



## Housing and Community Development Needs **SURVEY SUMMARY** Consolidated Plan 2011-2015

The purpose of this survey is to get feedback from the community about current housing and community development needs and services. The results of the survey will be used to guide strategies for developing and funding programs and services to be included in the County's 2011-2015 Consolidated Plan as required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Neighborhood surveys were one of the tools used to elicit resident's comments on community needs; we also hosted a Community Forum and held discussions with other focus groups. This survey has two parts, the English language responses and the Spanish language responses. Thank you for taking the time to respond to the survey. Here is a summary of the results:

### **215 total surveys**

- 145 on line
- 70 on Paper
- 153 in English
- 62 in Spanish

### **Demographics**

#### English

Most respondents were from Columbia Pike, Columbia Heights West, and Ballston. 64% of respondents made less than \$50,000, 15% made greater than \$100,000. Nearly half of the respondents were in 2 or 4 person households. 70% were renters.

#### Spanish

Most respondents were from Buckingham and Columbia Heights West. 95% of respondents made less than \$50,000. A significant majority were in 3 or 4 person households. 74% were renters.

1. What are the greatest needs for low and moderate income residents of Arlington County?

#### English

Nearly half of all respondents believed that affordable housing is the greatest need. A quarter of all respondents believed that housing and services for underserved groups including homeless and people with special needs is the second greatest need, along with economic development, which includes job training for adults and youths and small business development.

### Spanish

The priorities were the same as above. Nearly  $\frac{3}{4}$  prioritized the need for affordable housing and nearly half prioritized housing and services for underserved groups and economic development.

2. Which affordable housing approaches best serve the needs of low and moderate income residents of Arlington County?

### English

Half of all respondents ranked increasing the supply of affordable rental housing as the best approach, with increasing rent assistance second, and increasing home ownership opportunities third.

### Spanish

The rankings were reversed with home ownership first, rent assistance second, and rental housing third.

3. Which homelessness and supportive housing approaches best serve the needs of low and moderate income residents of Arlington County?

### English

The two highest ranked approaches were to increase the supply of permanent supportive housing and to expand income options, including access to benefits and employment opportunities. The next highest ranked approach was to provide supportive services to help households keep housing.

### Spanish

The priorities were the same as above.

4. Which community development services would best serve low and moderate income residents of Arlington County?

### English

The three most important community development services were job training, public health services, and English classes.

### Spanish

The three most important community development services were job training, small business development, and youth services.

5. Which fair housing strategies best serve the needs of low and moderate income residents of Arlington County?

### English

The two highest ranked fair housing strategies were to minimize housing discrimination and to increase outreach to and education of tenants and owners about rights and responsibilities. The next highest ranked strategies were to prevent foreclosures and to mitigate subprime lending.

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