



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item  
Meeting of April 25, 2009**

**DATE: April 3, 2009**

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of the Community Development (CD) Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010, including allocation of Affordable Housing Investment Fund (AHIF) Housing Services funds.

**C. M. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Approve the Community Development Program for FY 2010 as described in the Proposed Budget for FY 2010, (Section C, Pages 753-762), with a reduction of \$24,624 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) to Arlington Employment Center (AEC) Employment & Training line item.
2. Authorize the County Manager to execute contracts and documents (1) to make grants in FY 2010 as shown in Attachment I, and (2) as may be required by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), including Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Certifications, and (3) as may be required by Virginia State Department of Social Services (DSS) and the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).
3. Approve the allocation of revolving loan program income received annually by AHC, Inc. and Enterprise Development Group (EDG), as required by CDBG regulations.
4. Allocate \$85,000 from the FY 2010 AHIF Housing Services funds to four programs: \$25,000 for the Director of Housing Programs by Arlington Street People's Assistance Network (A-SPAN); \$10,000 for Partnership for Family Stability by Arlington Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless (AACH); \$25,000 for Susan's Place by New Hope Housing; and \$25,000 for Foreclosure Prevention by Arlington Home Ownership Made Easier (AHOME).
5. Authorize the County Manager to execute the required documents to convey the AHIF grant of up to \$85,000 in total to: A-SPAN, AHOME, New Hope Housing and AACH.

County Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

County Attorney: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff: Jane M. Eboch, CPHD/Housing Division

**ISSUE:** Appropriation and allocation of FY 2010 CDBG, CSBG and AHIF Housing Services funds.

**SUMMARY:** Board approval is needed for actions related to the administration of Arlington County's FY 2010 CDBG Entitlement from HUD and the CSBG from HHS and the Virginia DSS. Board action is also required to allocate AHIF Housing Services funds to four nonprofits to implement housing service projects. The Proposed Budget shows the estimated HUD allocations for FY 2010 and the CSBG allocation. Final HUD grant amounts have not been made available as of this time.

**BACKGROUND:** The Community Development Program for FY 2010 is part of the Annual Action Plan for the County's *Five Year Consolidated Plan for FY 2006-2010* (Consolidated Plan) and will serve as the County's formal application to HUD and to the State for the FY 2010 grants.

**DISCUSSION:** The Recommended FY 2010 CD Program is based on an estimated CDBG grant amount of \$1,753,768 and a CSBG grant of \$275,376. The estimated amount for the City of Falls Church is \$82,607 leaving \$1,671,161 in CDBG funds for Arlington to allocate. When final grant amounts are known, Board action may be required to appropriate (or de-appropriate) additional amounts.

The performance and capacity of each subrecipient has been reviewed against contract requirements. Most organizations have been held to FY 2009 funding levels. Two new activities have been added using AHIF Housing Services funds. The activities are aimed at preventing homelessness caused by foreclosures (AHOME) and permanent housing for chronically homeless persons (New Hope Housing).

Authorization is needed for the County Manager to execute agreements with subrecipients to convey Grant and AHIF funds as outlined in Attachment 1. Included in each agreement is the scope of services to be provided, line item budget, federal requirements, and performance measures. Authorization is also needed for the Manager to sign certifications, such as Lead Based Paint, Excessive Force, and Community Development Plan that are required by HUD and the Virginia DSS.

CDBG loan programs receive loan repayments that become program income. AHC, Inc. and EDG have been approved by the Board as revolving loan funds and the repayments are kept by the subrecipient to be loaned out again. CDBG regulations require that program income funds be allocated annually to the grant year in which they are received and are to be used as additional funding for CDBG eligible activities.

CSBG funds recommended for AEC Employment and Training Programs are reduced from \$129,000 to \$104,376 to reflect the actual amount of CSBG funds awarded by the State. It is expected that CSBG American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds will be available during FY 2010 for additional employment and training support. Should ARRA funds not be awarded to AEC, the number of training slots will be reduced.

**Citizen Participation:** The Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee (CDCAC) reviewed the County Manager's FY 2010 Recommended Community Development Program on March 4, 2009 and its comments are provided in a memo to the County Manager and County Board dated March 16, 2009. The Housing Commission reviewed the AHIF Housing Services projects on January 15, 2009 and supports the allocations to AACH, A-SPAN, AHOME and New Hope Housing.

Public comments on the FY 2010 Community Development Program were received at a combined Housing Commission and CDCAC public hearing on the FY 2010 Action Plan, held on March 5, 2009. Comments were also received at the County Board budget hearing on March 24 and March 25, 2009. Community comments related to the Community Development FY 2010 Program are summarized in Attachment 2.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no impact on net tax support. The recommendation leaves a balance of \$195,132 in unprogrammed CDBG funds. Regarding the AHIF allocation, \$85,000 is allocated from FY 2010 AHIF funds, projected to be \$5,228,532.