



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item  
Meeting of April 24, 2010**

**DATE:** April 20, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Approval of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-2015 for Arlington County and the City of Falls Church.

**C. M. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Approve the Five-Year Consolidated Plan for FY 2011-2015 for Arlington (Attachment 1) which includes the Annual Action Plan for FY 2011 (Attachments 1 and 2), the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (Attachment 3); Fair Housing Plan (Attachment 4); and various Plan documents and administrative items (Attachments 5 – 12), subject to further revision based on County Board action.
2. Approve the Five-Year Consolidated Plan for FY 2011-2015 for the City of Falls Church (Attachment 13), which includes its Annual Consolidated Plan for FY 2011 (Attachment 14), and the allocation of CDBG and HOME funds for the City of Falls Church.
3. Authorize the County Manager to submit the approved Five-Year Consolidated Plan and its required certifications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and sign contracts and documents required for the approval and implementation of the Consolidated Plan and its component programs.

**ISSUE:** County Board approval of the Five Year Consolidated Plan is required prior to submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

**SUMMARY:** The Consolidated Plan provides the strategic framework for housing, homeless, community development, and economic development activities over the next five-year period. It is a planning document which builds on a comprehensive community consultation process. It sets numerical targets to reach goals and describes a range of strategies designed to attain those targets.

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County Attorney: SM

Staff: Jane Eboch and Joel Franklin; CPHD, Housing Division

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The attached plans and budgets have been revised to respond to the community comments as outlined in Attachment 10; and to reflect actual Grant allocations. The Consolidated Plan, including all the attached reports, will be submitted to HUD no later than May 15, 2010.

**DISCUSSION:** Submission of the Five Year Plan and the Annual Action Plan to HUD is required for the County to continue receiving the federal funds shown on the following table.

<b>FEDERAL FUND AWARDS FOR FY 2011</b>	
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$1,914,758*
HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)	\$1,263,978
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)	\$238,535
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	\$113,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,530,271</b>

\* Final CDBG award is \$125,915 more than estimated in the County Manager's FY 2011 Proposed Budget. Board approval for the allocation of this additional amount is contained in a separate Board report.

Submission of the Analysis of Impediments and the Fair Housing Plan is required with the new Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The Plan also reaffirms adopted County Board policies regarding affordable housing, the Neighborhood Strategy Area (NSA) program, and homeless and other human services.

*Targets:* The Five Year Consolidated Plan incorporates the County's Affordable Housing Goals and Targets, adopted by the County Board in December 2003. Since the fall of 2008, the Housing Commission has been reviewing annual outcomes reported for each Goal and Target and developing recommendations to refine existing targets or add new ones. Meetings were held with a subcommittee composed of nonprofit developers, housing service providers, housing activists, and County staff members. Breakout sessions were held at the Consolidated Plan Forum to discuss the proposed refinement of the Housing Goals and Targets. The Housing Commission has proposed revisions and additions to the Affordable Housing Goals and Targets, and staff has responded with suggestions and comments. County Manager recommendations regarding these revisions will be brought to the Board at a later date. Once approved, the Consolidated Plan will be revised to reflect the revised Affordable Housing Goals and Targets.

*Income Standards:* Approval of the Consolidated Plan will reaffirm that the County uses an income limit of 80% of median for CDBG-funded programs for homebuyers and homeowners, e.g., the Moderate Income Purchase Assistance Program (MIPAP) and the Home Improvement Program. Application of this income standard is limited to these programs as the County chooses to focus most of its CDBG funds on the lower income households.

*Community Comment:* Attachment 10 summarizes community comments on the draft Consolidated Plan and its components. The County held a Community Forum in September, 2009, which was an important tool for consulting with residents as well as housing, homeless,

special needs, and other service providers. During the last year, staff also attended community and commission meetings to solicit input, and conducted a housing needs survey, distributed by internet and hard copy. County staff consulted closely with the public /private Implementation Task Force (ITF) that is implementing the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness and DHS to develop the Plan sections related to supportive housing and emergency assistance for various special needs and homeless populations. CDCAC reviewed the revisions to the draft Consolidated Plan at its meeting on April 7, 2010, but did not have a quorum present to approve the Plan. The Housing Commission will consider the revised Plan and attachments at its meeting on April 15, 2010.

*Falls Church:* The County administers funding for the CDBG and HOME programs for the City of Falls Church through a Cooperation Agreement. In FY 2011 Falls Church will receive \$90,185 CDBG and \$53,466 HOME funds. The Falls Church City Council formally approved the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan for FY 2011-2015 and the Annual Action Plan for FY 2011 on January 11, 2010. Staff has reviewed the attached plans and recommends County Board approval.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** All allocations of FY 2011 CDBG and CSBG funding and general revenues covered by the Annual Action Plan are approved by the County Board as part of the FY 2011 budget. The Plan to be submitted to HUD reflects the County Board action.