

# Fairfax County Celebrates Community Development Week April 2 - 6, 2018





## Message from the Sharon Bulova, Chairman Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

#### **Community Development Week**

Over the years, Fairfax County has observed Community
Development Week each spring in order to focus attention on
the importance of the federal Community Development Block
Grant (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME)
Program, of which the county receives over \$6 million annually.

This year, Community Development Week is being recognized from April 2 through April 6. Throughout the county, programs funded by CDBG and HOME funds provide and preserve decent affordable housing, neighborhood improvements, economic revitalization, community facilities and critical public services. These services primarily benefit thousands of low and moderate income residents, the homeless, the elderly and persons with disabilities. Community Development Week provides an opportunity to also focus on and recognize the efforts of our nonprofit partners and the thousands of beneficiaries of this federal funding provided to the county.

Sharon Bulova, Chairman

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

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#### What is CDBG and HOME?

The CDBG Program was enacted in 1974 to support development of viable urban communities by providing affordable housing and suitable living environments and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income.

The HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) provides formula grants to States and localities that communities use - often in partnership with local nonprofit groups - to fund a wide range of activities including building, buying, and/or rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or homeownership or providing direct rental assistance to low-income people.

Fairfax County has received more than \$220 million in CDBG funding and \$50 million in HOME. Through programs that provide affordable housing and community requirements and services, CDBG and HOME funding has benefitted thousands of low and moderate income residents including the homeless, the elderly and persons with disabilities.

### How does Fairfax County use CDBG and HOME funding?

CDBG and HOME funds are a significant portion of the county's Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP), which consists of competitive grants and awards to community-based non-profit organizations to support critical human services, housing and community development.

Over the past few years, CDBG and HOME has sustained significant and continuous budget cuts. Nevertheless, CDBG and HOME funding remains essential to the strong partnerships established over the past 43 years (CDBG) among federal, state, and local governments, nonprofits, private entities and community residents. CDBG and HOME has been effective in leveraging other financial and in-kind resources, including devoted volunteer hours. Fairfax County and other jurisdictions participating in the CDBG and HOME programs around the county have made significant progress in developing and preserving stronger and more vibrant communities.













#### LITTLE RIVER GLEN

Fairfax County utilized CDBG, HOME, and CDBG-Recovery economic stimulus funds for rehabilitation of units at this 120-unit senior housing development. CDBG and HOME funds were used for various tasks including painting, flooring and countertop replacement, foundation work, plumbing, HVAC system work, and more recently, installation of an emergency back-up generator and undertaking critical balcony repair work. CDBG-Recovery funds were used for the replacement of siding that had deteriorated and for drainage improvements.









#### **HERNDON HARBOR HOUSE**

Fairfax County utilized HOME funds for the construction of 120 units of affordable housing for seniors at Herndon Harbor, located in the Town of Herndon. More recently, CDBG funds were used for the installation of an emergency back-up generator. Fairfax County has cooperative agreements with the Towns of Herndon, Clifton, and Vienna and the City of Fairfax enabling HOME and CDBG funds to be spent on projects in these localities.







### **GUM SPRINGS GLEN**

Fairfax County utilized CDBG and HOME funds for the acquisition of land and new construction of 60 units of affordable housing for seniors. Gum Springs Glen is located in the Alexandria part of Fairfax County in the historic Gum Springs area.







#### **COAN POND**

HOME funds were used to convert office space into 19 units of single room occupancy housing for low-income working single persons. The housing is located on the ground floor of the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority's main office building in Fairfax.











#### **MONDLOCH PLACE**

Mondloch Place, formerly the Mondloch House II homeless shelter, is owned by the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA) and located in Alexandria, VA. Consistent with the goals of the county's Ten-Year Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness and the Housing Blueprint, Mondloch Place is now a residential studio facility.

This project was funded by the Board of Supervisors using a combination of federal CDBG, HOME, and CDBG Economic Development Initative resources, in addition to the county's Housing Trust Fund. Mondloch Place provides permanent supportive housing for 19 formerly homeless single adults.



#### **KATE'S PLACE**

Kate's Place is a new permanent supportive housing option owned by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Located on the campus of the county's Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter, Kate's Place serves Fairfax County families who have experienced chronic or frequent homelessness and are in need of supportive services.











#### **MOTHER OF MERCY HOUSE**

Marian Homes, a non-profit organization, competed for and was awarded CDBG funding through a Request for Proposals process. CDBG funds were used for the acquisition of a home located in the City of Fairfax to house five adults with intellectual disabilities and extremely low incomes. On June 17, 2016, Marian Homes celebrated the grand opening of Mother of Mercy House, helping an extremely low-income special needs population and helping meet the Fairfax County Housing Blueprint goal of providing affordable housing options to the special needs population.



#### **BURKE ROAD**

Fairfax County provided \$300,000 in CDBG funds to finance the acquisition of a one acre land parcel by Community Havens, Inc. for the construction of a 4,250 ft<sup>2</sup> group home with therapeutic gardens. Construction was financed by a private bank. The single story group home was designed and constructed to meet all ADA requirements, making it fully accessible. The home provides affordable housing with individualized supportive services for six tenants who have developmental/intellectual disabilities and receive Medicaid Waiver benefits.



#### **RIDGE FORD**

Community Havens leveraged \$448,892 in CDBG funding with additional financing from the Virginia Housing Trust Fund to acquire and convert a five bedroom home into affordable Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible group home with supportive services for four adults with developmental/intellectual disabilities.



#### **COLCHESTER TOWNES**

Consistently with the commitment of Fairfax County to support the development and preservation of "Livable, Caring and Affordable Communities" for our children, seniors and workforce, Fairfax County has provided over \$1.5 million in CDBG and HOME funding to Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services, Inc. to acquire 28 apartment style units in condominium communities which were deteriorating due in part to neglect by absentee landlords. With the help of the federal community development funds, Fairfax County and Good Shepherd are partnering to preserve existing affordable units, increase the number of affordable units and improve the community.



#### **COPPERMINE**

CDBG funds were used by the non-profit organization Wesley Housing Development Corporation for the acquisition of a site and for site improvements for the construction of 22 units of fully accessible affordable housing for people with physical disabilities and 66 units of senior housing. Coppermine is located in the Herndon area of Fairfax County.



#### **NORTH POINT APARTMENTS - CORNERSTONES**

CDBG as well as HOME funds were used by the non-profit organization Cornerstones Housing Corporation (CHC) for the acquisition of North Point Apartments in Reston, Virginia, a 48-unit apartment complex. CHC's goal is to obtain a resident income mix in which 50 percent of the residents have incomes at or below 50 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI) and 50 percent are below 60 percent of AMI. CDBG-R economic stimulus funds were used by CHC for rehabilitation at North Point that included interior work to ground floor units and exterior work to the entire property to comply with accessibility standards.

"The CDBG funding that we receive from Fairfax County is the foundation upon which are Housing Stability programming is built. We would not be able to serve more than 380 residents in Fairfax County without it."

- Shelley S. Murphy, President/CEO Wesley Housing Development Corporation

"CDBG and HOME are critical in helping us address housing needs for seniors, people with disabilities, and working families in Fairfax County."

- Kerrie Wilson, CEO Cornerstones

"Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services has been very fortunate in receiving HOME funds. This funding has made a difference in the lives and housing of so many low-income working families and individuals."

- David Levine
Executive Director
Good Shepherd Housing



