

SUBSTANTIVE REVISIONS TO THE DRAFT ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN FOR FY 2020 SINCE THE JANUARY MEETING OF THE CCFAC

- **“Senior” is used throughout the document replacing some uses of “elderly” because of varying program eligibility requirements based on age.**
- **The following updates were made to the FY 2018 Highlights on pp.4-5:**
 - **Special Needs Housing:** The RHA leases 10 buildings to the CSB and the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH) to provide housing for people with special needs. The buildings are being used to provide a combined total of up to 33 beds of emergency housing, intermediate care facility housing and group housing, and up to 58 units of supportive housing, supervised supportive housing and transitional housing.
 - **Senior Housing:** A newly constructed 82-unit senior housing community was opened in October of 2018, by Wesley Housing Development Corporation, in partnership with the FCRHA, Fairfax County Government and private project partners. All of the units are for persons 62 years of age or older whose household income is at or below 50 percent of the AMI. Ten percent of the independent-living rental units are accessible for seniors with disabilities. Twenty-two of the units are federally subsidized with project based vouchers. On-site amenities include a fitness center, business center, library, media/game room and courtyard community gardening. A new separate services building is currently under construction to be opened in 2019 and will include a newly constructed senior center, an adult day health care center and two child care facilities.

- **Pages 7-10 were updated as follows:**

5. Summary of public comments

At the public hearing held by the CCFAC on November 13, 2018, citizens presented testimonies and comments concerning services for residents who are homeless, who have very low household incomes, who have limited English language proficiency, who have mental health needs, and who have disabilities. Testimonies were provided by and on behalf of the following organizations:

- 1) Financial Empowerment Center and Britepaths
- 2) Literacy Council of Northern Virginia
- 3) Herndon-Reston Friendly Instant Sympathetic Help
- 4) Annandale Christian Community for Action
- 5) Community Preservation and Development Corporation
- 6) Legal Services of Northern Virginia
- 7) Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax
- 8) Edu-Futuro
- 9) Cornerstones
- 10) Family Counseling Center of Greater Washington
- 11) Fairfax County Community Action Advisory Board

12) The Arc of Northern Virginia

13) Hartwood Foundation

The concerns, needs and priorities identified at the November 13, 2018 public hearing include:

- financial empowerment for vulnerable populations through long-term education and counseling;
- the connection between English proficiency and poverty, given that over 15% of County residents over the age of 5 do not speak English proficiently;
- the need to provide housing with wrap around services first in order to prevent/end homelessness;
- the challenges resulting from the “fear factor” that causes immigrants to decline available support and emergency assistance in order to avoid loss of their anonymity;
- the isolation of seniors from the community and needed services caused by language barriers, lack of transportation access, and/or neglect by their busy families;
- the need to connect children who reside in affordable housing communities to critical resources that are available where they live;
- the “Justice Gap” caused by the fact that people with low-incomes have little access to legal counsel to help address issues related to housing, financial stability, and education, and the fact that there is one legal aid lawyer per 7,236 low-income person in Virginia versus one lawyer per 349 for all Virginians;
- the need for more County policies, programs and public funding to ensure all residents are expending no more than 30% of income on housing;
- the fact that the Fairfax County Public School Class of 2018 had 1,031 student drop outs, of which 838 were Hispanic and 846 were Limited English Proficient students;
- the importance of empowering under-resourced immigrant families to break the cycle of poverty;
- the need to create awareness and a positive community environment to help combat mental health issues experienced by multicultural individuals and families;
- the need for more human services programs to stabilize the community and to allow the affordable housing industry to think more creatively;
- the housing barriers faced by persons with intellectual and developmental (ID/DD) disabilities for which the funding stream for in-home support services is usually a Medicaid Waiver and there are more than 2,300 currently in Fairfax County alone on the waiting list;
- the growing number of seniors who have DD and who receive support from respite and residential programs, but who also need “barrier-free” retirement options; and
- the needs for:
 - a more community perspective to engage all residents;
 - direct engagement of people with dire housing needs;
 - more housing that is affordable to low-income residents;
 - more accessible and affordable housing with supportive services for persons with ID/DD;
 - long-term case management supporting both mental and physical health issues;

- family empowerment through mental health education and counseling for youth and teenagers, parents, and seniors;
- increased the roles of the nonprofit community in housing with wrap-around services;
- nonprofits with programs that target the whole family to break the cycle of poverty;
- after-school programs within affordable housing communities that provide life skills to resident children of all ages;
- human service programs that engage families through partnerships with County schools;
- financial empowerment programs for vulnerable populations;
- more funding for wrap-around services and emergency assistance to the community, especially for those difficult to reach;
- affordable language and literacy programs for extremely limited-English speaking adults;
- available civil legal services that meet needs of low-income residents; and
- influencing other levels of government to become part of a more collaborative/creative solution and expanding efforts to intersect with other important County opportunities.

At the public hearing held by the Board of Supervisors on March 19, 2019, both oral and written testimonies were received from and on behalf of the (1) Jeanette Widdle, Fairfax County resident, (2) Edu-Futuro, (3) Ray Lonnett, Principal of E. Barbour Hutchison Elementary School, (4) Food & Friends and (2) the Fairfax Area Disability Services Board. Chairman Sharon Bulova invited all interested persons to present testimony about the Draft FY 2020 One-Year Action Plan. The needs and priorities discussed at the March 19, 2019 public hearing included:

- More attention should be given to the needs of patients who are suffering from pain. The CDC guidelines should be revised and doctors should not be made afraid to prescribe pain medications. Many patients left without medications for torturous pain either suffer unreasonably, turn to illegal drugs or commit suicide.
- There is a need for more housing opportunities for persons with mental illness and others who are unable to live on their own. Consideration should be given to raising funds for this purpose by raising funds through the following types of activities:
 - requesting volunteer one penny donations by personal property taxpayers,
 - distributing affordable housing donation forms with the distributions of lottery winnings,
 - setting up penny jars in retail stores and restaurants which attract donations by allowing donors of \$50 or more to add their names to a list for chances to win small monetary prizes; and
 - conduct fundraising for housing activities through public schools.
- There should be more education of the public about the need for affordable housing because only those in need of the housing know.
- Fairfax County should continue to support the delivery of healthy meals to persons with serious illnesses.
- The number of units set-aside for persons with physical disabilities should be increased from 5% to 10% in all newly constructed housing.
- The county should adopt universal design practices for all future builds.
- The successful Home Repair for the Elderly Program (HREP), currently benefiting homeowners only, should be expanded to include assistance to renters who are older adults or have a disability.

- Resources should be allocated for increase efforts to educate the public, including housing providers, about the rights and responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act.
- The programs and services offered through Edu-Futuro are very important and successful, including:
 - help immigrant parents be involved with the education of their children,
 - program teaches parents how to communicate with their student children, improve parenting skills, build family strength and prevent destructive behaviors such as substance abuse and bullying,
 - help immigrant students succeed in school and prepare for college,
 - help Immigrant parents find jobs and adjust to life in the United States, and
 - collaboration with other immigrant families for support and combined resources to find solutions to common challenges.

HCD staff also received three written testimonies in support of the multicultural youth and parent programs and services funded through the CCFP.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

All written and oral testimonies presented before or during the public hearings on November 13, 2018, and March 19, 2019 were accepted and included in the final draft Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2020 submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

7. Summary

Summary of Response to Comments Received at the Public Hearings.

The overall needs and priorities identified at the public hearings held on November 13, 2018 and March 19, 2019 are addressed by the Annual Goals and Objectives, described in AP-20 of this FY 2020 One-Year Action Plan. At the request of the Board of Supervisors in response to written testimony on behalf of the Fairfax Area Disability Services Board presented at the March 19, 2019 public hearing, staff provided additional information about the Home Repair for the Elderly Program.

• **Pages 39 was updated with the following:**

The One Fairfax Racial and Social Equity Policy and specific Areas of Focus identified in the policy include:

- Community and economic development policies and programs that promote wealth creation and ensure fair access for all people;
- Housing policies that encourage all who want to live in Fairfax to be able to do so, and the provision of a full spectrum of housing opportunities across the county, most notably those in mixed-use areas that are accessible to multiple modes of transport;

- Workforce development pathways that provide all residents with opportunity to develop knowledge and skills to participate in a diverse economy and earn sufficient income to support themselves and their families;
- A quality built and natural environment that accommodates anticipated growth and change in an economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable and equitable manner that includes mixes of land use that protects existing stable neighborhoods and green spaces, supports sustainability, supports a high quality of life,, and promotes employment opportunities, housing, amenities and services for all people.

- **The Lewinsville Center on Pages 49 was updated as follows:**

Construction of the first building was completed in FY 2019. The first building, which has been named “The Fallstead,” contains 82 units of independent living senior rental housing being leased to persons 62 years of age or older whose household income is at or below 50 percent of the AMI. The final stage of the development, construction of the community support building, will enable the provision of expanded services through existing Fairfax County Senior Center programs operated by the NCS. The community support building also will include an Adult Day Care Center and two Child Day Care Centers. Completion of the community support building is anticipated for spring 2019.