

# Community Development Block Grant

The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) is a federally funded program administered by the Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). CDBG is an annual grant provided on a formula basis to cities and counties in order to develop urban communities with decent housing and suitable living environments by expanding economic opportunities, specifically for low- and moderate-income persons.

CDBG most frequently funds revitalization and affordable housing projects but also provides assistance for disposition, public facilities, public services, privately-owned utilities, code enforcement, microenterprises and miscellaneous other activities.

CDBG funded-activities must address one of the following national objectives:

- ◆ Benefit low- or moderate-income persons (L/M income persons)
- ◆ Prevent or eliminate slums or blight
- ◆ Meet other development needs that pose an immediate threat to the welfare of the community

## CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITY FUNDING POOL (CCFP)

Annually, CDBG contributes \$2 million to the County's Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP), \$1 million of which is allocated to affordable housing. The pool also receives funding from the Federal and State Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and the Fairfax County General Fund, totaling an estimated \$9 million per year for fiscal years 2005 and 2006. The CCFP is a multi-year (two year awards) competitive funding process for programs/projects provided by community-based

nonprofits. One of the five CCFP target outcomes is to ensure that people find and maintain safe, appropriate and affordable housing. Preparations have begun for the FY 2007 and 2008 CCFP funding cycle, with the request for proposals anticipated to be released in late September/early October.

## ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES:

### Acquisition of Real Property

Public agencies and public or private nonprofit entities may use the funds to acquire real property for any public purpose.

### Rehabilitation

Publicly or privately owned residential property may receive CDBG assistance for rehabilitation. Funds can be used for costs, financing, property acquisition, insurance, water and sewer, renovation, lead-based paint hazard reduction and other rehabilitation services.

### Construction of Housing

CDBG funds may be used for special activities by Community Based Development Organizations (CBDOs), for housing projects that have received funding through a Housing Development Grant (HODAG), or for housing of last resort (necessary housing for persons displaced by a CDBG project where housing is otherwise unavailable). New construction is generally only allowed by CBDOs, nonprofits who meet special requirements under the CDBG program.

### Homeownership Assistance

Funding to L/M income households to finance the cost of acquiring property already occupied, pay part or all of the mortgage insurance premium and/or down payment, and pay any or all closing costs to assist in the acquisition of a home and make the purchase affordable.



CDBG funding made the acquisition of 3 units at Saintsbury Plaza in the Providence District by the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority possible.

## Other Non-Housing Activities

Other eligible activities include public facilities and improvements, public services, economic development, microenterprise assistance, clearance, and planning and capacity building.

## ELIGIBLE GROUPS:

Federal funding allocated to Fairfax County is granted to eligible nonprofit organizations, faith-based or religious groups and Community Based Development Organizations (CBDOs). In accordance with HUD standards, these organizations provide services benefiting households earning less than 80% of Fairfax County's median income. For example, a family of four living in Fairfax County would need to make less than \$58,000 a year in 2005 to qualify.

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For additional information, please contact the Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development at 703-246-5170, TTY 703-386-3578, or online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rha/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rha/).