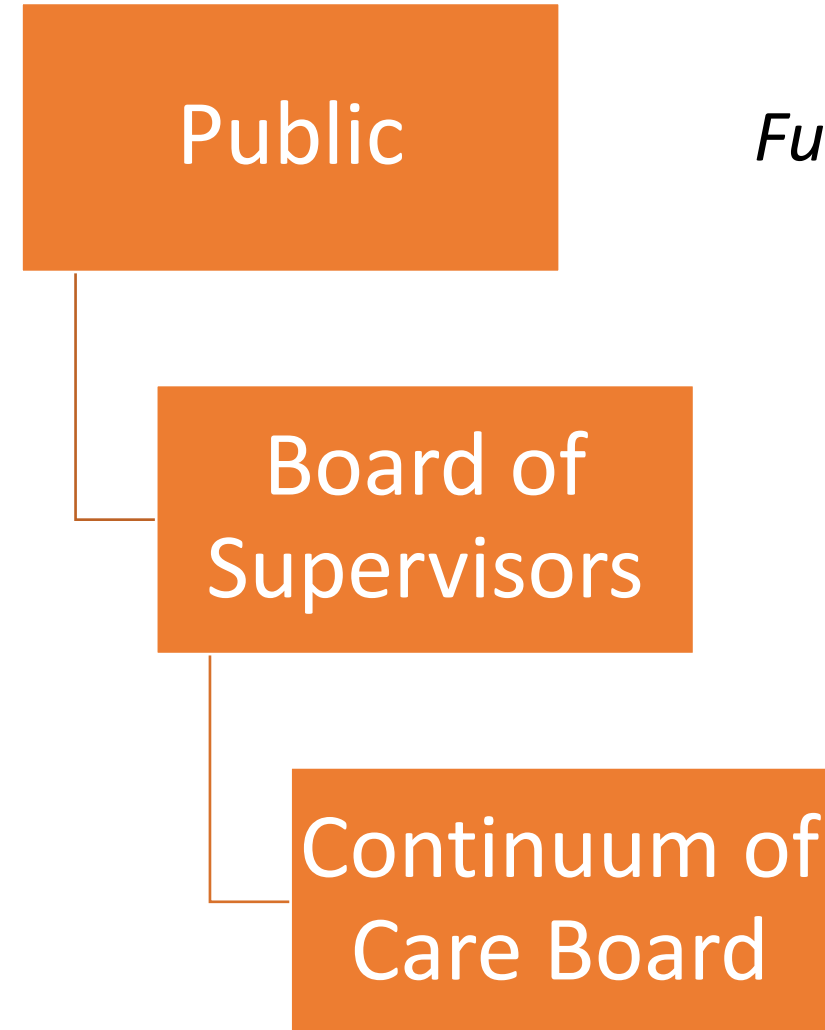
As directed by the Board of Supervisors, staff are returning with recommendations for the re-constitution of the Continuum of Care (CoC) Board with input from the current CoC Committee membership.

Reporting Structure

Current



Future



Charter: Purpose, Terms, Meetings

- The purpose of the CoC Board is to provide community leadership and policy guidance in preventing and ending homelessness.
- Grounded in Fairfax County values and policies, including One Fairfax, and aligning with the Countywide Strategic Plan.
- Members have two-year terms.
- Meetings are, at a minimum, every three months.
- Staff support from the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH).

Charter: Duties

- Develop, monitor, and update the CoC's strategic plans.
- Review and monitor homeless assistance systemwide performance.
- Communicate with and educate the public about how and why the community should prevent and end homelessness.
- Engage all segments of the community to promote shared responsibility and decision making among partners.
- Report on progress toward homelessness goals to the Board of Supervisors, at least annually.

Charter: Duties (continued)

- **Work with OPEH to meet the CoC responsibilities defined by 24 CFR part 578, including:**
 - Hold meetings of the full CoC membership.
 - Appoint additional committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.
 - Update annually a governance charter, including a code of conduct and recusal process.
 - Consulting with federal grant recipients and subrecipients, develop:
 - Performance targets appropriate for population and program type, monitor performance, evaluate outcomes, and take action against poor performers.
 - Written standards for evaluating eligibility, prioritization, and payment standards.
 - Guide the operation of the coordinated assessment system to determine the needs of individuals and families for housing and services.
 - Review, revise, and approve a privacy plan, security plan, and data quality plan for the HMIS.
 - Coordinate the implementation of the housing and service system.
 - Conduct an annual gaps analysis of the homeless needs and services available.
 - Establish priorities for funding CoC projects in the geographic area.

Membership

- Total members: Minimum 15, Maximum of 25
- Three types recommended, there may be overlap:
 - Appointees from Board of Supervisors (10 total)
 - Appointee from the Mayor of the City of Fairfax (1 total)
 - Appointee from the City of Falls Church (1 total)
 - Housing and service providers, nonprofit and government (6 minimum)
 - People with lived experience of homelessness, who may be appointees, providers, or recruited by staff separately (2 minimum)
- Should reflect the diversity of the homeless population.

Next Steps

- **Board Endorsement**

As appropriate, request Board direction; Action Item

- **Recruitment**

With Board of Supervisors approval, staff will:

- Work with Board members to identify, onboard appointees
- Recruit a diverse mix of housing and service providers, people with lived experience

- **Strategic Priorities**

Staff then works with CoC Board to develop priorities, including:

- Inclusive community engagement
- New and underutilized options



Questions?

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