

# CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITY FUNDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

## Online Virtual Meeting

**WebEx Event Name:** CCFAC Public Needs Hearing & Business Meeting

**Public Meeting Link:** <https://bit.ly/CCFACNov2021>

**Toll-free Audio Conference:** 1-844-621-3956; enter code: 2334 509 5516 #

## MEETING SUMMARY

### Call to Order

Chairperson M. Menapace called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and provided pre-meeting instructions, including emergency procedures for electronic meetings, as authorized by FOIA and the Emergency Ordinance.

Roll Call, in the order as presented:

- Marlene Blum (Vienna, VA)
- Karen Camplin (Fairfax, VA)
- Jim Edwards-Hewitt (Fairfax, VA)
- Brenda Faison (Fairfax, VA)
- Mike Finkle (Fair Oaks, VA)
- Mary Ann Floto (Ohio)
- Michele (Cookie) Hymer-Blitz (Herndon, VA)
- Lenore Kelly (Fairfax, VA)
- Michele Menapace (Fairfax, VA)
- Valerie Sutter (Annandale, VA)
- Jane Plum (Yorktown, VA)

Guest Speaker present: Michael Mahrer (Falls Church, VA)

Inter-agency County staff present on WebEx: Michelle Brizzi (DPMM); Ramona Carroll (NCS); Jenny Hsu (DHCD); Andrew Janos (DPMM); Laura Lazo (DHCD); Beverly Moses (DHCD); Lee Ann Pender (DPMM); John Ruthinoski (DFS); and Lori Wymore-Kirkland (JDRDC)

Chairperson M. Menapace moved that each member's voice be adequately heard by each other member of the committee.

Chairperson M. Menapace moved that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and emergency procedures authorized by FOIA and the Emergency Ordinance, this committee meeting is being conducted electronically online through WebEx.

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## Public Hearing on Housing and Community Development Needs

*Speaker #1: Michael Mahrer, Director of Development and Public Relations, Literacy Council of Northern Virginia (LCNV)*

### Summary Highlights and Issue:

- English literacy is an essential for low-income, beginning-level English learning immigrants to gain employment, access information, manage their health, and support their children's learning. The importance of literacy has become even more apparent as low-income families navigate COVID-19 impacts.
- 13.6% of Fairfax County residents understand little to no English. 1 in 17 adults in Northern Virginia do not speak English proficiently. 51% of county's elementary school students live in homes where English is not the primary language, and 5.7% of all county households are limited English-speaking households.
- Fairfax County providers across the assistance network, brought together to respond to the pandemic, collectively recognized that those most in need of social services were not being reached due to issues of trust, stigma, and language barriers.
- In Fairfax County, 6.2% residents in poverty, which is currently \$26,500 for a family of four. According to the MIT Living Wage Calculator in Fairfax County a family of four would need is over \$80,000 to meet actual expenses, and in the current crisis, inequities for English language learners are more extreme than ever. Low-income workers typically have less sick leave, have fewer options to telework and to social distance.
- The World Education organization studies have concluded that programs designed to boost academic achievement of children from low-income neighborhoods would be more successful if simultaneously provided education to parents. There are very few places in Fairfax County that an adult can find affordable beginning-level English and funding opportunities for these programs are few.

### Action Requested:

- Adult Language and Literacy Education is a key human service need. The CCFAC should support the continuation of its decision to include Literacy/Educational Development/Attainment as one of its categories.

## Approval of the September 14, 2021 CCFAC Meeting Summary

On the motion of Chairperson M. Menapace, the committee approved the September 14, 2021 CCFAC Meeting Summary, as corrected.

## Debrief of CCFAC Public Needs Hearing

B. Moses summarized the comprehensive public notification activities conducted by staff leading up to the CCFAC Public Hearing on Housing and Community Development Needs (Public Needs Hearing). Members discussed ways to increase public

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participation in future hearings, but also noted that this year's public notice efforts were the most extensive seen by the committee in recent years. Additionally, the committee should ensure hearings are not schedule on a same day as a Board public hearing.

## **FY 2023 One-Year Action Plan Update**

B. Moses reported that the development of the draft FY 2023 One-Year Action Plan is underway and on schedule. The Working Advisory Group (WAG) will meet in early December and the WAG's draft budget recommendations on how anticipated federal resources will be utilized will be presented to the committee during the December 14<sup>th</sup> CCFAC meeting. Currently all grantees, such as Fairfax County, of the federal CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs, have not yet received their notice of their final FY 2023 grant allocations from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD notification is anticipated to occur in early 2022. Until such time, county staff will use the county's awarded FY 2022 grant allocations amounts as a place holder estimate in the draft FY 2023 One-Year Action Plan and the draft WAG budget. Once notice of FY 2023 allocations are received, adjustment to these documents will be made based on the contingency plan adopted by the CCFAC for the Action Plan.

## **Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP) RFP Update**

M. Brizzi reported on FY 2023-2024 CCFP RFP pre-proposal conferences held on September 7, 2021. The Emergency Food and Housing RFP conference hosted roughly 46 attendees and the Non-emergency Services and Programs RFP conference hosted over 122 attendees. M. Brizzi also announced that Fairfax County DPMM will publish the Final RFP Addendum for the public by November 12, 2021. The FY 2023-2024 CCFP RFPs will close on December 2, 2021 and currently the training for the Selection Advisory Committee (SAC) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) being assembled by staff, and evaluations of RFP submissions will begin in January 2022.

## **Information from Appointing Organizations**

M. Finkel reported that the Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH) is perusing efforts to co-locate or relocate homeless shelters to different sites throughout the county due to the conditions of the current sites. These efforts continue to be met by community opposition and CCFAC members are encouraged to provide support for finding locations.

## **Other Business**

None reported.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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**Next CCFAC Meeting: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. (Virtual)**

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