CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITY FUNDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Pkwy
Fairfax, Virginia 22035
Conference Room 4/5

Meeting Summary

CCFAC Members Present:

1. Marlene Blum (Chair)
2. Michele Menapace (Vice Chair)
3. Michael Cushing
4. Holly Hicks Dougherty
5. Brenda Faison
6. Mike Finkle
7. Mary Ann Floto
8. Morgan Jameson
9. Andrew Magill
10. Jane Plum
11. Dan Sherrange
12. Valerie Sutter
13. Reverend Andre Christian

CCFAC Members Absent: Joanne Collins, Ayeshia Quainoo

Inter-agency county staff present: Sherryn Craig (HCD), Laura Lazo (HCD), Callahan Seltzer (HCD) and Marla Zometsky (NCS).

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Blum at 7:02 pm

Public Hearing on Housing and Community Development Needs
Approximately 29 residents attended (21 in person and 8 virtual), which included 15 speakers and 4 submitting written testimony. Topics discussed included: affordable housing, behavioral health services, citizen participation, community center/staffing, emergency/temporary housing, English literacy, eviction prevention, food insecurity, homeless prevention, legal aid services, local rental subsidy program, rent relief/rent control, self-sufficiency skill development (e.g., job training, financial literacy), supportive services, and rent/utility assistance.

The following guest speakers provided public comment:

1. Michael Mahrer, Senior Director of Advancement, English Empowerment Center (formerly Literacy Council of Northern Virginia)
2. Diane Checkon, Financial Empowerment Client, Britepaths
3. Marianela Funes, Community Organizer, Tenants and Workers United (TWU)
4. Keren Croasdaile, Community Member, Tenants and Workers United (TWU)
5. Juan Rivas, Community Member, Tenants and Workers United (TWU)
6. Harmonie Taddeo, Executive Director, Western Fairfax Christian Ministries
7. Jerry Poje, PhD, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax
8. Mary Paden, Fairfax NAACP Housing Committee
9. Diana Ortega, Senior Finance and HR Manager, Former Client, Britepaths
10. Alison D. Flanagan, United Community
11. Nayely Lopez, Strategy Manager, Opportunity Neighborhoods – Annandale, FACETS
12. Hunter Doe, Resident

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13. Stephanie Santiago, Community Organizer, Centreville
14. Brook Winter, Fairfax Resource Center
15. Itzia Vazquez, Community Organizer

The following individuals provided written statements:

1. Sue Mairena, President, Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA)
2. Precious Burger, Resident, Retired FCPS teacher
3. Deb Haynes, Executive Director, Food for Others
4. Pam Michell, Resident, NAACP Housing Committee Member, and Continuum of Care Advisory Committee Member

Approval of September 10, 2024, CCFAC Meeting Summary
September 10, 2024, CCFAC Meeting Summary was approved as corrected, with one abstention.

Debrief of Public Needs Hearing
CCFAC members were pleased with this year's public hearing turnout and discussed the testimony that was presented. Members asked about the status of the two homeless shelters that received bond funding to finance construction. Further discussion and a presentation will be scheduled for the December CCFAC meeting. Members also discussed the County's 2025 Legislative Program and the expansion of local authority to support rent control as well as a locally funded housing subsidy to provide rent relief. Questions about North Hill, how the property was developed, advertised, and leased were also discussed. In summary, speakers' testimony addressed Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP) issues; few items fell under the consolidated plan.

Bylaws to enact All-Virtual & Remote Meeting Policy
CCFAC unanimously adopted the revised All-Virtual and Remote Meeting policies which will be incorporated into CCFAC's Bylaws.

FY 2026 One-Year Action Plan
Key Actions for the FY 2026 One-Year Action Plan cycle were distributed. The Working Advisory Group (WAG) will convene to review and make recommendations for FY 2026 CDBG, HOME Investment Partnership, and ESG allocations. A draft plan will be circulated to CCFAC members in December. In January, CCFAC will advertise the draft plan for public hearing. In February, the Board of Supervisors will authorize a public hearing to be held in March. It is projected that HUD will make its allocations in April-May. If the estimated grant award amounts that form the basis for the WAG's recommendations are different than the actual HUD grant awards, then the Contingency Plan will be applied.

Board of Supervisors Budget Guidance Work Group
M. Zometsky informed CCFAC members that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors gave guidance to county staff to convene a workgroup with respect to the CCFP. This process will be managed by Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS) staff.

The purpose of this workgroup is to provide insight on several key questions: what level of resources are needed and the structure for the most efficient method to deliver CCFP funding for innovative services and core basic needs.

The workgroup's effort will inform the recommendations made by county staff to the Board of Supervisors. The workgroup is anticipated to convene between mid-October to mid-November.

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A third-party consultant will help the workgroup and internal staff that work on the CCFP process to collectively work on recommendations that the staff can take back to the Board.

Other Business

H. Hicks Dougherty shared the purchase of Good Shepherd's 100th home. Good Shepherd has been a vital partner on the Route 1/Richmond Highway corridor and has transformed neighborhoods through homeownership.

D. Sherrange shared that the CSB is working to identify regional partners to acquire property to construct receiving and crisis response centers.

M. Menapace shared that the Human Services Council is organizing another summit for HHS-affiliated BACs and community service providers for Saturday, November 23 (tentative) to make recommendations on the Innovation Fund to address unmet needs, new service delivery models, and/or creative funding mechanisms to leverage bigger dollars outside of the county.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

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