

Community Provider Strategy Team (CPST)  
Information Session Notes  
June 16, 2022

**1. Welcome and Agenda Overview – Sarah Allen**

**2. COVID-19 Pandemic Basic Needs Coordination and Response FY2023 Emergency Rental Assistance Update-Sarah Allen and Keisha Dotson**

- a. A PowerPoint presentation was shared as an opportunity for community and county stakeholders to learn about the closing out of the existing Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) 2 program and the county's plans for future Rental Assistance including eligibility criteria, application processes, available resources, etc.
- b. Additional information to note including the questions during and after the presentation:
  - i. Pre-pandemic, households were able to receive 1-2 months with Community Based Organization (CBO) Private and Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP) Funds. When the pandemic started, households were able to get up to 6 months of assistance with CDBG and CARES funds, then households were able to receive up to 18 months of assistance with ERA federal funds. The ERA Bridge Program could provide up to 3 months of assistance. Support will be moving towards the new normal, looking to return to 1-2 months of assistance per household by FY 24.
  - ii. Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS) is not closing down support to residents; no new cases for ERA 2 funding will be taken after June 30<sup>th</sup> and will transition to the ERA Bridge Program July 1<sup>st</sup>. Applications eligible for ERA 2 funds by June 30<sup>th</sup> will be completed using those funds.
  - iii. NCS will be replicating relationships with contracted partners with the ERA Bridge Program.
  - iv. Health and Human Services COVID-19 Response Updates including spending details can be found on the County COVID website: [hhs-update.pdf \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hhs-update.pdf)
  - v. NCS will assess for sustainability of housing on a case-by-case basis for eligibility for the ERA Bridge Program which could include employment and either directly or indirectly impacted by COVID and there was a reduction of income.
  - vi. In FY23, from the \$4 million of CCFP totals that is what is included, it is not an additional \$4 million. CCFP works in tandem with private funding, federal funding will be spent down first. More information will be shared when available and will work with CBO's.
  - vii. It is anticipated that all the ERA funding will be spent by the end of August 2022.
  - viii. If clients are in a situation where there is no stability in housing and in the eviction process, NCS will access to try to build a package with other funding and means; households may need to make hard decisions for next steps. The last resort is to recommend a shelter with prevention and case management supports. As we have been using the pandemic resources for the past few years, people have exhausted resources available, and discussions are being had to

figure out next steps. Legislative office, Federal, and State partners are looking and applying for more resources that are sustainable and strategically applied.

- ix. For questions, please contact [Sarah.Allen@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Sarah.Allen@fairfaxcounty.gov) or [Keisha.Dotson@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Keisha.Dotson@fairfaxcounty.gov)

### **3. Non-Profit Sustainability Grants-Sarah White**

- a. A PowerPoint presentation was shared regarding the 2022 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Nonprofit Sustainability Grants.
- b. Additional information to note including questions during and after the presentation:
  - i. The Board of Supervisors has asked staff to initiate another round of non-profit sustainability grants.
  - ii. The process is not first come, first served; the application process will allow for adequate time to apply with a simplified process.
  - iii. Communications will go out through CPST, County Public Affairs, Other listservs and a website created specifically for these grants.
  - iv. No grant funds can be used to pay debts to close the business or start a new business, and no grant funds can be used for direct client assistance.
  - v. A social safety net organization is one which provides services in one or more of the FY20-21 categories for the CCFP funding cycle and whose primary focus is on serving people from communities who are more vulnerable to self-sufficiency problems, including people with limited income; immigrants and refugees; people with disabilities; and people who are historically subject to disparate access to opportunities.
  - vi. Categories for the FY20-21 CCFP funding cycle are financial stability; food and nutrition; housing; positive behaviors and healthy relationships; literacy and educational development; support and community/social networks.
  - vii. All volunteer organizations are eligible to apply.
- c. For questions, please contact [sarah.white@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:sarah.white@fairfaxcounty.gov)

### **4. Health Department Update-Sharon Arndt**

- a. [Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\) | Health \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#)
  - i. Fairfax County is currently at Medium Community-Level transmission, at this level, if someone is at high risk of negative consequences from COVID, they are recommended to consult with their provider for actions to mitigate risk. This is a personal choice. Staying home when sick and testing is recommended.
  - ii. Case counts have started to level off, 380 cases/day down from over 600/day in March.
  - iii. Over 900,000 residents have received their primary dose of vaccine, 60% of youth aged 5-11 have been vaccinated.
  - iv. Encouraging boosters, 50-60% of the population have had one booster. 90% of older adults have received their boosters. The primary series plus the booster is the best protection for the COVID strains in the community.
  - v. More information will be rolling out about COVID vaccine (Baby Pfizer) for ages 6 months-5 years next week. The Health Department recommends contacting pediatricians first but will still be a source for all vaccines. Pharmacists cannot vaccinate under 3 years old, but some minute clinics are able, residents will need to reach out to verify to those private companies. [www.vaccine.gov](http://www.vaccine.gov) is also a source for information regarding vaccine.

- vi. It is a priority that school-aged children are vaccinated with routine vaccines in time for school in August. The pandemic has caused disruptions in medical appointments, children are behind in normal childhood vaccines over 15,000 children are under vaccinated, the HD will not have the capacity to handle this number in August. The HD is asking to share this information. More information regarding Childhood and Required Vaccines can be found on the Health Departments website:  
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/immunization/child> and Immunization locations can be found here:  
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/immunization/locations>

**5. Fairfax County Public Schools Announcements-Kathy Ryan**

- a. FCPS E-Newsletter (last one for the summer): <https://www.fcps.edu/blog/fcps-week-e-newsletter-june-15-2022>
  - i. Includes information about:
    - 1. Free Tutoring for the summer- [Tutor.com - Online Tutoring Services | Fairfax County Public Schools \(fcps.edu\)](#)
    - 2. Summer Meals-6 sites with package meals available for pick-up
    - 3. Free and Reduced Meal applications will be promoted in July, families will need to apply for next year.
    - 4. Immunization communications about requirements
    - 5. Mental Wellness Consultations
    - 6. Multi-lingual podcast on how to keep children active
    - 7. Sign-up to receive future editions

**6. Wrap Up & Summary – Elisa Lueck**