

Arlington County FY2018 Action Plan Citizen Summary

What is the Action Plan?

The Annual Action Plan is a document required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that provides a summary of the actions, activities, and specific resources that will be used over the next year to address priority needs and specific goals identified in the Five Year Consolidated Plan.

Arlington County's 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan, completed April 2015, identified housing and community development priorities. The Community Development Fund (CDF) was established to support programs that contribute to accomplishing the goals of the Consolidated Plan. The CDF consists of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and local Affordable Housing Investment Fund (AHIF) Housing Services funds.

This Citizen Summary provides a snapshot of Arlington's community development needs, and describes strategies that the County will undertake over the next year to meet intended goals.

New Programs and Initiatives

In addition to funding ongoing economic development and public service programs, the FY 2018 Community Development Fund provides funding for several new programs.

- ▶ **Emerging Leaders, Edu-Futuro:** The purpose of this program is to encourage immigrant middle and high school youth to achieve academically and grow as leaders by providing after-school programming and empowering them to pursue higher education.
- ▶ **Technology Literacy, APAH:** Technology literacy workshops and classes will enable low-income residents to strengthen technology skills, such as using smartphone apps, internet research, and keyboarding and software skills, to enhance family stability and promote increased self-sufficiency.
- ▶ **Small Business Development & Microlending, LEDC:** LEDC will provide linguistically and culturally competent economic development services for low- and moderate-income aspiring entrepreneurs and existing small business owners.

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Funding Snapshot

Federal Sources	
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$1,198,566
HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)	\$557,945
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)	\$175,000
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) TANF	\$70,550
Local Sources	
Affordable Housing Investment Fund (AHIF) Housing Services	\$200,000
Total	\$2,202,061

The above figures represent federal and local funding sources for FY2018. These numbers do not directly correspond to the Program Table amounts (Page 3). The Program Table reflects direct spending amounts for programs and services in FY2018.



Mural painted by BUGATA's Buckingham Youth Brigade students

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Housing & Community Development Needs | Goals | Strategies

Goal 1: Create and Sustain Affordable Housing

- ▶ Between 2000 and 2013, the average home sale price in Arlington increased by 140.3 percent while the average rent increased by 90.9 percent.
- ▶ More than 20,600 of renter households (40 percent) are cost burdened.
- ▶ In 2000, average rent was \$1,013; by 2013 the average rent had nearly doubled to \$1,934.

Goal 1 focuses on increasing the supply and improving the quality of rental or owner-occupied housing. This includes developing, preserving, and rehabilitating affordable rental housing, including permanent supportive housing; rehabilitating or repairing rental housing; improving owner-occupied housing; and assisting households to become homeowners.

Goal 2: Promote Healthy and Self-Sufficient Families

- ▶ Of the Arlington residents who are cost burdened, certain populations face more pressing challenges including elderly households, racial or ethnic minority households, families with children, persons with disabilities, and low-income households.
- ▶ 30-50 percent of jobs in the Washington metro are middle-skilled, but the number of skilled employees able to fill these jobs is lagging.
- ▶ Most common barriers to starting a small business as identified by residents include lack of business planning skills, language and cultural barriers, and limited access to capital.
- ▶ An estimated 22,000 Arlington residents do not have health insurance.

Goal 2 focuses on helping residents succeed, both financially and physically, enabling them to maximize self-sufficiency. This includes supporting programs that focus on skills development, job training, microenterprise assistance and small business development; as well as programs that help individuals and families develop and build assets through financial education and literacy programs; and services that help create and maintain physical, social and financial well-being.

Goal 3: Stabilize Households at Risk of Homelessness

- ▶ Arlington County's 2016 Point-In-Time count decreased 66 percent from nearly 600 in 2008 to 174 in 2016. While the number of Arlingtonians who are literally homeless has decreased, housing retention, either post-shelter or after eviction prevention/crisis stabilization services have been provided, remains an ongoing challenge.
- ▶ In FY 2016, Arlington became the second jurisdiction in the country to achieve "functional zero" for homeless veterans. However, the County is still working to reach "functional zero" for chronically homeless individuals.

Goal 3 focuses on supporting individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness. This includes providing permanent supportive housing for homeless persons with disabilities, rapidly rehousing homeless persons through case management and/or rental subsidies, preventing households from becoming homeless, and providing emergency housing for persons who are not able to be diverted.

Goal 4: Foster Vibrant and Sustainable Neighborhoods

- ▶ 11 Arlington census tracts have a population that is at least 65 percent low- or moderate-income (LMI); 15 census tracts are between 51-65 percent LMI, and 18 census tracts are between 36-50 percent LMI.
- ▶ Outreach and education to low- and moderate-income residents, particularly those with primary languages other than English, has been identified as a priority, specifically in tenant issues, homeownership counseling, and home improvement resources.

Goal 4 focuses on activities that foster safe, well-maintained housing and neighborhoods. This includes inspecting units to ensure safe and energy efficient housing; providing technical assistance and referrals to tenants, landlords, and homeowners; conducting events and workshops on fair housing issues, code enforcement, and homeownership; and neighborhood cleanups.

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FY2018 Community Development Fund Program Table

	Activity	Organization, Program	Amount and Source	Expected Accomplishment
Goal 1	1.1 Increase the supply of committed affordable units, including 10% permanent supportive housing	▶ Multifamily Revolving Loan Fund	\$86,991 (CDBG)	To be determined.
	1.2 Improve owner occupied housing	▶ Rebuilding Together, Home Repair	\$70,000 (CDBG)	15 properties rehabilitated
		▶ VoAC, Improvements to Intellectual Disabilities Group Home	\$50,000 (CDBG)	Group home brought up to code
	1.3 Rehab or repair rental housing including energy conservation	▶ ACE, Energy Masters	\$20,000 (CDBG)	75 CAFs receive improved energy efficiency
	1.4 Homeownership assistance	▶ AHOME, Achieve Your Dream	\$35,000 (CDBG)	30 first time homebuyers
Goal 2	2.1 Provide job training / skills development	▶ Arlington Employment Center (AEC) Training Programs	\$170,015 (CDBG, CSBG, CSBG TANF)	154 individuals trained
		▶ B2i, Bridge to Work	\$20,000 (CSBG TANF)	7 enrolled, 5 finish program
		▶ Goodwill, Career Navigation	\$35,000 (CDBG)	21 enrolled, 12 finish program
		▶ NVFS, Training Futures	\$20,000 (CDBG)	25 enrolled, 21 finish program
		▶ OAR, Employment Program	\$35,000 (CSBG, CSBG TANF)	42 enrolled, 14 finish program
	2.2 Technical and financial assistance for microenterprise business owners	▶ EDG, Micro-Enterprise Loan Program	\$45,000 (CDBG)	10 loans; 33 businesses
		▶ LEDC, Small Business Development	\$40,000 (CDBG)	8 loans; 25 business assisted
	2.3 Reduce barriers to unemployment such as lack of transportation, literacy skills, affordable childcare, or legal issues	▶ APAH, Technology Literacy	\$15,000 (AHIF)	11 residents assisted
		▶ Just Neighbors, Immigrant Legal	\$20,000 (CSBG)	53 families assisted
		▶ LAJC, Immigrant Advocacy	\$20,000 (CSBG)	132 individuals assisted
		▶ SEEC, Day Laborer Program	\$222,550 (Gen. Fund)	100 workers assisted / month
	2.4 Building assets through financial literacy, credit counseling	▶ APAH, Springs Resident Services	\$20,000 (AHIF)	50 residents assisted
		▶ VCE, Money Smarts	\$29,500 (AHIF)	141 participants
	2.5 Support increased educational attainment for low and moderate income residents, including youth	▶ AEC, Project Discovery	\$30,000 (CSBG)	52 youth participants
▶ BUGATA, Buckingham Youth Brigade		\$20,000 (CDBG)	15-20 youth participants	
▶ Edu-Futuro, Emerging Leaders		\$20,000 (CDBG)	40 youth participants	
▶ Liberty's Promise, Empower Immigrant Youth		\$20,000 (CDBG)	37 youth participants	
▶ WHDC, Building Communities of Promise		\$24,000 (CDBG)	25 individuals assisted	
2.6 Support increased access to health and community resources	▶ CRI, Mental Health Transitions	\$25,000 (CDBG)	17 individuals assisted	
	▶ CRI, Stabilization Technology	\$25,000 (AHIF)	9 Dolly Madison residents assisted	
	▶ CRI, Technology for Independence	\$20,000 (AHIF)	6 Springs residents assisted	
	▶ Northern Virginia Dental Clinic	\$20,000 (CSBG)	162 individuals assisted	
Goal 3	3.1 Provide permanent supportive housing for homeless persons with disabilities	▶ ASPAN, Supportive Housing Project	\$45,000 (AHIF)	8 individuals assisted
	3.2 Rapidly rehouse homeless persons through case management and rental subsidy	▶ Arlington Thrive - Landlord Risk Reduction Fund	\$25,500 (AHIF)	44 individuals obtain housing
	3.3 Prevent homelessness for households	▶ AHC, Eviction Prevention	\$20,000 (CDBG)	70 households assisted
▶ Arlington Thrive, Daily Fund		\$20,000 (AHIF)	1,250 individuals assisted	
▶ VOAC, Diversion Homeless Services		\$20,000 (CDBG)	80 residents assisted	
Goal 4	4.1 CAFs inspected to ensure, safe, decent and energy efficient	▶ Arlington County, CAF Services Program	\$85,323 (CDBG)	270 units inspected; 7 HIP units rehabilitated
	4.2 Technical assistance, referrals to tenants, landlords, homeowners	▶ Arlington County, Housing Services/Outreach Program	\$128,912 (CDBG)	211 persons served
	4.3 Educate community on fair housing, code enforcement, homeownership with workshops, expos, fairs			1,000 persons served
	4.4 Neighborhood Cleanups			1,100 persons served
	4.5 Small Grants Program	▶ Arlington County Housing Division	\$5,000 (CDBG)	1,000 persons served

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Fair Housing Initiatives

In 2015, Arlington County identified several barriers to fair housing in its Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing. Barriers to fair housing and action steps that will be taken in FY2018 to address these barriers include:

Limited supply of affordable housing for residents with disabilities:

- ▶ Arlington County's Affordable Housing Master Plan provides that 10 percent of new affordable units should be permanent supportive housing.
- ▶ Rebuilding Together supports elderly and disabled homeowners by providing accessibility improvements and repairs for their homes.
- ▶ Community Residences, Inc. provide technology for residents with intellectual disabilities to help them live independently.
- ▶ A-SPAN to provide case management support to new permanent supportive housing units.

Residents have limited knowledge of rights and of the complaints process:

- ▶ Arlington County's Housing Outreach Program will conduct a minimum of two fair housing workshops that will educate residents on their rights, the fair housing complaint process and other information to increase awareness of fair housing laws.

Residents face language barriers when seeking services:

- ▶ Arlington County's Language Policy makes accommodation for limited English speaking clients by accessing translation resources and utilizing staff who are familiar with and proficient in several languages.

Residents face individual barriers, such as poor credit history and criminal background:

- ▶ VCE to deliver financial literacy courses to help low-income individuals to increase self-sufficiency and reduce barriers to obtaining housing.
- ▶ Arlington Landlord Risk Reduction Fund creates financial incentives for landlords to lessen leasing restrictions for individuals with housing barriers.
- ▶ LAJC and Just Neighbors provide legal services for immigrants facing wage theft, naturalization or work authorization issues.



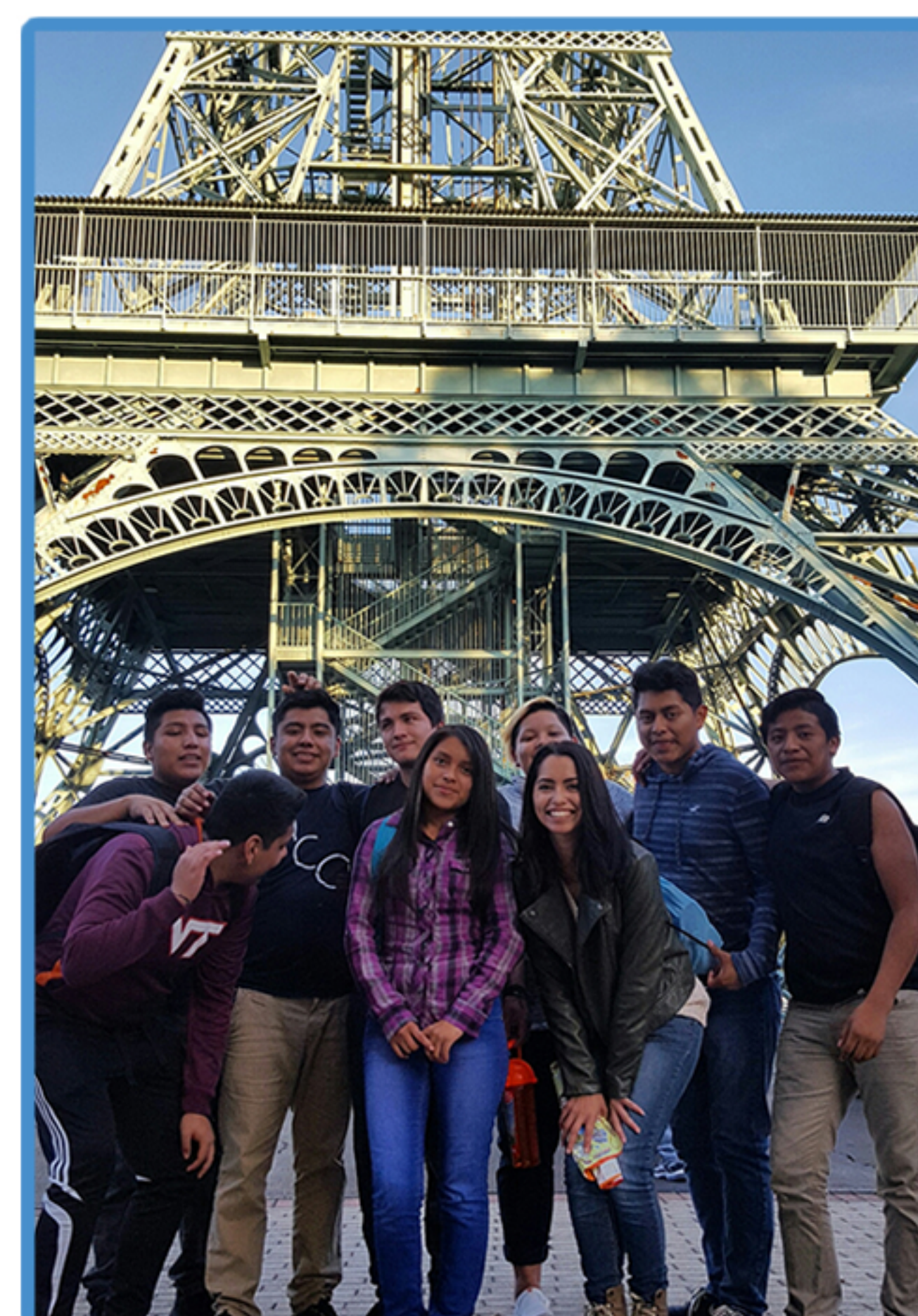
WHDC Afterschool Programs



Rebuilding Together Volunteers



VCE Money Smarts Program Graduates



BUGATA's Buckingham Youth Brigade

Opportunities for Public Comment

CDCAC / Housing Commission
Action Plan Public Hearing
March 1, 2017 | 6:30 pm
Courthouse Plaza, Room 311

County Board Budget Hearing
March 28, 2017 | 7:00 pm
Courthouse Plaza, County Board Room

Copies of the FY2018 Action Plan will be available online beginning March 1, 2017 at www.arlingtonva.us, search "FY2018 Action Plan"

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