

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITY FUNDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Pkwy
Conference Room 9/10
Fairfax, Virginia 22035

Meeting Summary

CCFAC Members Present: Marlene Blum (Chair); Michele Menapace (Vice-Chair); Joanne Collins; Michael Cushing; Holly Hicks Dougherty; Mike Finkle; Morgan Jameson; Michelle Leete; Andrew Magill; Jane Plum; and Valerie Sutter

Inter-agency county staff present: Thomas Barnett (HCD; virtual) Michelle Brizzi (DPMM); Ramona Carroll (NCS); Jenny Hsu (HCD); Laura Lazo (HCD); Meghan Van Dam (HCD; virtual); and Marla Zometsky (NCS).

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Blum at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of September 12th CCFAC Meeting Summary

The committee approved the September 12, 2023 Meeting Summary.

Public Hearing on Housing and Community Development Needs

Approximately 30 residents attended, which included 16 speakers. Topics discussed included: affordable housing, English literacy, nonprofit partners, self-sufficiency skill development, supportive services, County's aging population, food insecurity, and mental health.

The following guest speakers provided public comment:

1. Michael Mahrer, Senior Director of Advancement, The English Empowerment Center - formerly the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia
2. Roshon Casey, Britepaths client, County resident
3. Jorge E. Figueredo, Executive Director, Edu-Futuro
4. Jerry Poje, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax
5. Candice Bennett, Interim Executive Director, Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services
6. Marianela Funes, Community Organizer, Tenants and Workers United
7. Glenda Benitez, Tenants and Workers United member, County resident
8. Karen Croasdaile, Tenants and Workers United member, County resident
9. Ben Werner, Director of Philanthropy, Insight Memory Care Center
10. Nancy Scott, Insight Memory Care Center client, County resident
11. Mary Paden, Housing Committee Chair, Fairfax County NAACP

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12. Bradley Staton, NVRC Board of Directors, Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons
13. Harmonie Taddeo, Executive Director, Western Fairfax Christian Ministries
14. Kerrie Wilson, Chief Executive Officer, Cornerstone & the Affordable Housing Advisory Council
15. Becky Burnley, resident
16. John McKee, member of VOICE, Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement

Additional written testimony was submitted by:

1. Eileen McCartin, Executive Director, Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons
2. Sue Mairena, President, Annandale Christian Community for Action
3. Sandra Benavente, Advocacy Manager, Ayuda

Debrief of Public Needs Hearing

CCFAC members were pleased with this year's public hearing turnout and discussed the testimony that was presented. L. Lazo stated the testimony provided will be incorporated into the draft FY 2025 One-Year Action Plan, shared with relevant HCD colleagues and other County staff, and taken into consideration to develop the Working Advisory Group (WAG) draft budget. Members discussed a desire to increase the CCFP budget for the FY 2025-2026 cycle to account for inflation (e.g., emergency food set-aside), ensure vulnerable populations have access to resources in the upcoming winter months, and share relevant testimony with other Boards, Authorities, and Commissions.

Update on CCFP FY 2025-2026 Request for Proposals

M. Zometsky provided an update on the current status of the CCFP RFP for the FY 2025-2026 cycle, where county staff is currently in the process of securing volunteers to serve on the Selection Advisory Committee (SAC). Committee members requested that staff forward them CCFP RFP info/links/flyer to members again to distribute among their networks.

Debrief of FY 2023 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report

L. Lazo briefed the committee on proposed versus actual FY 2023 outcomes.

In the CR-05 table, data reflects CDBG, HOME, and ESG-funded activities and goal targets were generally met or exceeded for most activities. Three notable exceptions where performance greatly exceeded targets include: 1) nonprofit scattered site acquisitions serving homeless, low-income, and special need households; 2) direct financial assistance to homebuyers in the downpayment assistance program; and 3) persons and households served in CDBG-funded CCFP programs. Two areas where actual outcomes were lower than expected include: 1) homeowner housing rehabilitated, due to delays with the pilot mobile home rehabilitation project and partnering jurisdictions' activities, and 2) special needs rental units rehabilitated, due to a consolidation of multiple years of funding to support larger-scale FCRHA rehabilitation activities.

In the CR-20 table, data reflects other Department of Housing and Community Development and FCRHA-funded activities in addition to those funded by HUD. Goals were exceeded for the

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provision of affordable housing to non-homeless and special needs populations, as well as in the production of new units. Fewer homeless households were provided affordable housing than anticipated due to a prioritization of vouchers for RAD-PBV and PBV households. As a result, the FCRHA will evaluate if policy changes can be made within its voucher program. A question was asked whether the FCRHA can prioritize serving homeless households in the vacated RAD-PBV and PBV units. A question was also asked to identify what is the unmet homeless need and to quantify goal targets and actual outcomes achieved.

Information from Appointing Organizations

M. Finkel discussed the county's RAD and PBV program units. A member suggested further discussions and review of reports on homelessness in Fairfax County during future committee meetings. M. Finkel also provided an update on the upcoming Continuum of Care (CoC) Board meeting on November 8th.

M. Menapace provided an update on the Human Services Council (HSC) upcoming meetings with BACs.

M. Cushing provided an update to the committee on his role as the WAG Chair.

J. Collins reported on the county's SHAPE the Future of Aging Plan: 2023-2028, which will be distributed to members by staff post-meeting.

Other Business

The committee approved Chairperson Blum's recommendation to hold the December 12, 2023 CCFAC meeting virtually, instead of in person.

The committee approved Chairperson Blum's appointment of Michele Menapace as Vice Chair of CCFAC for the remainder of the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

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