CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITY FUNDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 7:00 PM

Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Pkwy
Fairfax, Virginia 22035
Conference Room 2/3

Meeting Summary

CCFAC Members Present:

1. Marlene Blum (Chair)
2. Michele Menapace (Vice Chair)
3. Stephen Cerny
4. Michael Cushing
5. Andrew Magill
6. Marcia McDevitt
7. Jane Plum
8. Valerie Sutter

CCFAC Member Attended Virtually- Ayeshia Quainoo (virtual)

CCFAC Members Absent: Rev. Andre Christian, Catherine Cole, Holly Dougherty, Morgan Jameson, and Daniel Sherrange.

Inter-agency county staff present: Michelle Brizzi (DPMM), Ramona Carroll (NCS), Tom Fleetwood (HCD), Laura Lazo (HCD), Chadwick Pressey (NCS), Sharon Shields (HCD), Michelle Smith (HCD), and Marla Zometsky (NCS).

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Blum at 7:00 pm.

The committee welcomed the new CCFAC member, Marcia McDevitt.

Public Hearing Session on the Consolidated Funding Pool (CCFP) FY 2027-2028 Funding Categories

CCFAC members heard from members of the public who provided comments to proposed categories for the FY 2027-2028 Consolidated Community Funding Pool. Topics discussed included: affordable housing, English literacy, need for mental health and trauma-informed approaches, self-sufficiency skill development, supportive services, suggested changes to proposed language, suggestions to maximize funding for emergency food, concerns on how new organizations can receive CCFP funding and the impact when organizations previously awarded through CCFP do not to receive an award.

The following guest speakers provided public comments in person or in written form:

1. Michael Maher, English Empowerment Center (formerly Literacy Council of Northern Virginia).
2. Dr. Ji-Young Cho, Korean Community Service Center of Greater Washington
3. Jeannine Deem Purdy, community member
4. Harmonie Taddeo, Western Fairfax Christian Ministries
5. Richard Chobot, Society of St. Vincent de Paul
6. Siddarth Shah, Green Leaf Integrative
7. Jorge Figueredo, Edu-Futuro

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8. Jowens Merone, Salvation Army

In addition to the testimony received, CCFAC members were provided with 129 comments received through the online Public Input Portal. Immediately following the speakers, CCFAC members debriefed and reviewed the current draft categories, making several changes in the overarching statement and service examples.

Regular Meeting Commenced

A. Quainoo, participated virtually from Lorton VA. M. Blum read Virtual Participation Policy.

Approval of January 14, 2025, CCFAC Meeting Summary
January 14, 2024, CCFAC Meeting Summary was approved as submitted.

Discuss Draft CCFP FY 2027-2028 Funding Categories

CCFAC Members discussed the testimony that was presented. M. Menapace recommended changing food bank to food pantry and including food deliveries in language. There was discussion surrounding the benefits and drawbacks of utilizing gift cards for food purchases, adding legal services for low/moderate income renters facing eviction, changing/adding trauma recovery services to trauma informed support services and adding bilingual to case management services.

Agreed upon changes included:

- Changing language of food bank to food bank and including deliveries as permitted use of funds
- Adding eviction prevention (legal services)
- Add trauma informed support to overarching statement on pg. 1 of document

Approval Draft CCFP FY 2027-2028 Funding Categories

M. Menapace suggested receipt of comments and testimonies being distributed with more lead time to review. M. Blum suggested including a summary or highlights of the survey.

M. Zometsky will look at the timeline for comments and at reducing the number of surveys.

Draft CCFP FY 2027-2028 Funding Categories was approved.

Discuss Board of Supervisors Public Hearing and Review Proposed FY 2026 One-Year Action Plan Changes

L. Lazo reviewed the lifecycle of the One-Year Action Plan and key actions that have taken place. The cycle is about two-thirds complete with the most recent action being the Board of Supervisors Public Hearing.

Summary of Comments from Public Hearing on FY 2026 One-Year Action Plan

L. Lazo reported there was one written testimony and one in-person testimony encouraging the Board of Supervisors to support the One-Year Action Plan. There were no comments or questions from the Board.

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Approve Submission of Proposed FY 2026 One Year Action Plan to the Board of Supervisors

CCFAC approved submission of the Proposed FY 2026 One Year Action Plan, with updates as outlined by staff and in accordance with the approved Contingency Plan, to the Board of Supervisors.

Information from Appointing Organizations

M. Menapace conveyed that the Human Services Board (HSB) Council meeting is currently scheduled to be remote but may be in person.

Other Business

M. Brizzi introduced the new DPMM staff, Karin Ventura, who will be primary point of contact for CCFP.

CCFAC requested a discussion of CCFP recommendations before they are brought to the Board of Supervisors. Marla Zometsky and Chad Pressey will share the CCFP recommendations to CCFAC at the June meeting. This follows the presentation to the Health and Human Service (HHS) Committee and is before the Board of Supervisor (BO)S meeting in June.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at **8:34 p.m.**

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Next CCFAC Meeting: June 10, 2025
Meeting at 7:30 PM, Government Center

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