



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Local Fiscal Year 2027

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AP-05 Executive Summary

Introduction

The *Anne Arundel County Consolidated Plan: FY 2026 – FY 2030* constitutes a strategic plan to address the housing and community development goals throughout the County. The Plan provides a comprehensive analysis of the needs of County residents and sets out specific goals, objectives, and outcomes, which will be used to address those needs over a five-year period.

The *Anne Arundel County Annual Action Plan: Local Fiscal Year 2027* is the second annual addendum to the *Anne Arundel County Consolidated Plan: FY 2026 – FY 2030*. The Action Plan outlines the resources allocated, as well as the programs and projects selected through the County budget process to achieve the Consolidated Plan goals for the period of July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

Anne Arundel County will allocate approximately \$7,894,914 in federal entitlement and nationally competitive Continuum of Care funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These federal funds will be leveraged with approximately \$11,601,171 in County funds, as well as equity from Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC), State, foundation, and private funding to implement the County housing and community development projects and programs.

Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

Vision Statement

Anne Arundel County will pursue housing and community development goals that create strong and vibrant communities through a range of affordable housing options and community development opportunities for all residents. Strategies across all goal areas will focus on supporting low- and moderate-income households with the greatest needs obtain housing and related support to help make Anne Arundel County the Best Place – For All.

Guiding Priorities

Prioritization for funding will be given to projects that meet the following guiding principles:

Affordable Housing

The County will make the creation and stabilization/preservation of affordable housing, as well as related services, its top housing and community development priority. Initiatives that create, preserve and support affordable housing that meets the needs of homeowners, renters, those experiencing homelessness, and other special needs populations will be given preference for funding. Further, to the extent possible, production of new affordable housing and programs that provide greater access to quality housing in opportunity area census tracts as well as in

areas where the development activity will have a revitalizing impact shall be prioritized.

Priority Areas

Revitalization efforts and public service dollars (operating funds) will be prioritized to four main neighborhood revitalization areas, which are the **Severn, Brooklyn Park, Maryland City, and Glen Burnie** communities. While these areas have their own unique assets, they contain a higher concentration of low- and moderate-income households, older – yet affordable – housing stock in need of updates, repairs, and other needs compared to the County as a whole.

Goals

Each project and program funded during this strategic plan period will meet one of the goals identified in the Consolidated Plan. The goals identified in the Plan center around providing affordable housing and/or quality of life and better economic opportunities for the low- and moderate-income residents in the County. The goals are detailed in Table 5 of this Plan.

Evaluation of Past Performance

Last year, the County completed its fifth and final year of year of the Consolidated Plan for FY 2021 – FY 2025, meeting most of its goals and outcomes. Below are highlights of some of the County’s accomplishments for Local Fiscal Year 2025.

Homeownership Opportunities

- Rehabilitated or repaired 26 homes occupied by low- and moderate-income homeowners, including making modifications to three (3) of these homes to enhance livability and making minor repairs, adaptability modifications to 72 seniors.
- Provided 556 individuals with homeownership counseling.
- Approximately 112 households received foreclosure prevention counseling.
- Supported 12 first time homebuyers acquire their first home through the provision of mortgage write-down or down payment assistance.

Increasing Rental Housing Opportunities

The County supported increasing affordable rental housing and made solid progress towards meeting the five-year multi-family rental housing development goals. Over the past five years, approximately \$11,955,000 in County Affordable Housing Trust Fund, federal HOME and ARPA dollars were invested in nine multi-family affordable housing projects. In Local Fiscal Year 2025, five of those multi-family affordable housing communities were completed, including:

- Eagle Park Village, a 48-unit family project located in Hanover, a COO;
- Morris Blum, the redevelopment and private conversion of an existing 154-unit public housing community for older adults in Annapolis;

- Heritage Homes, which entails combining the rehabilitation and private conversion of two existing age-restricted Public Housing communities: Glen Square, a 127-unit property in Glen Burnie and Stoney Hill, a 55-unit property in Odenton;
- Little Patuxent Senior (formerly known as Village at Little Patuxent), a 78-unit age-restricted project in Gambrills, a COO; and
- Brock Bridge Landing, a 38-unit family project in Jessup, a COO.

During Local Fiscal Years' 2025 and 2026, construction continued on four additional multifamily:

- Blue Oaks at North Odenton Apartments (aka North Odenton 4 and North Odenton 9), two family projects containing a combined 150 units in Odenton, a COO.
- The Willows at Forest Drive, a 58-unit family project located in a COO within the City of Annapolis.
- Heritage at Madison Place, a 16-unit project involving the redevelopment of the Doll Apartments in Glen Burnie. Loan repayments from Heritage at Madison Place will be utilized to fund on-going support, such as case management, as the project will provide supported housing for families and individuals experiencing homelessness.
- Homes at the Glen, an existing multifamily housing project in Annapolis.

ACDS, on behalf of the County, acquired and completed renovations on two housing units, making them available for rent to income eligible households, providing affordable workforce housing, and contributing to neighborhood stabilization.

The County also provided tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) to 44 households living with HIV/AIDS.

Prevent and End Homelessness

- Prevented and/or diverted 520 households from becoming homeless.
- Provided legal counseling and/or representation to 2,147 households facing eviction;
- Provided day shelter, street outreach, crisis interventions to 2,218 individuals experiencing homelessness.
- Provided overnight emergency shelter to 376 individuals experiencing homelessness.
- Provided tenant based rental assistance to 78 households through the Moving Home Program, a HOME and County funded tenant based rental housing (TBRA) program.
- Provided Continuum of Care (CoC) or ESG funded rapid re-housing and/or tenant-based rental assistance with supportive services to 207 households experiencing homelessness.
- Celebrated the completion of the renovation of the Light House's showers and restrooms in both the shelter and Safe Harbor Resource Center.

- Rehabilitation continued on the Anne Arundel County Community Action Agency's 15-bed transitional housing project for those exiting incarceration.
- Rehabilitation continued on Arundel House of Hope's 9-bed transitional housing project for individuals experiencing homelessness.

Sustainable Communities

- Supported the participation of approximately 762 youth in programming in underserved communities.
- Celebrated the completion of several CDBG-funded multi-year projects including: (i) the renovation of the Heritage at Meade Community Center.

Economic Opportunities

- Provided economic opportunities, including job skills training and GED prep, to 166 individuals.
- Provided three (3) families with road-ready used cars to enable them to access employment and childcare.

Summary of Citizen Participation Process and Consultation Process

ACDS prepared the Consolidated Plan, on behalf of Anne Arundel County, in accordance with 24 CFR Part 91 and the County Citizen Participation Plan. The Plan was developed in consultation with representatives from a wide variety of agencies and people who might impact, or be affected by, its implementation. The planning process involved consultation and gathering information from a variety of entities. Consultation to establish and set goals occurred throughout a five-year period leading up to publication of the Final Consolidated Plan in June of 2025. During that time, well-established groups met on a regular basis, including the Anne Arundel Affordable Housing Coalition, the Anne Arundel and Annapolis Coalition to End Homelessness (the Homeless Coalition), and the Regional Fair Housing Group. Additionally, staff regularly attended community meetings in the priority revitalization communities including Brooklyn Park, Glen Burnie, and Severn to assess the needs in these areas. The formal citizen participation planning process for the Consolidated Plan included four public hearings/forums, 18 listening sessions with key stakeholder organizations and community groups throughout the County, and 45 stakeholder consultations. In addition, ACDS maintains a robust community stakeholder list consisting of over 700 people living and/or working within the County. Notices were shared with this network regarding opportunities to comment on needs, draft goals and strategies and the draft Consolidated Plan.

Additional opportunities for public engagement were provided as part of the development of this Annual Action Plan and the Fiscal Year 2027 Housing and Community Development Budget process. Two public hearings were conducted in Fall 2025 and Winter 2026, and a County Council budget hearing was held in May 2025. A 30-day public comment period was provided for members of the public to review and comment on this Annual Action Plan, which included a

third opportunity for the public to provide verbal feedback. The third hearing, a listening session, providing citizens another opportunity to provide feedback on the Action Plan will be held on May 6, 2026.

Summary of Public Comments

Comments on the draft Annual Action Plan will be accepted through May 18, 2026, at 5:00 P.M.

Summary of Comments or Views Not Accepted and Reasons for Not Accepting Them

TBD.

Summary

The County maintains that a community that creates and preserves a broad range of housing options for all members of the workforce is economically strong and sustainable. By targeting and leveraging its housing and community development funding, the County will continue to increase its stock of quality, affordable rental housing by helping to facilitate the construction of new units and rehabilitate existing substandard units thereby preventing foreclosures, supporting homeowners and public housing communities, preventing households from becoming homeless, as well as assisting to house the homeless, and promoting economic empowerment of the most vulnerable County residents.

The *Local Fiscal Year 2027 Annual Action Plan* outlines the County efforts as it continues to implement the goals and strategies developed in the planning process for the *Anne Arundel County Consolidated Plan: FY 2026 – FY 2030*. The County will also continue to be a good steward of its federal funding to build upon its success during the last Consolidated Plan period.

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies

Describe agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Responsible Agencies

Table 1

| Agency Role | Name | Department/Agency |
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| CDBG Administrator | Erin Karpewicz | Arundel Community Development Services, Inc. |
| HOME Administrator | Erin Karpewicz | Arundel Community Development Services, Inc. |
| ESG Administrator | Erin Karpewicz | Arundel Community Development Services, Inc. |

Narrative

ACDS functions as the lead agency for the housing and community development programs in Anne Arundel County. ACDS began operating on July 1, 1993, as a private nonprofit corporation created to address the housing and community development needs in the County. The Corporation is under contract with the County to plan, administer, and implement the federally funded CDBG, HOME,

ESG, HOPWA, and Continuum of Care (CoC) Programs, as well as State and County funded housing and community development activities. Subrecipients, including nonprofit service providers and housing developers, implement many of the activities funded under these programs. Other projects, such as property rehabilitation, homeownership, foreclosure prevention, and financial empowerment counseling, acquisition/rehabilitation of housing units, and tenant based rental assistance programs are conducted by ACDS staff. ACDS takes on many roles, including but not limited to, developer, lender, counselor, landlord and construction manager. Being able to perform these duties necessitates having a staff that has a variety of skills, such as the ability to coordinate with a multitude of government agencies and departments.

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AP-10 Consultation

Introduction

Arundel Community Development Services, Inc. (ACDS) prepared the Local Fiscal Year 2027 Action Plan on behalf of Anne Arundel County in accordance with 24 CFR Part 91 and the County Citizen Participation Plan. The *Anne Arundel County Consolidated Plan FY 2026 – FY 2030* was developed in consultation with representatives from a wide variety of agencies and persons who might impact or be affected by its implementation. The planning process for the Annual Action Plan involves ongoing consultation and information gathering from a multitude of entities throughout the year as staff participate in community meetings, hold public hearings to encourage public participation and stays in communication with stakeholders.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction’s activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health, and service agencies.

Both ACDS and the Housing Commission of Anne Arundel County (Housing Commission) attend quarterly or bi-monthly Core Group meetings with County agencies and affiliates, including County Executive staff, the Partnership for Children, Youth and Families, the Mental Health Agency, the Department of Health, the Department of Social Services (DSS) and the Department of Aging and Disabilities. This facilitates a high level of coordination with the County Executive and agency department heads to address issues affecting public and assisted housing programs and initiatives. As part of regular project development and implementation, ACDS and the Housing Commission work with various nonprofit organizations providing wrap around

services and case management support.

In addition, staff from the Housing Commission, the Health Department, and DSS meet quarterly to review case files for clients utilizing the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) programs.

Finally, ACDS collaborates with the CoC planning group, the Homeless Coalition, of which the Housing Commission and DSS are members, to facilitate coordination of housing services and develop a strategy to end homelessness.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

Anne Arundel and Annapolis Coalition to End Homelessness (Homeless Coalition) – the County Continuum of Care planning group – includes representatives from:

- (i) State, County, and City of Annapolis agencies that administer mainstream resources;
- (ii) Emergency shelter and nonprofit homeless service providers;
- (iii) Organizations that collaborate with individuals diagnosed with mental health disorders, substance abuse disorders, and HIV/AIDS;
- (iv) Organizations that work with other special populations including but not limited to veterans, youth, aging and victims of domestic violence and abuse; and
- (v) Individuals with lived experience, advocates, and other County and State residents with roles, interests, and responsibilities in addressing issues linked with homelessness in the County.

The Homeless Coalition holds monthly meetings to develop policies and procedures for operations, including but not limited to, the adoption of a Governance Charter. These meetings focus on issues related to homelessness, such as affordable housing, education, mental health, substance abuse, and workforce development. They provide information on membership activities, trainings on new program resources and how to apply for them, as well as to offer feedback on the needs/direction of the Coalition. Committees meet to address coordinated entry into emergency shelters, chronic homelessness, homelessness diversion and prevention, and other focused topics and systems.

The Homeless Coalition remains committed to ending homelessness in the County and has

established a targeted by-name housing list – the ACCESS Housing List – to prioritize the most vulnerable individuals in the County. Service providers meet regularly to coordinate assistance for the homeless and to identify housing opportunities. The County, in partnership with the Veterans Administration, maintains a Veteran by-name list, which is used as part of the Homeless Coalition efforts to end Veteran homelessness.

The Homeless Coalition was active in reviewing and finalizing the goals and strategies outlined in the Consolidated Plan to combat homelessness. Throughout the year, the Coalition meets with the general membership at least every other month to discuss pressing issues related to homelessness. It also facilitates committee-building to address narrower issues in a more targeted way and with expertise from the ground. These spaces provide opportunities for the community to identify needs for the displaced population in the County.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS.

The Homeless Coalition engages in determining the needs and setting priorities when allocating ESG funds, developing performance standards, evaluating outcomes, and developing policies and procedures for the administration of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The Homeless Coalition has developed procedures for the operation and administration of the HMIS system, which is funded with County general and Continuum of Care dollars. A subcommittee of the Homeless Coalition members currently utilizing the HMIS system meet on a regular basis to review policies, update program changes, and discuss other relevant issues associated with the use and management of the system. Currently, all grantees receiving ESG funds, as well as subrecipients receiving CoC funds, are required to enter data into the HMIS system.

In turn, HMIS data, which is vetted and analyzed by the HMIS Lead and reviewed by the Homeless Coalition Board, shows outcomes that can be compared with the allocation of ESG funds. This directly influences the development of the goals and strategies outlined within the County's Consolidated Plan.

Describe Agencies, groups, organizations, and others who participated in the process, and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies, and other entities.

**Table 2
Agencies, Groups, Organizations Who Participated**

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| 1 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | ACCESSIBLE RESOURCES FOR INDEPENDENCE |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Nonprofit |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Non-homeless special needs |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Invited to attend public hearings, receive email notifications of budget and plan availability, solicitation for input. |
| 2 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | ANNAPOLIS ARTS DISTRICT |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Nonprofit |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Community Development |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Attended one or more Public Hearing |
| 3 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | ANNE ARUNDEL AND ANNAPOLIS COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services – Homeless |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs – Chronically Homeless Homeless Needs - Families with Children Homelessness Needs – Veterans Homelessness Needs – Unaccompanied Youth |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The group, which serves as the County Continuum of Care planning body, is facilitated by ACDS and its planning process served as the basis for the Homeless Goals within the Strategic Plan. Members attend public hearings. |
| 4 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | ANNE ARUNDEL AFFORDABLE HOUSING COALITION |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services – Housing Services – Business and Civic Leaders |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Presented Consolidated Plan data and strategies at Anne Arundel Affordable Housing Symposium Members attended one or more Public Hearings |
| 5 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services – Housing |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Anti-Poverty Strategy |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Participated in one or more public hearings Develop strategy to end homelessness |
| 6 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | ANNE ARUNDEL COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES |

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| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services – Persons with Disabilities Service – Fair Housing |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Non-Homeless Special Needs |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Invited to attend public hearings, receive email notifications of budget and plan availability, solicitation for input. |
| 7 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | ANNE ARUNDEL DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND DISABILITIES |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Other Government – County |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Non-Homeless Special Needs |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The Department of Aging and Disabilities was invited via e-mail to attend public hearings on the draft Action Plan and provided input on needs for aging adults and those with disabilities. Director participates in County leadership co-hort. |
| 8 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services – Persons with HIV/AIDS Services – Health |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | HOPWA Strategy |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Presentation at HIV/AIDS Coordination Meeting Participated in one or more public hearings Invited to attend public hearings, receive email notifications of budget and plan availability, solicitation for input. |
| 9 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services – Children and vulnerable adults Services – Homeless Other Government – State Other Government- Local |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Anti-poverty Strategy Elderly and disable population needs |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Participated in development of strategy to end homelessness DSS is a member of the Homeless Coalition and was able to attend the spring public hearing and to provide comments on the draft Plan and helped identify housing and service needs for families and individuals at risk of or experiencing homelessness. Participated in CoC meetings and invited to attend public hearings, receive email notifications of budget and plan availability, solicitation for input. |
| 10 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY OFFICE OF EQUITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS / HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Service – Fair Housing Other Government – County |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Fair Housing |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Human Relations Commission staff attended Fair Housing Focus Group; hosted Fair Housing and AI Presentation Human Relations Commission staff attended one or more Public Hearings; Consultation Invited to attend public hearings, receive email notifications of budget |

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| | | and plan availability, solicitation for input. |
| 11 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | ANNE ARUNDEL OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS (OMA) |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Other Government - County |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Needs Community Needs |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Invited to attend public hearings, receive email notifications of budget and plan availability, solicitation for input. |
| 12 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING & ZONING |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Other Government –County |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Neighborhood Revitalization |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Invited to attend public hearings, receive email notifications of budget and plan availability, solicitation for input. |
| 13 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AGENCY |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services – Housing Services – Persons with Disabilities Other Government – Local |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Participated in development of strategy to end homelessness Participated in one or more Public Hearings The agency also provides input into discharge planning. The Mental Health Agency is also a member of the Homeless Coalition. Invited to attend public hearings, receive email notifications of budget and plan availability, solicitation for input. |
| 14 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | ANNE ARUNDEL PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services – Housing Services – Children Services – Homeless Other Government – County |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Participated in one or more Public Hearings The Partnership for Children, Youth, and Families is a member of the Homeless Coalition. |
| 15 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services – Transportation |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Market Analysis |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Invited to attend public hearings, receive email notifications of budget and plan availability, solicitation for input. |

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| 16 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | ANNE ARUNDEL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services – Employment Other Government – County |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Market Analysis |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Invited to attend public hearings, receive email notifications of budget and plan availability, solicitation for input. |
| 17 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | ANNAPOLIS PRIDE |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services – LGBTQIA |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Non-Homeless Special Needs |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Invited to attend public hearings, receive email notifications of budget and plan availability, solicitation for input. |
| 18 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | ARUNDEL ACTING TOGETHER (ACT) |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Interfaith Network |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Strategic Plan |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Invited to attend public hearings, receive email notifications of budget and plan availability, solicitation for input. |
| 19 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | ARUNDEL HOUSE OF HOPE, INC. |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services – Housing Services – Homeless |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs –chronically homeless Homelessness Needs – Veterans |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The organization is also a member of the Homeless Coalition. Participated in public hearings |
| 20 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | ARUNDEL LODGE, INC. |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services – Housing Services – Persons with Disabilities |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Non-Homeless Special Needs |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Invited to attend public hearings, receive email notifications of budget and plan availability, solicitation for input. |
| 21 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | ASSOCIATED CATHOLIC CHARITIES – SARAH’S HOUSE |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services – Housing Services – Homeless Services – Fair Housing Services – Elderly Persons |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy |

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| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Participated in development of strategy to end homelessness Participated in one or more Public Hearings |
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| 22 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | BELLO MACHRE, INC. |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services – Housing Services – Persons with Disabilities |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Non-Homeless Special Needs |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Invited to attend public hearings, receive email notifications of budget and plan availability, solicitation for input. |
| 23 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | BOY & GIRLS CLUB OF ANNAPOLIS AND ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services – Children |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Neighborhood revitalization |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Invited to attend public hearings, receive email notifications of budget and plan availability, solicitation for input. |
| 24 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | CAUCUS OF AFRICAN AMERICAN LEADERS |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Local Commission |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Strategic Plan |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Invited to attend public hearings, receive email notifications of budget and plan availability, solicitation for input. |
| 25 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | CENTER OF HELP, INC. |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services – Fair Housing Services – Hispanic and Latino Residents |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Fair Housing |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Invited to attend public hearings, receive email notifications of budget and plan availability, solicitation for input. |
| 26 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | CHESAPEAKE ARTS CENTER |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services – Children |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Neighborhood Revitalization |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Invited to attend public hearings, receive email notifications of budget and plan availability, solicitation for input. |

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| 27 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | CHESAPEAKE NEIGHBORS |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services – Housing |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Non-Homeless Special Needs |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Invited to attend public hearings, receive email notifications of budget and plan availability, solicitation for input. |
| 28 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | CITY OF ANNAPOLIS |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Other Government – Local |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Need Assessment Anti-Poverty Strategy |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | ACDS staff attended City of Annapolis focus groups to listen and learn about needs in the City of Annapolis and share proposed goals and strategies. Met regularly with ACDS staff to discuss fair housing strategies |
| 29 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | CITY OF ANNAPOLIS HOUSING AND COMMUNITY EQUITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Local Commission |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Neighborhood Revitalization |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Invited to attend public hearings, receive email notifications of budget and plan availability, solicitation for input. |
| 30 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | COMMUNITY FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services – Housing |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Invited to attend public hearings, receive email notifications of budget and plan availability, solicitation for input. |
| 31 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | COMMUNITIES OF HOPE BROOKLYN PARK |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Community Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Strategic Plan |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | ACDS staff attend quarterly meetings. |
| 32 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | COMMUNITIES OF HOPE SEVERN |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Community Organization |

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| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Strategic Plan |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | ACDS staff attend quarterly meetings |
| 33 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | COMMUNITIES OF HOPE SOUTH COUNTY |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Community Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Strategic Plan |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | ACDS staff attend quarterly meetings |
| 34 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | GREATER BAYBROOK ALLIANCE AND AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services – Housing Community Development Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Neighborhood Revitalization |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Invited to attend public hearings, receive email notifications of budget and plan availability, solicitation for input. |
| 35 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | HOPE FOR ALL |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services – Housing |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Homelessness Strategy Anti-Poverty Strategy |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Participated in one or more Public Hearings |
| 36 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | HOMELESS YOUTH FOCUS GROUP |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Focus Group |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Homelessness Strategy |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Participated in CoC meetings and invited to attend public hearings, receive email notifications of budget and plan availability, solicitation for input. |
| 37 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Public Housing Authority |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Needs Assessment Public Housing Analysis |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Participated in CoC meetings and invited to attend public hearings, receive email notifications of budget and plan availability, solicitation for input. |
| 38 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | HOUSING COMMISSION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Public Housing Authority |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | |

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| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Participated in one or more Public Hearings |
| 39 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Service – Fair Housing Other Government – County |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Fair Housing |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Invited to attend public hearings, receive email notifications of budget and plan availability, solicitation for input. |
| 40 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS COUNCIL |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Community organization – Immigration |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Participated in listening session with ACDS |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Invited to attend public hearings, receive email notifications of budget and plan availability, solicitation for input. |
| 41 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | KIDS IN NEED OF DEFENSE |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Nonprofit |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Community organization – Immigration |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Participated in one or more Public Hearings |
| 42 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | LANGTON GREEN, INC. |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services – Housing Services – Persons with Disabilities |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Non-Homeless Special Needs |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Participated in one or more Public Hearings |
| 43 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | LAUREL ADVOCACY & REFERRAL SERVICES |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services – Housing |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Services – Children and vulnerable adults Services – Homeless |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Participated in one or more Public Hearings |
| 44 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Grants Committee |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Strategic Plan |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Invited to attend public hearings, receive email notifications of budget and plan availability, solicitation for input. |

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| 45 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | LOCAL FAITH /MULTI-CULTURAL COMMISION |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Focus Group |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Non-Homeless Special Needs Community/Neighborhood Needs |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Invited to attend public hearings, receive email notifications of budget and plan availability, solicitation for input. |
| 46 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | MAIN STREET HOUSING |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services – Housing |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Non-Homeless Special Needs |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Invited to attend public hearings, receive email notifications of budget and plan availability, solicitation for input. |
| 47 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | NEW VILLAGE ACADEMY |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Nonprofit |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Community Development |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Participated in one or more Public Hearings. |
| 48 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | OIC OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, INC. |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services – Employment |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Participated in one or more Public Hearings |
| 49 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Other Government – County |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Strategic Plan |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Participated in consultation meeting with ACDS |
| 410 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | PARTNERS IN CARE, INC. |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services – Housing Services – Elderly Persons |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Need Assessment |

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| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Participated in one or more Public Hearings |
| 51 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | RESTORATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, INC. |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services – Children |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Neighborhood Revitalization |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Invited to attend public hearings, receive email notifications of budget and plan availability, solicitation for input. |
| 52 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | THE LIGHT HOUSE |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services – Housing Services – Homeless |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Homelessness Strategy |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Invited to attend public hearings, receive email notifications of budget and plan availability, solicitation for input. |
| 53 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | UNITED WAY OF CENTRAL MARYLAND |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services – Housing |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Need Assessment Neighborhood Revitalization |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Invited to attend public hearings, receive email notifications of budget and plan availability, solicitation for input. |
| 54 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | VETERAN'S AFFAIRS COMMISSION |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | County Commission |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Non-Homeless Special Needs |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | ACDS attends the monthly Veteran Affairs Commission meeting to provide u updates on housing and homelessness matters impacting Veterans and gather feedback on programming available to support Veterans. |
| 55 | AGENCY/GROUP/ORGANIZATION | YWCA OF ANNAPOLIS AND ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services – Victims of Domestic Violence |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Homelessness Strategy |
| | How was the Agency consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation/ coordination? | Participated in development of strategy to end homelessness. Invited to attend public hearings, receive email notifications of budget and plan availability, solicitation for input. |

AP-12 Participation

Summary of citizen participation process/efforts made to broaden citizen participation. Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting.

ACDS prepared the Local Fiscal Year 2027 Action Plan on behalf of Anne Arundel County in accordance with 24 CFR Part 91 and the County Citizen Participation Plan. The planning process for the Action Plan involves ongoing consultation and information gathering from various entities throughout the year as staff participate in community meetings and regularly meet with stakeholders. During the Local Fiscal Year 2027 Action Plan and budget planning process, ACDS held two public hearings – one on October 23, 2025, and one on February 26, 2026, which enabled citizens and other stakeholders to participate in the budget process. ACDS will offer a third opportunity to provide verbal feedback during the 30-day public comment period for the draft Action Plan on May 6, 2026. In addition, the County Council held a public hearing regarding the Local Fiscal Year 2027 budget.

Notice of both public hearings was circulated in *The Capital Gazette* newspaper and on the ACDS website. All notices indicated that special accommodation, such as providing sign and/or foreign language interpreters, could be made available if needed. Concurrently, an e-mail notice was sent to the Housing and Community Development Stakeholder list inviting them to attend both hearings. An e-mail notice was also sent to the Housing and Community Development Stakeholder list inviting them to provide feedback on the draft Action Plan. Notice of availability of the draft Plan was published on Saturday, April 18, 2026, in *The Capital Gazette* newspaper. In addition, the draft Plan was made available for download from the ACDS website on Saturday, April 18, 2026, with hard copies being available upon request. Public comments will be received through Monday, May 18, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. ACDS will host listening session on May 6, 2026, to solicit comments on the Local Fiscal Year 2027 draft Action Plan. This citizen participation process provides ample time for all interested parties and stakeholders to review the draft Plan and offer comments, reactions, and input.

In addition, established groups – such as the Anne Arundel Affordable Housing Coalition, the Homeless Coalition, and the Regional Fair Housing Group – meet on a regular basis and provide information to assist with the development of the Action Plan. Staff also attend community meetings in the Neighborhood Revitalization Areas, which include Brooklyn Park and Severn communities, to assess needs in those areas. ACDS, through the Eviction Prevention, Property Rehabilitation, Homeownership Counseling, Foreclosure Prevention Counseling Financial Literacy Programs, and Moving Home Program meet regularly with many low- and moderate-income households, enabling staff to assess the needs of the community. These frequent consultations provide a rich context in which ACDS can continue to provide a straightforward planning and implementation process. These meetings and engagements have continued to be offered in a hybrid format for virtual and in person attendance.

**Table 4
Citizen Participation Outreach**

| Sort Order | Mode of Outreach | Target of Outreach | Summary of Response/ Attendance | Summary of Comments received | Summary of comments not accepted and reasons | URL (If applicable) |
|------------|------------------|--|--|---|--|---------------------|
| 1 | Public Hearing | <p>Minority populations</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p> | <p>Nearly 30 people attended the two Public Hearings that were held on October 23, 2025 and February 26, 2026</p> <p>Listening session on the Draft Action Plan May 6, 2026.</p> | <p>A summary of all community engagement including comments received is provided in the Appendix.</p> | <p>Comments were incorporated</p> | |
| 2 | Newspaper Ad | <p>Minority populations</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p> <p>Nonprofit Service Provider</p> | <p>Notice of the availability of the draft Annual Action Plan for Local Fiscal Year 2027 (Federal Fiscal Year 2026) was published on Saturday, April 18, 2026, in The Capital Gazette newspapers for a 30-day comment period.</p> <p>The Notice included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • listing of each project proposed for funding • amount of funding • location of the project • proposed number of beneficiaries for each project • funding contingency plan <p>In addition, the notice stated that access to the draft Plan would be available online for public review and at the office of ACDS.</p> | | <p>TBD</p> | |

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| 3 | Internet Outreach | Minority populations Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: | Notice of the availability of the draft Action Plan, as well as a copy of the Public Notice, was e-mailed to the Housing and Community Development Stakeholder list and posted on the ACDS website. This list includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • individuals and organizations that received funding or applied for funding • representatives of community organizations | TBD | TBD | www.acdsinc.org |
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AP-15 Expected Resources

Introduction

The *Anne Arundel County Annual Action Plan for Local Fiscal Year 2027* describes how the County plans to expend its federal housing and community development resources from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. This Action Plan also establishes how the County will continue to address its needs and achieve the goals as stated in the *Anne Arundel County Consolidated Plan: FY 2026 – FY 2030*.

During Local Fiscal Year 2027, approximately \$19,496,085 will be allocated to housing and community development activities in Anne Arundel County. Of this, approximately \$7,894,913.73 are HUD funds, which are a combination of entitlement grants, program income, and Federal Fiscal Year 2025 Continuum of Care award funds. The County will also commit a total of \$11,601,171 in local funding. In addition, the Housing Commission administers and manages \$1,047,591 in public housing funds and \$33,581,082 in Housing Choice Voucher Program on behalf of the County. Finally, ACDS is projecting that the multifamily rental projects that it will fund in local year FY27 will leverage approximately \$10,800,000 in annual Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) awards for the following projects: Homes at Shelly, Little Patuxent Family, Odenton Junction 4%, Odenton Junction 9%, Robinwood 4%, Robinwood 9%, and Bloomsbury Square), in addition to leveraging other State-funded programs that will support the development of these new affordable housing projects.

ACDS administers most of these federal funds on behalf of the County and works closely with other County agencies, State agencies and nonprofit providers.

**Table 1
Expected Resources Priority**

| Program | Source of Funds | Uses of Funds | Expected Amount Available Year 2 | | | | Expected Amount Available Remainder of Con Plan \$ | Narrative Description |
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| | | | Annual Allocation \$ | Program Income \$ | Prior Year Resources \$ | Total \$ | | |
| CDBG | Public - federal | Acquisition & Rehabilitation Admin & Planning Housing Public Housing Improvements Public Services | \$2,247,463 | \$600,000 | | \$2,847,463 | \$8,542,389 | Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is a flexible funds program that provides communities with resources to address housing and community development needs. |
| HOME | public - federal | Acquisition Homebuyer Assistance Homeowner Rehab Multi-family Rental New Construction Multi-family Rental Rehab New Construction for Ownership TBRA | \$774,755.73 | \$750,000 | \$0 | \$1,524,755.73 | \$4,574,267 | HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) provides communities with the resources to fund a wide range of activities, including building, buying, and/or rehabilitation of affordable housing for rent or homeownership or providing direct rental assistance to low-income households. |
| ESG | public - federal | Overnight Shelter Rapid Re-housing (rental assistance) | \$194,989 | \$0 | \$0 | \$194,989 | \$584,967 | Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) funds provide communities with flexible funds to address the needs of the homeless. |
| Competitive McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act | public - federal | Rapid Re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services TBRA Other | \$2,799,951 | 0 | 0 | \$2,799,951 | \$8,399,853 | Competitive McKinney- Vento Homeless Assistance Act funds are applied for annually to support programs serving the homeless in Anne Arundel County. Funds are used to provide permanent supportive housing, case management, and transitional housing to homeless families and individuals. |
| Other | Public - federal | Services - TBRA | \$527,755 | \$0 | \$0 | \$527,755 | \$1,583,265 | Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds are used for tenant based rental assistance for persons with AIDS. |
| Other | Public - local | Acquisition Homebuyer Assistance Homeowner Rehab Multifamily Rental New Construction Multifamily Rental Rehab TBRA | \$174,467 | \$0 | \$0 | \$174,467 | \$523,401 | County funds are provided to meet the required HOME match. |

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| Other | Public – notice | Homebuyer Assistance Housing Multifamily Rental Rehab Services – TBRA | \$11,426,704 | \$0 | \$0 | \$11,426,704 | \$34,280,112 | County Housing Trust and local funds are provided for homeownership counseling, financial literacy, and foreclosure prevention counseling programs, rental housing development, TBRA program and supportive services, fair housing activities, and neighborhood specific activities. |
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Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, State, and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied.

In Local Fiscal Year 2027, the County will invest approximately \$6,603,000 in local Affordable Housing Trust Funds into the *Rental Housing Production Program*. These funds will support the acquisition and rehabilitation or new construction of affordable multi-family housing and leveraging HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) dollars. Typically, these projects cost millions of dollars and leverage equity raised by federal LIHTC, State funds and private dollars. ACDS is projecting that the multifamily rental projects that it will fund in Local Fiscal Year 2027 will also leverage approximately \$10,800,000 in annual Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) awards for the following projects: Homes at Shelly, Little Patuxent Family, Odenton Junction 4%, Odenton Junction 9%, Robinwood 4%, Robinwood 9%, and Bloomsbury Square. The County will also support the development of this housing by waiving or reducing the impact of connection fees to produce affordable units and offering developers Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT).

The County will also utilize Affordable Housing Trust funds to leverage HOME and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the following ACDS administered programs:

- *Property Rehabilitation Program* providing deferred loans to rehabilitate, reconstruct, or repair homes in the County’s targeted neighborhoods. The program also leverages competitive State funds, such as Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative (BRNI) and State Lead Based Paint funds.
- *Mortgage Assistance Program* which provides financial assistance to income-eligible first-time homebuyers. The program also leverages mortgage financing through the Maryland Mortgage Program and/or private lenders.
- *Emergency Prevention Program (EPP)*, providing emergency assistance to prevent evictions and divert families from homelessness.

General County funds in the amount of \$483,070 are used to offer **homeownership counseling, foreclosure prevention counseling, and financial literacy programs**. The funds are leveraged with federal and State dollars, including competitive federal funds through the federal

Homeownership Counseling Program, the Maryland Homeownership Counseling Fund, and the Maryland Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) grants programs.

In addition, ACDS administers the Laurel Race Course Impact Fund (LRCIF), Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) and the County Executive's Community Support Grant (CSG) funds for the County, which are awarded to nonprofit organizations and community associations to carry community development activities forward in underserved communities. These dollars are frequently used to supplement federal and State funds, such as the Sarah's House Family Shelter at Ft. Meade, a program operated by Associated Catholic Charities.

Anne Arundel County anticipated being awarded \$2,799,951 in Continuum of Care (CoC) program dollars through the Federal Fiscal Year 2025 competition. These funds will leverage, at a minimum, approximately \$700,000 from County, State, and private monies for projects serving the people experiencing homelessness. Anne Arundel County will further leverage its federal funds – both Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and CoC – with State funds and anticipates receiving a State Homelessness Solutions Grant (HSP) in the amount of \$789,868. The award will support outreach, shelter, homelessness prevention, and rapid rehousing programs. Finally, County Affordable Housing Trust funds, in the amount of \$1,813,000, will support programs offering rental assistance and transitional housing programs.

The County ensures that all the federally required match funds are met or exceeded. The HOME Program requires every one dollar in federal funds expended be matched by the County with at least \$.25 in local funds. The match required for the HOME Program in Local Fiscal Year 2027 is \$174,467 and the County will meet this obligation through the allocation of general funds.

The required match for ESG funds will be met or exceeded as well during Local Fiscal Year 2027. Sarah's House Emergency Family Shelter, operated by Associated Catholic Charities, Inc. (Catholic Charities), will receive an allocation of \$85,000 in ESG funds which will be matched with approximately \$163,850,000 in United States Army Funds; \$899,570 in County general funds; \$114,000 in VLT funds; and \$190,000 in (HSP) funds plus private dollars. The ACDS administered Moving Home Program, a rapid housing program, will match its \$55,365 award with over \$1,000,000 in Affordable Housing Trust dollars. The Light House will match \$40,000 in ESG funds with approximately \$40,000 in State HSP Funds.

If appropriate, describe publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan.

One of the best ways to decrease the cost of new housing is to reduce the cost of land, as that is one of the largest cost factors in housing construction. As land prices rise, those costs are passed on to purchasers in the form of higher housing prices. When the County surpluses residentially zoned property, it makes that land available for new home construction, potentially reducing the cost of building and making the home available at a much lower cost to

first time homebuyers. This program has garnered success in the past, and the County will continue to seek opportunities to provide low or no-cost land for new affordable housing construction.

Discussion

Anne Arundel County works diligently towards leveraging all its federal dollars with other sources of funds. The County regularly collaborates with local elected officials, State and federal legislators, the State housing finance agency, and private developers to leverage funding with non-federal and non-entitlement sources for housing and community development projects. The County invests significant amounts of County funds into housing and community development programs to complement federal and State resources. In addition, subrecipients of federal CDBG public service funds and the CoC program fund use private foundations, private fundraising, volunteers, and in-kind services to fully support these programs.

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Table 2 Goals Summary

| Goals Summary | Goal Name | Start Year | End Year | Category | Geographic Area | Needs Addressed | Funding | Goal Outcome Indicator |
|---------------|---|------------|----------|--------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Affordable Housing: Promote safe, quality, affordable housing available to County residents | 2027 | 2028 | Affordable Housing | Neighborhood Revitalization Area - Brooklyn Park Neighborhood Revitalization Area - Glen Burnie Neighborhood Revitalization Area - Severn Neighborhood Revitalization Area - Maryland City Communities of Opportunity | Affordable Housing – Owner Affordable Housing – Renter Housing Preservation and Rehabilitation Special Needs – Housing | CDBG: \$1,650,185 HOME: 1,389,780.73 County General: \$7,620,900 HOME-Match: \$174,467 HOPWA: \$506,645 | <i>Units Rehabilitated: 145</i> <i>Units Constructed: 364</i> <i>Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 10</i> <i>TBRA/RRH: 45</i> <i>Public Service activities for low/mod income housing benefit: 351</i> |

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| 2 | End Homelessness: Prevent and end homelessness | 2027 | 2028 | Homelessness | Neighborhood Revitalization Area - Brooklyn Park Neighborhood Revitalization Area - Glen Burnie Neighborhood Revitalization Area - Severn Maryland City Communities of Opportunity | Homeless - housing Homeless - shelter and services Homeless - prevention | CDBG: \$207,785 HOME: \$0 ESG: \$180,365 Competitive McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act: \$2,622,689 County: \$2,163,000 | <i>Homeless Prevention: 440</i> <i>TBRA/RRH: 215 households</i> <i>Overnight Shelter: 310 people</i> <i>Persons Assisted: 800</i> |
| 3 | Sustainable Communities: Promote healthy and sustainable communities | 2027 | 2028 | Non-Housing Community Development | Neighborhood Revitalization Area - Brooklyn Park Neighborhood Revitalization Area - Glen Burnie Neighborhood Revitalization Area - Severn Maryland City | Non-Housing Community Development - Public Services Non-Housing Community Development - Public facilities Non-Housing Community Development - Infrastructure | CDBG: \$420,00 | <i>Persons Assisted: 325</i> <i>Public Facility: 2</i> |
| | Goals Summary | Start Year | End Year | Category | Geographic Area | Needs Addressed | Funding | Goal Outcome Indicator |
| 4 | Fair Housing: Implement the County's Fair Housing Plan | 2027 | 2028 | Fair housing | Neighborhood Revitalization Area - Brooklyn Park Neighborhood Revitalization Area - Glen Burnie Neighborhood Revitalization Area - Severn Maryland City | Affordable housing-services Public services-Legal Assistance | County - General: \$0 | |
| 5 | Administration of Federal Funds | 2027 | 2028 | | NA | | CDBG: \$569,492.60 HOME: \$161,975 (includes match) ESG: \$14,624 Competitive McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act: | |

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| | | | | | | | \$177,264 HOPWA: \$21,110 County - General: \$456,997 | |
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**Table 3
Goal Descriptions**

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| GOAL 1: AFFORDABLE HOUSING | Promote safe, quality, affordable housing available to County residents |
| Strategy 1A: | Increase the supply of affordable rental units. |
| Strategy 1B: | Increase the supply of affordable homeownership housing units. |
| Strategy 1C: | Preserve and improve the conditions of existing affordable rental and homeownership units including adaptability and usability. |
| Strategy 1D: | Increase the supply of deeply affordable rental housing with supportive services. |
| Strategy 1E: | Address barriers to homeownership by supporting underserved households through first-time homebuyer programs and homeowner preservation programs. |
| Strategy 1F: | Support resources and programs that help low-income tenants, including individuals with special needs, obtain and retain housing. |
| GOAL 2: END HOMELESSNESS | Prevent and end homelessness |
| Strategy 2A: | Prevent and divert people from becoming homeless. |
| Strategy 2B: | Increase and sustain supporting pathways to sustainable housing opportunities for people who experience homelessness. |
| Strategy 2C: | Increase capacity of and enhance low barrier emergency shelter, interim, and "next step" housing options for people experiencing homelessness. |
| Strategy 2D: | Improve the homeless response system. |
| Strategy 2E: | Improve Homeless Planning Initiatives. |
| Strategy 2F: | Identify scope of and develop plan for youth experiencing homelessness. |
| GOAL 3: SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES | Promote healthy and sustainable communities |
| Strategy 3A: | Create initiatives which support the ability of the County to respond to natural disasters and infectious diseases. |
| Strategy 3B: | Create and support initiatives and programs which provide a path to improved financial and economic wellbeing. |
| Strategy 3C: | Support Initiatives that improve the quality of life for communities, with priority given to communities within designated Neighborhood Revitalization Areas and Housing Commission managed communities |
| GOAL 4: FAIR HOUSING | Implement the County's Fair Housing Plan |

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| Strategy 4A: | Support the implementation of the Baltimore Regional Fair Housing Plan, which includes a local Anne Arundel County component. |
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Introduction

The *Anne Arundel County Consolidated Plan: FY 2026 – FY 2030* contains the Strategic Plan for addressing housing and community development needs in the County. This Plan provides a comprehensive analysis of the needs of County residents and sets out specific goals, strategies, and outcomes to address the needs over a five-year period. This section outlines how the funds available during Local Fiscal Year 2027 will be used to achieve the goals and outcomes outlined in the Plan.

The projects, programs, and activities outlined in this section were selected to address the priorities, goals, strategies, and outcomes outlined in the Consolidated Plan, developed through an intensive public planning process and analysis based on data that was received through a housing market study and needs assessment. Through this planning process, the County identified specific strategies to address the needs in the following goal areas: (i) Affordable Housing; (ii) Preventing and Ending Homelessness; (iii) Promoting Healthy and Sustainable Communities; and (iv) Implementing the County’s Fair Housing Plan. The following projects, programs, and activities funded with County entitlement funds – CDBG, HOME, and ESG – seek to address the priority needs and meet the goals identified in the Consolidated Plan. Other projects, funded with different federal dollars, such as CoC or HOPWA funds, designed to address the goals herein, are discussed throughout the rest of this Action Plan.

**Table 4
Project Information**

| | Project Name |
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| 1 | Caring Homes Program |
| 2 | CDBG Administration |
| 3 | CHDO Group Home Acquisition and Rehabilitation Program |
| 4 | Chesapeake Arts Center Scholarship Program |
| 5 | Department of Social Services – Homeless Outreach Team |
| 6 | Emergency Assistance Program |
| 7 | ESG FY26 Anne Arundel County |
| 8 | Family Stability Prevention Extension Program |
| 9 | Freetown Boys & Girls Club |
| 10 | HOME Administration |

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| 11 | Homeless Resource and Outreach Center |
| 12 | Homeownership Counseling Program |
| 13 | Hope House Treatment Center |
| 14 | Laurel Advocacy & Referral Services |
| 15 | Mortgage Assistance Program |
| 16 | OIC Education and Job Training Program |
| 17 | Opportunity Builders – Sensory Garden |
| 18 | Property Rehabilitation Program |
| 19 | Rehabilitation Advisory Services |
| 20 | Rental Housing Production Program |
| 21 | Repairs With Care Program |
| 22 | Scattered Sites Rental Program |
| 23 | Severn Boys & Girls Club |
| 25 | The Light House Family Program |
| 26 | Turning Houses into Homes – Hope for All |

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs.

The vision guiding the allocation priorities as outlined in the *Anne Arundel County Consolidated Plan: FY 2026 - FY 2030* is as follows:

Anne Arundel County will pursue housing and community development goals that create strong and vibrant communities through a range of affordable housing options and community development opportunities for all residents. Strategies across all goal areas will focus on supporting low- and moderate-income households with the greatest needs obtain housing and related support to help make Anne Arundel County the Best Place – For All.

Prioritization for funding will be given to projects that meet the following guiding principles:

Affordable Housing

The County will make the creation and stabilization/preservation of affordable housing, as well as related services, its top housing and community development priority. Initiatives that create, preserve, and support affordable housing that meets the needs of homeowners, renters, those experiencing homelessness, and other special needs populations will be given preference for

funding. Further, to the extent possible, production of new affordable housing and programs that enhance possibilities for quality housing in economic opportunity area census tracts as well as in areas where the development activity will have a revitalizing impact shall be prioritized.

Priority Areas

Revitalization efforts and public service dollars (operating funds) will be prioritized to four main neighborhood revitalization areas, which are the **Severn, Brooklyn Park, Maryland City, and Glen Burnie** communities. While these areas have their own unique assets, they contain a higher concentration of low- and moderate-income households, older – yet affordable – housing stock in need of updates, repairs, and other needs compared to the County as a whole.

During Local Fiscal Year 2027, the County will use the vision defined in this Consolidated Plan to target its limited resources. As in previous years, increasing affordable housing options through various methods continues to be a priority.

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**Table 5
Project Summary Information**

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| 1 | PROJECT NAME | CARING HOMES PROGRAM |
| | Target Area | Neighborhood Revitalization Area – Glen Burnie and Severn |
| | Goals Supported | Affordable Housing: Promote safe, quality, affordable Housing available to County Residents |
| | Needs Addressed | Supportive services for low-income renter households and special populations |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$25,000 |
| | Description | Funds will be used to continue a congregate services program, which provides light housekeeping, meals, and other non-medical services so the residents at Friendship Station and Arundel Woods senior housing complexes can age in place. Strategy: Support resources and programs that help low-income tenants, including individuals with special needs, obtain and retain housing CDBG National Objective: 570.208(a)(2) Low/Mod Limited Clientele - Seniors |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2027 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed Activities | The Services for Seniors Program will provide congregate services to six (6) very low-income seniors residing at Friendship Station and Arundel Woods. |
| | Location Description | Friendship Station, 1212 Odenton Road, Odenton, MD 21113 and Arundel Woods, 403 W Ordnance Rd, Glen Burnie, MD 21061 |
| | Planned Activities | Funds will be used to continue the Services for Seniors Aging in Place Program at the Friendship Station and Arundel Woods senior housing communities in Odenton and Glen Burnie. Funds are used to subsidize the cost of providing services, such as daily meals, laundry services, and housekeeping, for approximately six very low- |

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| | | income elderly residents. These Programs help participants age in place and avoid the need for a move to costly nursing homes. |
| 2 | PROJECT NAME | CDBG ADMINISTRATION |
| | Target Area | |
| | Goals Supported | Administration of Federal Funds |
| | Needs Addressed | |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$569,492.60 |
| | Description | Funds will be used for general management, planning, oversight, and coordination of community development activities. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2027 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed Activities | N/A |
| | Location Description | Arundel Community Development Services, Inc., 2666 Riva Road, Suite 210, Annapolis, MD 21401 |
| Planned Activities | Funds will be used for general management, planning, oversight, and coordination of community development activities. | |
| 3 | PROJECT NAME | CHDO HOUSING ACQUISITION AND REHABILITATION |
| | Target Area | |
| | Goals Supported | Affordable Housing: Rental Housing Opportunities |
| | Needs Addressed | Special Needs - Housing |
| | Funding | HOME: \$116,214 HOME Match: \$29,053 |
| | Description | CHDO Group Home Acquisition and Rehabilitation Program funds (at least 15 percent of the HOME allocation) are reserved for housing developed, owned, or sponsored by a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO). Funds will be used to continue this multi-year program to acquire and/or rehabilitate housing to serve persons with special needs. Strategy: Create and Maintain Accessible Rental Housing Units Objective: Provide Decent Affordable Housing Outcome: Affordability |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2027 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | One group home will be acquired and constructed/rehabilitated. Typically, these group homes serve three to four individuals with disabilities. |
| | Location Description | The Program will be offered countywide. |
| Planned Activities | Funds will be allocated to the HOME funded Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Group Home Acquisition and Rehabilitation Program. These funds will be made available to a certified CHDO to acquire and/or renovate housing to serve special needs populations. ACDS, on behalf of the County, is working with CHDO certified special needs housing providers to identify potential projects for the upcoming year. One group home will be developed during the fiscal year. | |
| 4 | PROJECT NAME | CHESAPEAKE ARTS CENTER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM |
| | Target Area | Neighborhood Revitalization Area - Brooklyn Park |
| | Goals Supported | Sustainable Communities |
| | Needs Addressed | Non-Housing Community Development - Public Service |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$25,000 |
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| | Description | The Chesapeake Arts Center will use funds to provide scholarships to subsidize tuition to attend classes and programs for income-eligible youth and their families in the Brooklyn Park community. Strategy: Support Initiatives that Improve the Quality of Life for Communities Objective: Create a Suitable Living Environment Outcome: Sustainability. CDBG Citation 570.201(e) CDBG National Objective: 570.208.(a)(2) Low/Mod Limited Clientele |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2027 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Approximately 50 low- and moderate-income youth will participate in classes offered by the Chesapeake Arts Center. |
| | Location Description | Chesapeake Arts Center – 194 Hammonds Lane, Brooklyn Park, MD 21225. |
| | Planned Activities | Funds will be provided to the Chesapeake Arts Center Scholarship Program to provide funding for approximately 50 low-income youth from the Brooklyn Park community to participate in art, dance, music, drama, and other courses. |
| 5 | PROJECT NAME | DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES - HOMELESS OUTREACH TEAM |
| | Target Area | |
| | Goals Supported | Prevent and End Homelessness |
| | Needs Addressed | Homeless – Shelter and Services |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$27,785 |
| | Description | Funds will support DSS' Street Outreach Team, which works to find and assist individuals who are unsheltered (i.e. have a primary residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation become linked services, shelter, and housing. Strategy: Improve the Homelessness Response System Objective: Create a Suitable Living Environment Outcome: Availability. CDBG Citation 570.201(e) CDBG National Objective: 570.208.(a)(2) Low/Mod Limited Clientele |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2027 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | The Homeless Outreach Team Program will serve 200 homeless individuals. |
| | Location Description | This program is offered Countywide |
| | Planned Activities | Funds will be used to outreach to individuals who are unsheltered become linked to services, benefits, shelter, and housing resources. |
| 6 | PROJECT NAME | EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM |
| | Target Area | Neighborhood Revitalization Area – Glen Burnie, Severn, Brooklyn Park |
| | Goals Supported | Prevent and End Homelessness |
| | Needs Addressed | Homeless – Prevention |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$40,000 |

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| | Description | The Community Action Agency will use funds to prevent income eligible County residents from being evicted from their homes, and to assist with the first month's rent to help families become re-housed. Strategy: Prevent Homelessness Objective: Affordable Housing Outcome: Availability. CDBG Citation: 570.201(e) CBBG National Objective -570.208(a)(2) – Low/Mod Limited Clientele |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2027 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed Activities | Funds will be used to assist approximately 60 low- and moderate-income households who remain housed or obtain new housing. |
| | Location Description | Anne Arundel County Community Action Agency, 251 West Street, Annapolis, MD 21401. The assistance will be offered countywide. |
| | Planned Activities | Funds will be used to support the Community Action Agency Emergency Assistance Program. This Program will provide emergency financial assistance to approximately 60 households to prevent them becoming homeless, as well as to assist households with security deposits and the first month's rent. |
| 7 | PROJECT NAME | ESG 27 ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY |
| | Target Area | Neighborhood Revitalization Area – Glen Burnie, Severn, Brooklyn Park, Maryland City |
| | Goals Supported | Prevent and End Homelessness |
| | Needs Addressed | Homeless – Prevention Homeless – Housing Homeless – Shelter and Services |
| | Funding | ESG: \$194,989 |
| | Description | Funds will be used to provide emergency shelter, homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing programs. Strategy: Prevent homelessness, Increase and Sustain Housing Opportunities for the Homeless and Maintain and Enhance Emergency Shelter and Interim Housing Options Objective: Affordable Housing Outcome: Affordability |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2027 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Approximately 300 individuals, including youth, will be served by Sarah's House Family Shelter Program; 25 households will be provided with case management services through the Moving Home Program, and 10 households will be provided with eviction prevention through the Light House. |
| | Location Description | Sarah's House, 2015 20th Street, Fort Meade, MD 20755 The Light House – Safe Harbor Resource Center, 10 Hudson Street, Annapolis, MD 21401. Moving Home Program – 2666 Riva Road, Suite 210, Annapolis, MD 21401 Rapid Re-Housing participants are allowed to re-locate neighboring counties if they are unable to locate appropriate housing within Anne Arundel County, so long as the geographic location of the unit allows for Rapid Re-housing programs to provide supportive services for the duration of program participation. Administration Arundel Community Development Services, Inc., 2666 Riva Road, |

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| | Planned Activities | <p>Emergency Shelter Funds in the amount of \$85,000 will be used for the continuation of Associated Catholic Charities, Inc. Emergency Shelter Program, known as Sarah's House, which serves homeless families and individuals.</p> <p>Moving Home Program Funds in the amount of \$55,365 will be used by ACDS to provide case management to assist homeless individuals (especially individuals and families, families with children, Veterans, and their families) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living.</p> <p>Prevention/Diversion Program Funds in the amount of \$40,000 would support The Light House's eviction prevention program offered at their Safe Haven Resource Center (SHRC). On a limited case by case basis, rapid rehousing funds providing short term assistance may be offered.</p> <p>Administration Funds of \$14,624 will be used for general management, planning, oversight, and administration.</p> |
| 8 | PROJECT NAME | FAMILY STABILITY PREVENTION EXTENSION PROGRAM |
| | Target Area | Neighborhood Revitalization Area – Brooklyn Park |
| | Goals Supported | Prevent and End Homelessness |
| | Needs Addressed | Homeless – Prevention |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$30,000 |
| | Description | <p>Funds will be used to support the Anne Arundel County Partnership for Children, Youth, and Families' North County, as well as countywide, homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing programs, which offers intensive case management and financial assistance focused on preventing family homelessness and enhancing housing stability.</p> <p>Strategy: Prevent Homelessness</p> <p>Objective: Affordable Housing</p> <p>Outcome: Availability. CDBG Citation: 570.201(e)</p> <p>CDBG National Objective -570.208(a)(2) – Low/Mod Limited Clientele</p> |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2027 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Funds will be used to help approximately 60 households. |
| | Location Description | This Program will be targeted but not limited to Brooklyn Park |
| | Planned Activities | Anne Arundel County Partnership for Children, Youth, and Families' North County, as well as countywide, homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing program, offering intensive case management and financial assistance focused on preventing family homelessness and enhancing family stability. |
| 9 | PROJECT NAME | FREETOWN BOYS & GIRLS CLUB |
| | Target Area | |
| | Goals Supported | Sustainable Communities |
| | Needs Addressed | Non-Housing Community Development – Public Service Public Housing – Services |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$20,000 |

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| | Description | Funds will be used for the Boys & Girls Club at Heritage of Freetown to continue its work providing a safe and accessible facility and life-changing programs for children and teens. Strategy: Support Initiatives that Improve the Quality of Life for Communities Objective: Create a Suitable Living Environment Outcome: Availability. CDBG Citation: 570.201(e) CDBG National Objective: 570.208(a)(2) - Low/Mod Limited Clientele |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2027 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Funds will be used to serve approximately 75 children and teens from the Freetown Village Housing community and surrounding area with life-changing programs in a safe and accessible facility. |
| | Location Description | Heritage at Freetown, 7820 Darrell Henry Ct, Pasadena, MD 21122 |
| | Planned Activities | Funds will be used to support the Boys & Girls Clubs of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, Inc. program at the Freetown Boys & Girls Club. |
| 10 | PROJECT NAME | HOME ADMINISTRATION |
| | Target Area | |
| | Goals Supported | Administration of Federal Funds |
| | Needs Addressed | |
| | Funding | HOME: \$134,975 County: \$27,000 |
| | Description | Funds will be used for general management, planning, oversight, and coordination of the HOME program activities. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2027 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | N/A |
| | Location Description | Arundel Community Development Services, Inc., 2666 Riva Road, Suite 210, Annapolis, MD 21401 |
| | Planned Activities | Funds will be used for general management, planning, oversight, and coordination of the HOME program activities. |
| 11 | PROJECT NAME | HOMELESS RESOURCE AND OUTREACH CENTER |
| | Target Area | Neighborhood Revitalization Area – Glen Burnie |
| | Goals Supported | Prevent and End Homelessness |
| | Needs Addressed | Homeless – Shelter and Services |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$45,000 |
| | Description | Funds will be used to support the Arundel House of Hope, Inc. Homeless Resource and Outreach Center, which offers case management, day shelter, information and referral services, housing search, and links to mainstream resources to individuals experiencing homelessness on a drop-in basis. The Center serves as the Winter Relief Intake Center between November and April. Strategy: Improve the Homelessness Response System Objective: Create a Suitable Living Environment Outcome: Availability. CDBG Citation 570.201(e) CDBG National Objective: 570.208.(a)(2) Low/Mod Limited Clientele |

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| | Target Date | 6/30/2027 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Services will be provided to approximately 500 persons at the Homeless Resource and Outreach Center. |
| | Location Description | Glen Burnie, MD |
| | Planned Activities | Funds will be used to support the Arundel House of Hope, Inc. resource center for the homeless, which will provide case management, information, referral services, medical, and treatment resources. In addition, the Center will function as the Winter Relief Intake Center from November through April. |
| 12 | PROJECT NAME | HOMEOWNERSHIP COUNSELING PROGRAM |
| | Target Area | |
| | Goals Supported | Affordable Housing: Promote safe, quality, affordable Housing available to County Residents |
| | Needs Addressed | Affordable Housing - Owner |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$20,000 |
| | Description | Funds will be used by Arundel Community Development Services, Inc. (ACDS) offer a comprehensive homeownership counseling program preparing potential homebuyers for the financial responsibilities of purchasing a home. Strategy: Increase Homeownership Opportunities through Programming Objective: Provide Decent Affordable Housing Outcome: Affordability CDBG National Objective: 570.208.(a)(2) Low/Mod Limited Clientele |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2027 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Approximately 300 individuals will receive comprehensive homeownership Counseling. |
| | Location Description | 2666 Riva Road, Suite 210, Annapolis, MD 21401 |
| | Planned Activities | Funds will be used by Arundel Community Development Services, Inc. (ACDS), which offers a comprehensive homeownership counseling program preparing potential homebuyers for the financial responsibilities of purchasing a home by offering budget and credit counseling as well as offering Foreclosure Prevention Counseling to existing homeowners by providing technical assistance and intensive one-on-one counseling. |
| 13 | PROJECT NAME | HOPE HOUSE TREATMENT CENTER |
| | Target Area | |
| | Goals Supported | Sustainable Communities |
| | Needs Addressed | Non-Housing Community Development – Public Facilities Special Needs – Services |
| | Funding | \$150,000 CDBG |
| | Description | Funds will be used by the Hope House Treatment Center to rehabilitate the property including items such as repairs to the water valve, elevator and refurbishment of 20 patient rooms. Strategy: Support Initiatives that Improve the Quality of Life for Communities Objective: Create a Suitable Living Environment |

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| | | Outcome: Sustainability. CDBG Citation 570.201(c) CDBG National Objective: 570.208.(a)(2) Low/Mod Limited Clientele |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2027 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Hope House serves approximately 500 individuals annually. Hope House offers residential treatment. |
| | Location Description | 26 Marbury Drive, Crownsville, MD 21032 |
| | Planned Activities | Funds will be used by the Hope House Treatment Center to make capital improvements and to rehabilitate the property including items such as repairs to the water valve, elevator and refurbishment of 20 patient rooms. |
| 14 | PROJECT NAME | LAUREL ADVOCACY & REFERRAL SERVICES |
| | Target Area | Neighborhood Revitalization Area – Maryland City |
| | Goals Supported | Prevent and End Homelessness |
| | Needs Addressed | Homeless – Prevention |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$20,000 |
| | Description | Funds will be used to support Laurel Advocacy & Referral Services for their emergency services program, which aids low-income individuals and families from Anne Arundel County who are facing eviction or loss of housing. Strategy: Prevent Homelessness Objective: Provide Decent Affordable Housing Outcome: Affordability |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2027 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Funds will be used to support approximately 10 low-income individuals facing eviction or housing instability. |
| | Location Description | This Program will be offered to Laurel/Maryland City residents in Anne Arundel County |
| | Planned Activities | Laurel Advocacy & Referral Services (LARS) will use funds to provide low-income individuals and families at risk of eviction financial assistance to maintain or secure stable permanent housing. May assist homeowners with financial assistance to prevent housing loss. |
| 15 | PROJECT NAME | MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM |
| | Target Area | Countywide |
| | Goals Supported | Affordable Housing: Promote safe, quality, affordable Housing available to County Residents |
| | Needs Addressed | Affordable Housing - Owner |
| | Funding | HOME: \$75,000 County Match: \$25,000 |
| | Description | Funds will be used by Arundel Community Development Services, Inc. (ACDS) to provide deferred repayment loans to income eligible first-time homebuyers for mortgage write-down, down payment and closing cost assistance in Anne Arundel County. Strategy: Increase Homeownership Opportunities through Programming Objective: Provide Decent Affordable Housing Outcome: Affordability |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2027 |

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| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed Activities | Approximately 10 low- and moderate-income households will be provided with deferred repayment loans for mortgage write-down, down payment and closing cost assistance in the County |
| | Location Description | The Program will be offered countywide |
| | Planned Activities | <p>Funds will be used to provide down payment, closing cost, and mortgage write-down assistance to approximately 10 first time homebuyers, with incomes 80 percent and below AMI, purchase a home. MAP loans will be made available at zero percent interest with the repayment deferred for 30 years, or until the sale or transfer of the home, whichever occurs first.</p> <p>Specifically, homebuyers who use the Mortgage Assistance Program (MAP) must have a household income 80 percent and below area median income (AMI). In addition, the applicants must purchase a home in Anne Arundel County, graduate from the ACDS Homeownership Counseling Program, and be a first-time homebuyer. Also, a homebuyer must contribute a minimum of one percent of the sales price. The amount of assistance provided is the gap between the cost of the house and what is affordable to the homebuyer. MAP funds are provided in the form of a deferred loan.</p> |
| 17 | PROJECT NAME | OIC EDUCATION AND JOB TRAINING PROGRAM |
| | Target Area | |
| | Goals Supported | Economic Opportunities |
| | Needs Addressed | Economic Opportunities |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$35,000 |
| | Description | <p>Opportunity Industrialization Center (OIC) of Anne Arundel County will use funds to continue providing virtual counseling courses in ESOL, computer training, basic academic skills and GED preparation to income eligible individuals who are unemployed and underemployed. Funds will be used to pay for operational costs such as facility rent, employee salaries and supplies.</p> <p>Strategy: Promote Independence</p> <p>Objective: Create Economic Opportunities</p> <p>Outcome: Availability. CDBG Citation: 570.201(e) CDBG National Objective: 570.208(a)(2) – Low/Mod Limited Clientele</p> |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2027 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed Activities | Funds will be used to support approximately 50 unemployed or underemployed individuals with educational and employment assistance. |
| | Location Description | The Program will be offered countywide. |
| | Planned Activities | Funds will be used to support OIC's virtual training programs to accommodate the schedules of working adults. This Program offers ESOL, basic academic skills, GED preparation, and computer skills training classes to income eligible individuals who are unemployed and underemployed. |
| 18 | PROJECT NAME | OPPORTUNITY BUILDERS – SENSORY GARDEN |
| | Target Area | Neighborhood Revitalization Area – Glen Burnie |
| | Goals Supported | Sustainable Communities |
| | Needs Addressed | Support Initiatives that improve the quality of life |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$125,000 |

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| | Description | Funds will be utilized to create the County's first sensory garden and accessible playground, serving an estimated 5,000 individuals in first year. |
| | Target Date | 06/30/2027 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed Activities | OBI serves approximately 400 youth and adults with disabilities at this facility each year. |
| | Location Description | 8855 Veterans Highway, Millersville campus, Millersville, MD 21008 |
| | Planned Activities | The funding will be used to design a therapeutic, recreation, and educational space welcoming both OBI participants and the broader community advancing accessibility and integration. |
| 19 | PROJECT NAME | PROPERTY REHABILITATION PROGRAM |
| | Target Area | Neighborhood Revitalization Area – Glen Burnie, Severn, Brooklyn Park |
| | Goals Supported | Homeownership Opportunities |
| | Needs Addressed | Affordable Housing – Owner |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$577,070 |
| | Description | Funds will be used to assist low- and moderate-income homeowners whose homes need property repair, rehabilitation or reconstruction. Funds will be used to provide deferred loans to rehabilitate or reconstruct homes, and repairs to correct housing, health, occupancy, and other code violations. Strategy: Improve the Quality of Existing Affordable Homeownership Units. Objective: Provide Decent Affordable Housing. Outcome: Availability. CDBG Citation 570.202(a)(1) & 570.202 (b)(2) CDBG National Objective: 570.208(a)(3) – Low/Mod Housing. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2027 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | It is anticipated that 26 low- and moderate-income households will be served by the CDBG and HOME funded program. |
| | Location Description | The Program will be offered countywide. |
| Planned Activities | Funds will be used for deferred loans and grants to rehabilitate, reconstruct, or repair homes to correct housing, health, occupancy and other code violations. To be eligible to participate in the Property Rehabilitation Program, the house must be owner-occupied; the homeowner must have a household income which is 80 percent and below AMI, be current on mortgage payments and taxes, and have sufficient equity to support the loan. The Program provides loans or grants to eligible borrowers at a zero percent interest rate with payment deferred on the loan for 30 years unless the home is sold or the title transfers. It is anticipated that 26 low- and moderate-income households will be served by the CDBG and HOME funded program. | |
| 20 | PROJECT NAME | REHABILITATION ADVISORY SERVICES |
| | Target Area | |
| | Goals Supported | Homeownership Opportunities |
| | Needs Addressed | Affordable Housing – Owner |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$ 630,000 |

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| | Description | Funds will support staff and implementation costs for the CDBG and HOME funded Property Rehabilitation Program, Property Repair Program, and Accessibility Modifications Program, which includes provisions of technical and financial advisory assistance to income eligible homeowners. Strategy: Improve the Quality of Existing Affordable Homeownership Units Objective: Provide Decent Affordable Housing Outcome: Affordability. CDBG Citation: 570.202(b)(9) CDBG National Objective: 570.208(a)(3) – Low/Mod Housing |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2027 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Funds will be used to serve 26 low- and moderate-income households. |
| | Location Description | Arundel Community Development Services, Inc., 2666 Riva Road, Suite 210, Annapolis, MD 21401 |
| | Planned Activities | Funds will support the implementation cost of the Property Rehabilitation Program, Property Repair Program, Accessibility Modifications Program, and State funded rehabilitation programs. Staff will collaborate with homeowners to underwrite project financing and secure State financing, select contractors, develop work write-ups, manage the construction process, and ensure quality work is completed in a timely manner. |
| 21 | PROJECT NAME | RENTAL HOUSING PRODUCTION PROGRAM |
| | Target Area | Communities of Opportunity |
| | Goals Supported | Rental Housing Opportunities |
| | Needs Addressed | Affordable Housing – Rental Development |
| | Funding | HOME: \$ 1,198,566.73 County Match: \$120,414 |
| | Description | Funds will be used to provide loans to developers for the acquisition, rehabilitation, and new construction of rental housing for low- and moderate- income households. Strategy: Increase the Supply of Affordable Rental Units and Improve and Preserve the Existing Stock of Affordable Rental Housing Objective: Provide Decent Affordable Housing Outcome: Affordability |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2027 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed Activities | Funds may be used to assist with gap financing for seven projects that have received an allocation of State LIHTC financing but are in the early stages of development. Once completed, these projects will result in an additional 480 units of new or preserved affordable rental housing. |
| | Location Description | Countywide |
| | Planned Activities | HOME and County funds will be used to provide gap financing for several projects in FY27. Specifically, the County plans to utilize HOME funds during FY 2027 to provide gap financing for seven LIHTC funded projects that are currently undergoing the underwriting process. |
| 22 | PROJECT NAME | REPAIRS WITH CARE PROGRAM |
| | Target Area | Neighborhood Revitalization Area – Brooklyn Park Neighborhood Revitalization Area – Glen Burnie Neighborhood Revitalization Area – Severn |
| | Goals Supported | Homeownership Opportunities |

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| | Needs Addressed | Special Needs – Housing |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$25,000 |
| | Description | <p>Funds will be used by Partners in Care, Inc. to support a program assisting low- and moderate-income senior homeowners to make accessibility and handyman repairs and to support programs providing supportive services that enable elderly to remain in their homes or rental communities so they may age in place. Funds will be used to support staff costs.</p> <p>Strategy: Improve Accessibility of Homeownership Units Objective: Provide Decent Affordable Housing</p> <p>Outcome: Availability. CDBG Citation: 570.201(e) CDBG National Objective: 570.208(a)(2) – Low/Mod Limited Clientele – Seniors</p> |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2027 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Approximately 45 seniors will be provided with minor accessibility and handyman repairs. |
| | Location Description | Partners in Care Office, 90B Ritchie Highway, Pasadena, Maryland 21122. Services will be offered to seniors countywide. |
| | Planned Activities | Funds will be made available to Partners in Care, Inc. to support the Repairs with Care Program. Funds will support a program coordinator responsible for providing counseling and technical assistance to enable seniors to access reliable and trustworthy contractors to perform minor home repairs. This Program will enable older adults to remain in their homes or in rental communities. |
| 23 | PROJECT NAME | SCATTERED SITES RENTAL PROGRAM |
| | Target Area | <p>Neighborhood Revitalization Area – Brooklyn Park</p> <p>Neighborhood Revitalization Area – Glen Burnie</p> <p>Neighborhood Revitalization Area – Severn</p> <p>Neighborhood Revitalization Area – Maryland City</p> |
| | Goals Supported | Rental Housing Opportunities |
| | Needs Addressed | Affordable Housing – Rental Development |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$373,115.40 |
| | Description | <p>Funds will be used to acquire and rehabilitate housing units in the County, targeting housing in the Neighborhood Revitalization Areas to rent to limited income renters.</p> <p>Strategy: Improve and Preserve the Existing Stock of Affordable Rental Housing</p> <p>Objective: Provide Decent Affordable Housing</p> <p>Outcome: Affordability. CDBG Citation: 570.202(b)(1) and 570.201(a) CDBG National Objective: 570.208(a)(3) – Low/Mod Housing</p> |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2027 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Six low- and moderate-income households will be provided with affordable housing. Rental units available through the Scattered Sites Rental Program are available to a household with an income at 80 percent and below AMI. |
| | Location Description | The Scattered Site Rental Program will be targeted to the neighborhood revitalization Areas including Maryland City. |
| | Planned Activities | Funds will be utilized through the Scattered Sites Rental Program to continue efforts to revitalize the Neighborhood Revitalization Areas. These funds will be leveraged with State Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Grant, Loan Program funds, and Maryland Community Legacy funds. ACDS, on behalf of Anne Arundel County, will acquire and rehabilitate four homes to be rented to income eligible households. |

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| 24 | PROJECT NAME | SEVERN BOYS & GIRLS CLUB |
| | Target Area | Neighborhood Revitalization Area – Severn |
| | Goals Supported | Sustainable Communities |
| | Needs Addressed | Non-Housing Community Development – Public Service |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$ 65,000 |
| | Description | This funding request will provide operating funds for the Boys & Girls Club at Severn Center to continue its vital work of providing a safe and accessible facility and life-changing programs for children and teens. Strategy: Support Initiatives that Improve the Quality of Life for Communities Objective: Create a Suitable Living Environment Outcome: Availability. CDBG Citation: 570.201(e) CDBG National Objective: 570.208(a)(2) - Low/Mod Limited Clientele |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2027 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Fund will be used to serve approximately 300 children and teens in the surrounding area with life-changing programs in a safe and accessible facility. |
| | Location Description | 1160 Reece Road, Severn, MD 21144 |
| | Planned Activities | Funds will be used to support the operation of a Boys and Girls Club at the Severn Center. |
| 25 | PROJECT NAME | THE LIGHT HOUSE FAMILY PROGRAM |
| | Target Area | |
| | Goals Supported | Prevent and End Homelessness |
| | Needs Addressed | Homeless – Shelter and Services |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$25,000 |
| | Description | The Light House will utilize funds to support the Light House Family Program, including case management, housing search assistance, and childcare services for homeless families residing at the shelter. Strategy: Improve the homelessness response system Objective: Create a Suitable Living Environment Outcome: Availability. CDBG Citation 570.201(e) CDBG National Objective: 570.208.(a)(2) Low/Mod Limited Clientele |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2027 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | The Light House Family Program will serve 50 households. |
| | Location Description | The Light House Family Program, 10 Hudson St., Annapolis, MD 21401 |
| | Planned Activities | Increase capacity of and enhance low barrier emergency shelter, interim, and “next step” housing options for people experiencing homelessness. |
| 26 | PROJECT NAME | TURNING HOUSES INTO HOMES (HOPE FOR ALL) |
| | Target Area | |
| | Goals Supported | Prevent and End Homelessness |
| | Needs Addressed | Improve homelessness response system |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$20,000 |
| | Description | Funds would support HOPE For All's Turning Houses into Homes program, which provides beds, furniture, clothing, kitchen supplies, and household goods to families exiting homelessness to furnish their new homes. |

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| | <p>Strategy: Maintain and Enhance Emergency Shelter Options</p> <p>Objective: Create a Suitable Living Environment</p> <p>Outcome: Availability. CDBG Citation 570.201(e) CDBG National Objective: 570.208.(a)(2) Low/Mod Limited Clientele</p> |
| Target Date | 6/30/2027 |
| Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | The Turning Houses in Homes will serve approximately 100 households. |
| Location Description | The program will be offered countywide |
| Planned Activities | HOPE For All's Turning Houses into Homes program will provide beds, furniture, clothing, kitchen supplies, and household goods to families exiting homelessness to furnish their new homes. |

AP-50 Geographic Distribution

Priority will be given to programs creating new affordable housing units and building the ability for low-income households to secure affordable housing in Communities of Opportunity (COOs), especially those in, or near, current or future transit zones. COOs, identified by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), are areas that have a low concentration of low- and moderate-income households and rank high on indices of quality of life. These are areas where there is a lack of both affordable rental and affordable homeownership units.

Revitalization efforts and public service dollars will be prioritized in four Neighborhood Revitalization Areas, which are the Brooklyn Park, Glen Burnie, Severn, and Maryland City Communities. These areas have their own unique assets and are targeted by the County for place-based community development initiatives across a range of disciplines. At the same time, these areas contain a higher concentration of low- and moderate-income households, older – yet affordable – housing stock in need of updates and repairs, and other needs compared to the County as a whole. The Brooklyn Park, Glen Burnie and Severn communities have approved Sustainable Community Initiative designations from the State of Maryland and are targeted for revitalization programs. Maryland City has a growing low-to-moderate income population with community development needs.

Table 6 indicates the percentage of federal funds that will be invested specifically in the geographic priority areas but does not include federal funds being made available countywide, including the geographic priority areas noted in the table; nor does it include the County general funds to be invested in these geographic areas.

Geographic Distribution

**Table 6
Geographic Distribution**

| Target Area | Percentage of Funds |
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| Neighborhood Revitalization Area – Brooklyn Park | 9% |
| Neighborhood Revitalization Area – Glen Burnie | 8% |
| Neighborhood Revitalization Area – Severn | 1% |
| Neighborhood Revitalization Area - Maryland City | 0% |
| Communities of Opportunity | 30% |

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

During Local Fiscal Year 2027, a portion of the federal public service funds will support place-based initiatives in Brooklyn Park, Glen Burnie, Severn and Maryland City communities, including programs for youth, seniors, homeless support, and eviction prevention.

These areas, which also have a high concentration of low- and moderate-income households, may have substandard housing. The Property Rehabilitation Program will not be limited to these revitalization areas; however, it will be marketed to homeowners residing in the target areas. Furthermore, a significant portion of federal and local funds will be reserved for acquiring and restoring row homes in the Brooklyn Park and Severn communities. These homes will be converted into affordable, quality, and well-managed rental housing for income eligible households.

Low- and moderate-income households lack affordable housing choices throughout the County. During Local Fiscal Year 2027, the County will balance the need for the creation of new affordable units in COOs, with stabilizing and improving the existing stock of affordable housing units throughout the County, especially in the Neighborhood Revitalization Areas and Maryland City.

Pre-development and underwriting work are underway in Local Fiscal Year 2027 on an additional seven rental development projects which, when completed, will result in an additional 480 units of new or preserved affordable rental housing (unit total is comprised of the following projects located in Opportunity areas:

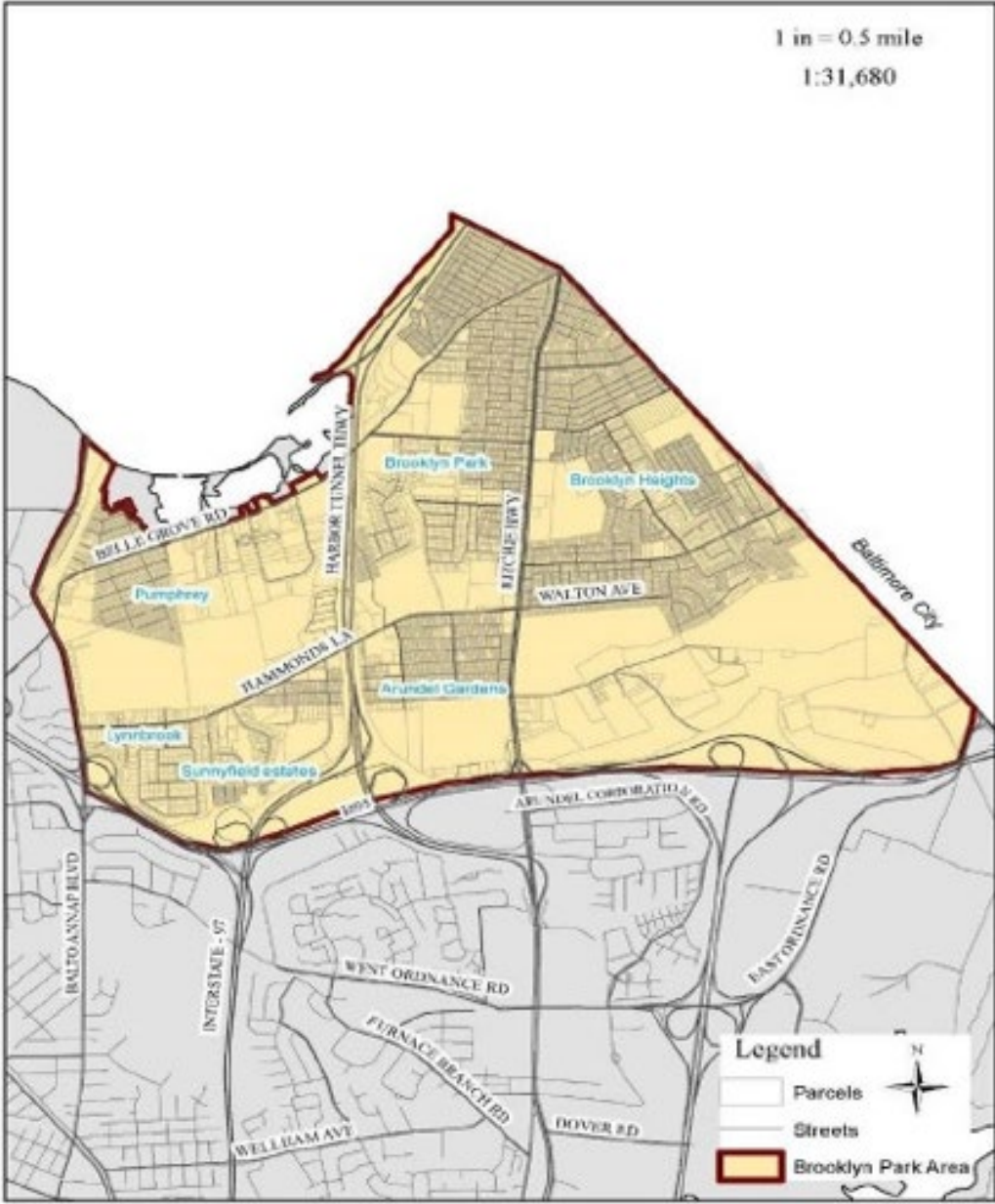
- Homes at Shelly, a 60-unit new construction project for families, located in Glen Burnie.
- Little Patuxent Family, a 33-unit new construction for families, located in Gambrills.
- Odenton Junction 4%, a 72-unit new construction for families, located in Odenton.
- Odenton Junction 9%, a 50-unit new construction for families, located in Odenton.
- Robinwood Redevelopment 4%, a 66-unit redevelopment and 90-unit new construction project for families and seniors, in Annapolis.
- Robinwood Redevelopment 9%, a 58-unit redevelopment of an existing family project, located in Annapolis; and
- Bloomsbury Square, a 51-unit redevelopment for families, located in Annapolis.

Discussion

The County seeks to establish a balanced approach among allocating resources to Neighborhood Revitalization Areas, Countywide affordable housing initiatives, strategies to end homelessness, and efforts to uplift economic well-being. The County also seeks to strike a balance between creating new affordable housing opportunities for low-income households in high-opportunity areas, as well as preserving existing affordable housing, as the need is so great. The Local Fiscal Year 2027 budget will aid in the execution of these goals, paving the way for more affordable housing in Anne Arundel County.

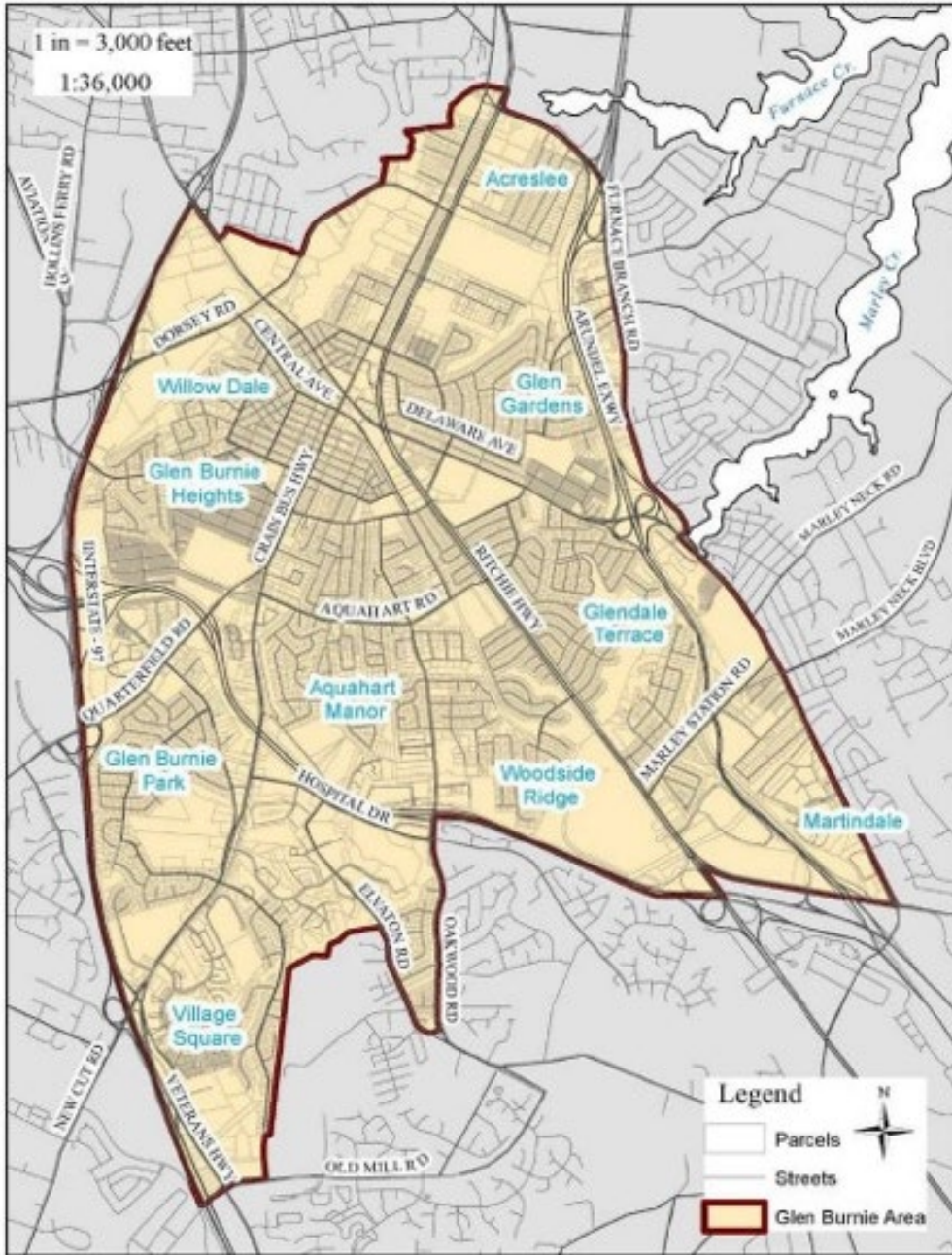
Map 1
Neighborhood Revitalization Area - Brooklyn Park

BROOKLYN PARK SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY AREAS



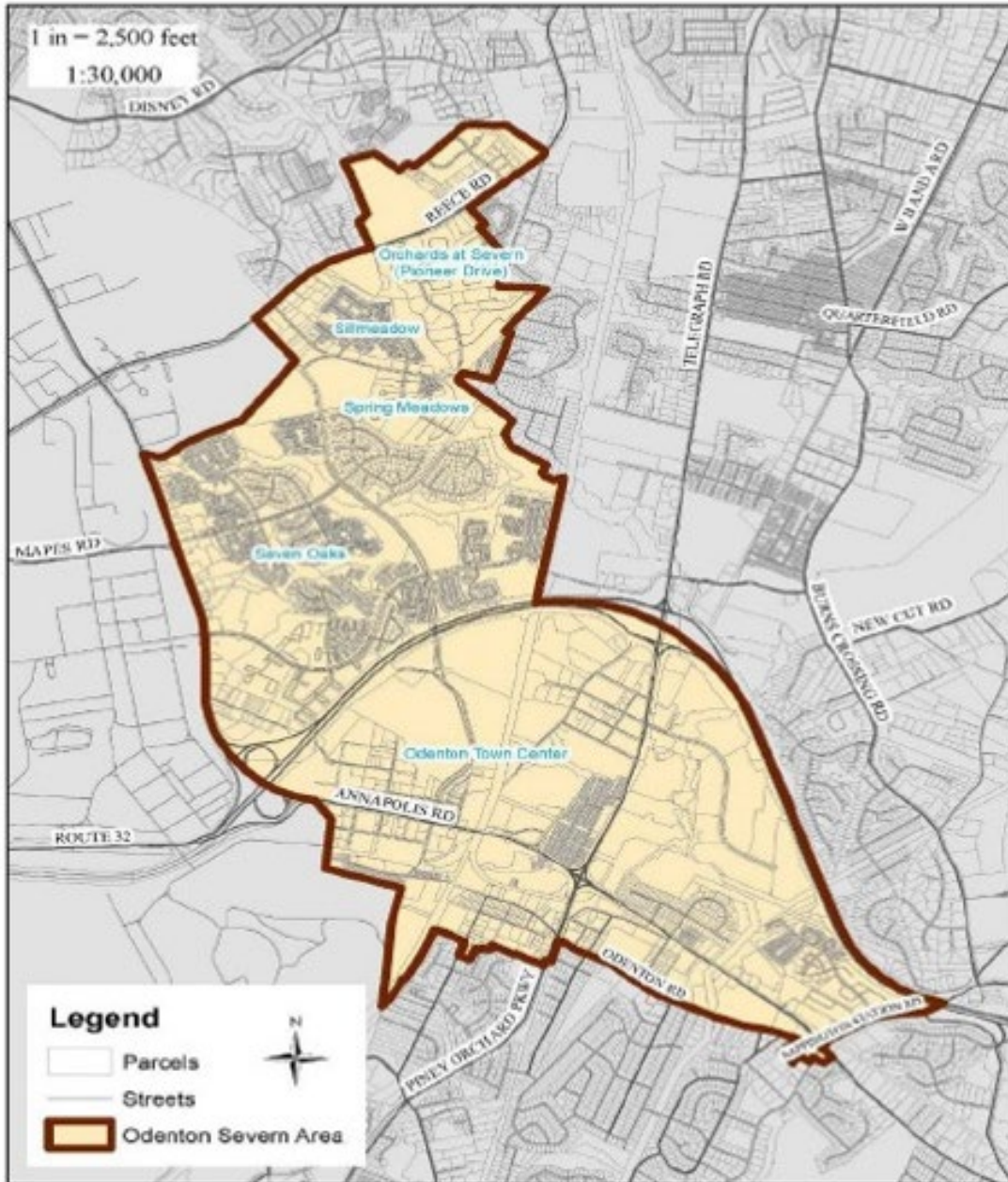
Map 2
Neighborhood Revitalization Area - Glen Burnie

GLEN BURNIE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY AREAS



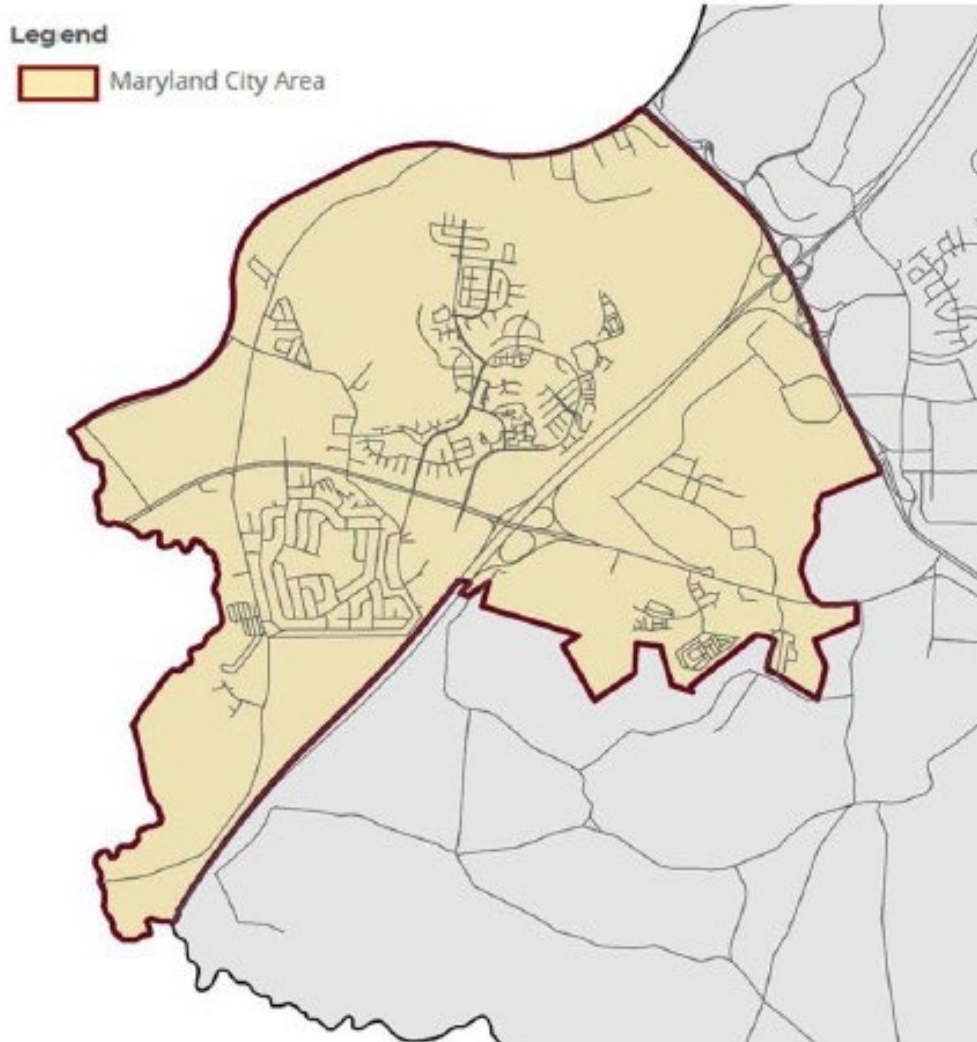
Map 3
Neighborhood Revitalization Area - Severn

ODENTON-SEVERN SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY AREAS



Map 4
Neighborhood Revitalization Area – Maryland City

MARYLAND CITY PRIORITY AREA



AP-55 Affordable Housing

Table 7 and Table 8 reflect the number of affordable housing units and/or housing assistance that will be provided with funding from the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs. Specifically, these federally funded projects are the Rental Housing Production Program, Property Rehabilitation Program, Mortgage Assistance Program, CHDO Acquisition/Rehabilitation Group Home Program, Scattered Site Rental Housing Program, and the ESG funded Rapid Re-Housing Program.

Table 7
One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

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| Homeless | 25 |
| Non-Homeless | 517 |
| Special Needs | <u>1</u> |
| Total | 543 |

Table 8
One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

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| Rental Assistance | 25 |
| The Production of New Units | 117 |
| Rehab of Existing Units | 389 |
| Acquisition of Existing Units | <u>12</u> |
| Total | 543 |

Discussion

The County also offers several other programs, including HOPWA, CoC-funded tenant-based, and County funded rental assistance initiatives, which are targeted at the homeless and special needs populations. The CoC-funded programs will provide tenant-based rental assistance to 190 homeless households, and the HOPWA Program will provide tenant-based rental assistance to approximately 45 households.

AP-6o Public Housing

Introduction

The Housing Commission of Anne Arundel County (Housing Commission) owns and/or operates multiple communities in the County where units are available at affordable rents to low-income families, older adults, and persons with disabilities. Some properties within the Housing Commission’s portfolio were public housing units that were redeveloped as privately owned communities. While no longer considered public housing, the converted units continue to be operated by the Housing Commission, and many of these subdivisions contain project-based vouchers. Collectively, Housing Commission-operated communities provide 1,141 affordable rental units. Fifty percent of the Housing Commission’s managed units are open to the public, including families, elderly households, and persons with disabilities. The other 50 percent are only for elderly households or persons with disabilities.

As of July 2025, the Housing Commission had a total of 22,729 households on its Housing Choice Voucher wait list. The Housing Commission managed project-based voucher and public housing units, as well as privately assisted housing including, Heritage at Odenton, Heritage at Freetown and Heritage Overlook each have 6,062-26,711 households (some duplicated) on their waiting list, the highest waiting list numbers of all publicly assisted properties. The numbers include duplicates, meaning a household can be on more than one waiting list. Applicants are placed on the waiting list based on the date and time of their application.

Applicants are advised to consider their current situation when applying and choose the communities that best meet their needs. The Housing Commission cannot estimate the time it will take to receive assistance and encourages applicants to apply with multiple agencies for assistance. There are two existing public housing communities totaling 290 units located at Heritage at Sun Valley (formerly Pinewood Village and Pinewood East).

All of these communities are all well maintained, consistently achieving a HUD Public Housing inspection score of 80 or greater. However, the units are aging, and some of the units are often unable to meet the needs of the population they serve. For this reason, the Housing Commission has utilized the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Program to redevelop all its public housing communities.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs for housing.

Utilizing the RAD Program, the Housing Commission will eventually convert all its public housing communities to project-based rental assistance units and address long-term maintenance needs by redeveloping the properties. Acting as a developer, the Housing Commission has partnered with consultants, architectural and engineering firms, and investors to complete enhancements of the two remaining public housing communities. Planning started in the Local Fiscal Year 2025 for Pinewood Village and Pinewood East (Heritage at Sun Valley). Both properties are 100 percent housing for seniors and people with disabilities and improvements on both properties include HVAC, kitchens, bathrooms and laundry room. There is the possibility of adding new units to one of the properties (up to 47 additional units are possible) when construction begins in approximately 2027. To date, the Housing Commission has restructured the ownership of four of its public housing communities through the RAD Program.

Residents of these communities may participate in the Housing Commission’s Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) and Choices Programs, both of which are funded separately with federal and County dollars. These programs provide funding for the following assistance:

- Childcare
- Transportation
- Remedial and advanced education opportunities
- Job training opportunities
- Treatment and counseling for substance abuse
- Credit counseling

The Program Coordinator provides these services to support self-sufficiency and independence. The Housing Commission also offers other programs through the Boys & Girls Clubs and Workforce Development partnerships.

The Housing Commission will continue to focus on improving the quality of life for families through exceptional customer service, website updates, staff training, unit improvements, self-sufficiency, and more. The Housing Commission will also work on establishing new partnerships with organizations to help residents create community and improve the sense of the neighborhood.

Actions to encourage residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership.

Housing Commission communities for seniors and persons with disabilities each have a Service Coordinator who assists residents in navigating health care needs, completing forms/ applications, and obtaining referrals for supportive services. The Housing Commission actively encourages its public housing residents to become more involved in the overall health and well-being of their communities, and residents are on a first name basis with onsite managers and other staff for any issues that arise. Residents may also submit comments or requests through the Housing Commission client portal.

All Housing Commission residents also have a variety of opportunities available to participate in programs that assist in leading them to greater self-sufficiency to include independence from welfare, financial literacy, budgeting, improving credit, resume building, help with searches for employment, seeking promotions, furthering/completing education, learning new life skills, and connections to physical/mental health providers. Programs assist public and assisted housing residents with targeted counseling geared towards providing referrals to address the social, emotional, health, and economic concerns that may be barriers to self-sufficiency and homeownership. The Housing Commission continues to work with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, Inc. and HeadStart to provide a variety of programs to residents of its family-oriented communities. Mental health, addiction and trauma counseling were identified as a priority need as current services are only through referral and may be difficult to reach by public transit, thereby impacting the consistency of resident participation.

The Housing Commission will continue to encourage its residents to become involved with the management teams located in their communities. Resident Councils will continue to operate at each public housing community, providing a monthly forum for residents to express their concerns and needs. In addition, the 4-member Resident Advisory Board (RAB), comprised of the Heritage at Sun Valley President and Vice President, will meet quarterly with key staff, providing a conduit for communicating information, sharing ideas, and ensuring resident concerns are clearly identified, analyzed, and evaluated for service. The Housing Commission will also collaborate with the residents of the RAD converted and other redeveloped communities to help maintain Resident Councils and stay involved with the management teams

in their communities, and participation with the RAB. The Housing Commission continues to have a resident serve on their Board of Commissioners. Residents are encouraged to provide feedback regarding housing and community-related matters through resident surveys and interviews, with feedback incorporated into the Capital Improvement Plan. Residents who are interested in homeownership are encouraged to participate in FSS to take part in the Homeownership Voucher Program, unless they are an otherwise qualified person with disabilities, which allows residents who are preparing for homeownership to possibly use their vouchers towards a mortgage payment. Eligible participants are referred to the Homeownership Counseling Program and federally funded Mortgage Assistance Program administered by ACDS.

Discussion if the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the way financial assistance will be provided or other assistance.

Not applicable.

Discussion

The Housing Commission provides residents with a plethora of opportunities to be part of the process in developing priorities and working with management to address issues. Along with its other County partners, the Housing Commission gives residents interested in homeownership chances to pursue that goal.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities

Introduction

There is a collaborative, well-coordinated, and community-based planning process that works diligently to ensure the needs of individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness within the County are being met. This process includes community members with lived experience whenever possible. The County provides a continuum of housing and services including:

- Shelter
- Prevention and diversion
- Outreach
- Supportive services
- Emergency, transitional, and permanent supported housing
- Rapid re-housing
- Data collection for Homeless Management Information System

ACDS coordinates the Continuum of Care (CoC) planning group, also referred to as the Homeless Coalition. The Homeless Coalition is responsible for developing the competitive CoC application and for developing the plan to end homelessness in Anne Arundel County. The

Homeless Coalition consists of:

- Over 50 nonprofit and government agencies within the County and City of Annapolis
- Concerned citizens and community organizations
- Experts with lived experience of homelessness
- Homeless service providers
- Organizations serving special needs populations
- Others with interests and roles in ending homelessness in the County

ACDS has continually supported the County's successful applications for federal funds and the development of new programs and services to address the needs of the homeless population. The CoC was awarded a total of \$2,799,951 from the Federal Fiscal Year 2025 competition. These funds will primarily be used to provide housing for chronically homeless individuals and families.

Describe the jurisdiction's one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs.

The County, in coordination with the members of the Homeless Coalition, has developed a coordinated entry system to facilitate universal access to programs for homeless individuals. This year, the goals of the County are to strengthen the coordinated entry system for emergency shelter and other short- to medium-term housing options. This supports equitable access to services for people experiencing homelessness and ensures priority for housing is given to the most vulnerable.

The County's coordinated entry system coordinates both its emergency shelter system and permanent supportive housing programs. The Department of Social Services oversees the County's Coordinated Entry, and screening for emergency shelters is conducted via a centralized telephone line. All individuals entering the homeless Continuum of Care (e.g., outreach, shelter, day programs, etc.) are screened with the Coordinated Entry standard assessment, and priority for shelter is given to the most at-risk based on the results. Assessments are entered into the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) database in real time to ensure timely services. The coordinated entry system's comprehensive assessment tool prioritizes shelter beds for homeless families with children and individuals based on:

- County residence (or County of last residence)
- Housing situation
- Family composition

- Safety
- Health
- Income

Those who seek Permanent Supportive Housing, Transitional, or Rapid Rehousing are also screened with the local prioritization tool. Only those individuals with completed screening and ranking on the ACCESS Housing List can access CoC-funded permanent supportive housing programs. If clients are at risk for homelessness, they are referred to homelessness prevention services.

The continuum of support for the homeless has several outreach teams including the DSS Homeless Outreach Team, the Crisis Response Team and the Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) program. The DSS Homeless Outreach Team works to build relationships with individuals who live outside to link them to services and housing. The County continues to support the DSS Outreach Team. The County also benefits from local faith-based outreach efforts providing food and other basic necessities to unhoused individuals.

The Crisis Response Team and ACT Program receive referrals from the police, hospitals, and shelters when a homeless individual is in crisis. In addition, AHOH, Blessed in Tech, and The Light House provide outreach services, including case management, day shelter, meals, and links to mainstream resources.

On behalf of the County and the Homeless Coalition, ACDS is responsible for submitting the consolidated application for the Maryland State Homelessness Solutions Program (HSP). ACDS anticipates level funding for the previous year's activities. The County anticipates receiving approximately \$789,868 in Local Fiscal Year 2027. These funds will be used to continue to offer outreach services, Day shelter, case management, homelessness prevention and diversion services, a universal basic income (UBI) program and hotel/motel outreach, emergency shelter, and permanent supportive housing.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons.

Emergency Shelter

In a typical year, the County has 53 year-round emergency beds for individuals and 73 year-round emergency beds for families. Some funding continues to be allocated towards hotel/motel stays to keep households off the street while they are figuring out more permanent housing if shelter is imminently needed and emergency shelter space is unavailable.

Emergency shelters can provide the following:

- Temporary shelter housing for up to 90 days
- Three daily meals
- Case management
- Life skills
- Training
- Housing search assistance
- Supportive services
- Temporary hotel placements for emergency situations

The rotating church shelter, called the Winter Relief Program, typically provides 35 beds, and provides transportation, meals, and temporary housing between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. from November through April. Blessed in Tech Ministries and the City of Annapolis provide an additional 25 freezing weather beds at the Pip Moyer Center in Annapolis and Arundel House of Hope operates a Warming Center in Glen Burnie. There is a shortage of emergency shelter for both families and individuals in the County, especially during the summer months when the rotating shelter and freezing weather beds are not operational. The County has committed \$150,000 in County funding to support emergency shelter and warming centers during the winter months.

In Local Fiscal Year 2027, \$85,000 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds, as well as State Homeless Solutions Program (HSP) funds and County funds, will be allocated to Sarah's House, operated by Associated Catholic Charities, Inc. Sarah's House provides emergency shelter to homeless individuals in the County, as well as a wide array of supportive services. It is estimated that 300 people, including children, will be assisted by Sarah's House during the next year.

In Local Fiscal Year 2027, \$25,000 in CDBG funds will be used to support The Light House Family Shelter Program serving 50 households experiencing homelessness.

Transitional Housing

Arundel House of Hope (AHOH) will continue to provide several transitional housing programs for the homeless in the County including the Fouse Center, which provides housing for 10 homeless men and Patriot House, which provides shelter for six homeless veterans. AHOH also offers four transitional housing units for homeless families;

Additionally, both the Community Action Agency and Maryland Re-Entry offer transitional housing for returning citizens who are exiting incarceration and would otherwise experience homelessness.

The Housing Commission operates the Heritage at Madison Place (formerly the Doll Apartments) in Glen Burnie, which provides 16 units of transitional housing to families and individuals experiencing homelessness.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again.

The County uses a rapid re-housing strategy for homeless families and provides ESG funds to provide case management services for HOME/County funded rapid re-housing programs to house over 25 households. In addition, the County operates a rapid re-housing program targeting unaccompanied homeless youth utilizing State HSP and County funds. Catholic Charities operates a CoC funded Rapid Rehousing program which serves eight households.

Additionally, the Partnership for Children, Youth and Families operate a prevention and diversion program for families in the County. The programs are supplemented with Video Lottery Terminal, County, and CDBG funds.

The County seeks to end homelessness among veterans. AHOH operates Patriot House, a transitional housing program which was once funded through the Veteran Administration (VA) and is now funded through the County's Affordable Housing Trust Fund due to loss of federal funding. AHOH works closely with the Baltimore VA Medical Center to ensure each Veteran receives necessary medical care, services, and access to permanent housing through the HUD Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Program in the County. Many graduates of this program improve their income and can afford unsubsidized housing. Additionally, the County maintains a "by name" homeless Veterans list and works actively to ensure all veterans identified as homeless are connected with housing and services.

Staff in various CoC-funded programs work to reduce returns to homelessness, and those who enter CoC- funded permanent housing seldom return to homelessness. For those without subsidies, the return to homelessness is due in part to the high cost of housing in the County and the difficulty low-income households face in finding affordable units without a subsidy.

The County incorporates the following strategies to reduce returns to homelessness:

- 1) develop an array of housing programs, including permanent supportive housing, rapid re-housing, and other permanent housing;
- 2) target housing intervention through case conferencing meetings and utilizing "by name" lists;

- 3) provide comprehensive case management and continue after care services once an individual exits the program; and
- 4) focus on increasing employment and income by linking individuals to employment services and all available public benefits for which they may be eligible, such as veteran's benefits, social security, disability, and Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

Additionally, to support the successful transition to permanent housing from homelessness, CDBG funds have been awarded to Hope for All's Turning Housing into Homes Program, which provides beds, furniture, clothing, kitchen supplies, and other household goods to families exiting homelessness in order to furnish their new homes.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

One of the key strategies to end homelessness in the County is to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless in the first place. Several County agencies assist households in avoiding homelessness by providing financial assistance to prevent eviction and utility payment assistance to prevent the disconnection of utilities. The County uses CDBG, FEMA, State, and private funds to provide this assistance. In Local Fiscal Year 2027, \$30,000 in CDBG funds will be allocated to the Partnership for Children, Youth, and Families to provide eviction prevention, utility turn-off assistance, and help pay the first month rent, and additional \$20,000 in CDBG funds will be allocated to LARS emergency services for the purpose of preventing homelessness and housing instability.

One hundred thousand dollars is available in flexible County funding, allowing the Anne Arundel County Mental Health Agency to provide short-term emergency housing, eviction prevention, and other needed housing assistance to individuals to maintain and potentially obtain housing. The County has applied for and anticipates receiving homelessness prevention funds through the State Homeless Solutions Program (HSP), which were administered by the Community Action Agency, LARS, and The Light House. These funds will be used to provide short-term rental, utility, and financial assistance to divert individuals away from the shelter system into sustainable housing.

In Local Fiscal Year 2027, the County will continue a scaled down version of the Eviction Prevention Program. The County will continue the program with prior Affordable Housing Trust funds. This emergency assistance is to prevent evictions with the goal of the program being to keep families housed. It is estimated that in Local Fiscal Year 2027, the EPP will serve

approximately 300 low- to moderate-income households. Additionally, approximately \$1,900,000 in County HTF Funds will be provided to the Partnership for Children, Youth, and Families to provide homelessness prevention, relocation, and short-term rental assistance program.

The County has developed discharge plans and strategies to prevent vulnerable individuals who are being discharged from a publicly funded institution such as foster care, hospitals, mental health programs, and/or jail from becoming homeless. DSS is responsible for implementing discharge planning for children in foster care. The goal of the County is to make sure every child has a permanent supportive connection before they age out of foster care. Although there are no publicly funded hospitals or health care facilities in the County, the two privately funded hospitals work with DSS to help ensure individuals leaving these facilities are not released into homelessness. Both Baltimore Washington Medical Center and Anne Arundel Medical Center employ social workers to link patients to services prior to discharge. The inpatient hospital treatment team completes a needs assessment upon entry into the facility and develops a treatment plan that addresses needs such as mental health, housing, substance abuse, job skills, and life skills. The Health General Article, 10-809 Annotated Code of Maryland, prohibits discharges from State mental health facilities to homelessness. The Mental Health Agency also employs aftercare service workers who provide the local link between psychiatric hospitals, residential treatment facilities, and community resources to ensure effective discharge planning.

The County makes every effort to prevent individuals exiting County detention centers from becoming homeless. The two detention centers in the County provide case management, including discharge planning, to all individuals sentenced for more than seven days. Detainees are referred to the Turnaround Thursday (TAT) Program as well as internal GED training, job training, drug treatment, and other life skills courses to prepare for their exit from the detention center. Detainees with mental illness are referred to the State funded Mental Health Jail Project, which links inmates to services and housing upon discharge from the jail. The Detention Center hosts on-site community service fairs to link in-mates to programs, services, and housing options upon release. The Detention Center may also make referrals to the Next Step Re-entry Transitional Housing program that is operated by the County's Community Action Agency.

Discussion

The County successfully applies for competitive CoC funds and has built an inventory of approximately 180 permanent supportive housing units, most of which are targeted to the chronically homeless. Preliminary community assessments demonstrate a need for affordable housing development, rental assistance, and a range of supportive services. During Local Fiscal Year 2027, the County will offer housing programs to the homeless outlined herein. All housing programs listed below provide case management and supportive services.

Anne Arundel County Mental Health Agency SHOP Program

\$532,107 in CoC funds will be provided for a tenant-based rental assistance program with supportive services to 26 individuals who are chronically homeless and/or homeless with a diagnosed mental illness.

Catholic Charities Rapid Re-Housing Program

\$204,117 in CoC funds will be provided to Catholic Charities for a program to provide rapid re-housing to at least eight homeless families.

Moving Home Program

This Program will provide tenant-based rental assistance and support services for 25 homeless individuals and families utilizing \$48,926 in ESG funds plus previously allocated FY25 HOME and Affordable Housing Trust Funds.

AHOH Community Housing Program

\$177,374 in CoC funds will be awarded to provide permanent supportive housing for 11 chronically homeless individuals.

AHOH Safe Haven Program

\$172,422 in CoC funds will be provided for permanent supportive housing for eight chronically homeless men.

People Encouraging People, Inc. Housing First Program

\$275,376 in CoC funds will be provided to People Encouraging People, Inc. for tenant-based rental assistance and intensive case management services for 12 chronically homeless individuals.

Finally, Catholic Charities will continue to provide 18 units of transitional housing to homeless families at the Project North Program located at Ft. Meade. The Light House will provide five homeless women with permanent housing at the Willow House Program. These programs will be funded through the federal Project-Based Voucher Program.

The County will also continue to address the housing needs of other special needs populations, such as persons diagnosed with HIV/AIDS, persons with a disability, survivors of violence and abuse, or older adults. At a minimum, the following actions will be taken in Local Fiscal Year 2027:

- 1) One unit for the special needs' population will be developed through the CHDO Housing Acquisition/Rehabilitation Program;

- 2) Prior year CDBG funds will continue to support the Group Home Rehabilitation Program. Two units are anticipated to be rehabilitated through this program;
- 3) Households owning their own home and in need of accessibility modifications will be assisted by ACDS' Property Rehabilitation Program; and
- 4) Forty-five (45) households will be assisted through the HOPWA-funded Rental Assistance Program.

AP-75 Barriers to Affordable Housing

Introduction

Land Cost

Public policy can affect land cost through its local land use controls, especially through the zoning designation. Historically, the County's coastal location and the significant amount of land located in environmentally sensitive and rural areas has led to strict land use policies. The County includes over 533 miles of shoreline and approximately 20 percent of its land is designated as critical areas by the State of Maryland. In addition, the County continues to prioritize environmental stewardship and land preservation, as demonstrated by the fact that 36.5 percent of the County's total land area is categorized as agricultural, park, recreational and open space land use. Affordable housing developers have indicated that preservation is often a barrier to new development as smaller plots of land limit the number of overall units and, therefore, the percentage of affordable units that can be allocated to a project. Reducing the requisite number of parking spaces per unit was also referenced by affordable housing developers as a potential way to increase the number of units within a project and, therefore, designate more units as affordable.

The County can provide opportunities for increased zoning in its designated growth and transition areas, but this is somewhat limited. These land use conditions, in addition to the strong demand for residential units, drive up the cost of land.

Development Cost

The delivery of affordable housing is negatively affected by the number of procedures, policies, and regulations required at all levels of the development process. The procedures, policies, and regulations create site constraints, affecting the number of units a development can produce. In addition, there are various fees such as impact fees and water and sewer connection charges that increase the cost of development, tightening the margin for financial feasibility when developers analyze the likelihood of success of a potential project.

Construction Cost

High construction costs are also a barrier to affordable housing development. The cost of building materials, which represents almost 50 percent of the construction cost, has soared due

to lingering and persistent supply chain disruptions from the Covid 19 Pandemic in many markets, leading to a shortage of materials, an increase in the cost of materials, or both. As these two issues cannot be directly alleviated by local public policy, providing low-cost financing is one of the remaining methods for local jurisdictions to have a positive impact on this condition.

Financing Cost

Developers face a major hurdle when it comes to putting together the financing for an affordable housing development project. As a result of the lower potential return on investment due to the reduced rental income available from an affordable project, the developer must find flexible funding sources to make the project financially feasible. Often, private financing alone cannot fund an entire project, meaning that the developer must be able to access funding from other sources such as government-provided financing to close the gap. These public sources are often limited and very competitive as many projects compete for the limited supply of funds.

Zoning as a barrier to housing production

Acknowledging that zoning is a barrier to housing production, the County's 2026-2030 Consolidated Plan articulates that its ability to "upzone" is possible in designated growth and transition areas - however, those opportunities are limited. The Consolidated Plan describes that approximately 20 percent of its land is designated as "critical area" by the State of Maryland while nearly 37 percent of its land is designated as agricultural, parks, recreational, and open space.

To reduce the impact of these land constraint challenges, the County's most recent General Plan, Plan2040, articulates goals and policies related to updating zoning/development regulations to increase housing choice. Three goals explicitly cite the need to update the County's zoning regulations:

"Provide for a variety of housing types and designs to allow all residents housing choices at different stages of life and at all income levels (Goal BE11)."

"Revitalize and stabilize existing communities in order to preserve physical character, capitalize on investments and infrastructure, strengthen and beautify neighborhoods, and create economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable communities (Goal BE13)."

"Ensure the County's workforce, elderly and other vulnerable populations have access to an adequate supply of housing in a variety of neighborhoods that is affordable for a range of income levels. (Goal BE12)."

In 2019, the County passed a Workforce Housing bill (Bill 54-19) allowing workforce housing developments (both rental and homeownership) to be built at 22 units per acre as a conditional use in the R-5, R-10, and R-15 residential zones, as well as other commercial, light

industrial, and mixed-use zones if affordable homes are included in the development. In exchange for affordable units, the bill exempts workforce housing from the need to pay 50 percent of its capital facility connection fees (e.g., water and sewer). Workforce housing is targeted at renters with incomes of 60 percent AMI or less and homeowners with incomes up to 100 percent AMI (aligning with the General Plan's goal which calls for meeting the homeownership needs of households with incomes up to 120 percent AMI).

On October 7, 2024, the Council passed the Housing Attainability Act, creating an inclusionary zoning policy, known as the Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit (MPDU) program, requiring developers of new construction projects with 20 or more units (except for those built in Rural Agricultural and Residential Low-Density districts) to provide 10 percent of homeownership units as affordable and 15 percent of rental units as affordable. Affordability is defined as 100 percent AMI and less for homeownership units and 75 percent AMI and less for rental units. Developers building 1-9 units are exempt from the policy and those developing 10-19 units may provide the requisite number of affordable units or can utilize a fee-in-lieu option.

Crucially, the bill also adjusts how development capacity is calculated relative to unbuildable portions of lots. Rather than applying the zoning density only to the buildable portion of the lot, the new ordinance calculates that zoning yield based on the full dimensions of the lot, with the construction itself still limited to the buildable portion of the parcel. This allows supplemental housing types (such as triplexes, fourplexes, multiplexes, and townhomes) in some residential settings and provides impact fee credits and capital facility connection discounts. These adjustments will increase the housing yield of current zoning and make additional projects financially feasible.

The County's Housing for Elderly of Moderate Means law allows multifamily housing serving low income seniors - 60 percent of the units must be available to seniors with incomes up to 60 percent AMI while the remaining 40 percent are available to those with incomes up to 80 percent AMI - to be developed up to densities of 22 units per acre as a conditional use in R-2, R-5, R-10, R-15, and R-22 residential zones and C-1, C-2 and C-3 commercial zones. As noted previously, this development type is completely exempt from water and sewer fees.

Anne Arundel County also continues to waive impact fees for housing serving households earning 120 percent AMI and below that is developed by a nonprofit organization, as well as waiving impact fees for accessory dwelling units that are not constructed with new single-family detached units. Additionally, the County continues to utilize Payments-in-Lieu of Taxes (PILOTs) agreements as another financial incentive for developers in building affordable rental housing.

Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO)

In 2020, Anne Arundel County commissioned a workgroup to examine the County's APFO as it relates to public schools, to gather and assess data, and to formulate recommendations toward achieving adequate school capacity throughout the public school system. The workgroup

completed its work in spring 2023 and provided the following key findings:

- There are misconceptions that construction of new multifamily dwellings will result in an influx of new students to that feeder system. The reality is more complicated. **New construction and an increase in the number of permits issued do not result in a corresponding increase in student enrollment.**
- Total housing units in the County increased by 22 percent from 2001 to 2020, while total population increased by 18 percent over the period. In 2020, most residential units were single-family detached (>60%), followed by single-family attached (20%) and multi-family dwellings (17%). Rental units represented roughly 24 percent of the total housing units in 2020. **Overall, single family detached dwellings have generated the highest student yield, as compared to other dwelling types.**
- **Existing home turnover has been a significant driver of school utilization.** The volume of new residential building permits completed has been smaller than the amount of existing homes sales over the past two decades. Both existing home sales and new residential construction are contributing to increases in student enrollment.
- **Comprehensive School redistricting scenarios** currently proposed for the first time in many years and to be done in two phases and fully completed in 2025, would have significant impacts on school utilization rates and **could eliminate many of the chronic school overcrowding of the past several years.**

The workgroup added that “the factors contributing to the affordable housing shortage are multiple and complex, including high land values, the cost of construction, and income disparities, and cannot be solely attributed to school closures alone. Nevertheless, the ongoing pattern of multiple school closures in the County is a constraining factor in the supply of new housing units, which in turn impacts housing costs.” In this quote, “school closures” refers to school attendance zones where residential construction is halted (“closed” to development) due to school crowding, not to closures of the schools themselves.

In response to these findings, Anne Arundel County passed Bill [52-23](#), which made “affordable housing or workforce housing under Title 10, Article 18 of the code” exempt from passing the adequacy of school facilities test. Housing for the elderly of moderate means is also exempt. However, residential development funded in part by low-income housing tax credits must meet the conditions of [§17-5-207\(6\)\(e\)](#) to be considered exempt from the adequate school facilities test.

Recommendations for more inclusive environments

The following recommendations for Anne Arundel County related to zoning and land use include:

- Implement Plan 2040 recommendations related to increasing the supply of affordable housing and allow for a variety of residential forms, densities, and sizes.
- Consider revisiting the Essential Worker Housing Access Act or similar legislation to require or incentivize the development of affordable housing units for the county's workforce as one solution to continue to increase the workforce housing supply.
- Consider exempting all affordable housing types from APFO without additional conditions that can discourage development and make it more time consuming and costly, including LIHTC developments.

AP-85 Other Actions

Introduction

The *Anne Arundel County Consolidated Plan: FY 2026 – FY 2030* demonstrated the need for an array of affordable housing strategies to support low- and moderate-income households in the County. The following section describes a multitude of other actions the County is undertaking to address the needs of low- and moderate-income residents, as well as to secure affordable housing and offer services to help these individuals achieve economic sustainability.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs.

One hundred percent of the federal entitlement funds the County receives are targeted to serving low- and moderate-income residents through a variety of projects outlined in this Plan. Additionally, the County intends to allocate approximately \$11,601,171 in Local Fiscal Year 2027 funds to support affordable housing and community development activities, complementing the work being accomplished with federal funds. The County also works diligently to leverage State and federal funds as much as possible with private dollars to meet the needs of the low- and moderate-income residents.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing.

Specific activities to foster and maintain affordable housing planned for Local Fiscal Year 2027 are highlighted below:

- The County will provide homeownership, financial literacy, and foreclosure prevention counseling to over 300 households, with a focus on marketing these services to protected classes and communities underrepresented in homeownership rates.
- A total of 26 low- and moderate-income households will be given property rehabilitation or repair services, including five very low-income households.
- Combined with HOME funds and Affordable Housing Trust funds will support approximately 10 first time homebuyers to be assisted with the purchase of their first

home through the provision of down payment, closing cost, and mortgage write-down assistance through the Mortgage Assistance Program.

- The County will increase the supply of scattered site rental housing by acquiring and rehabilitating approximately two units to be rented to low-income households, utilizing a combination of State, County, and CDBG funds. These efforts will be targeted at the Brooklyn Park, Glen Burnie, Severn and Maryland City communities.
- The County will continue to add to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund which provides annual funding for the provision of affordable housing. In local Fiscal Year 2027, an approximate total of \$6,603,000 is allocated to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund for the development and preservation of affordable rental and homeownership housing, tenant-based rental assistance, eviction prevention, and support for local group/transitional housing. Pre-development work and underwriting are underway on an additional seven rental projects which will result in an additional 480 units of new (363 units) or preserved (117 units) affordable rental housing. These projects include:
 - Homes at Shelly, a 60-unit new construction project for families, located in Glen Burnie.
 - Little Patuxent Family, a 33-unit new construction for families, located in Gambrills.
 - Odenton Junction 4%, a 72-unit new construction for families, located in Odenton.
 - Odenton Junction 9%, a 50-unit new construction for families, located in Odenton.
 - Robinwood Redevelopment 4%, a 66-unit redevelopment and 90-unit new construction project for families and seniors, in Annapolis.
 - Robinwood Redevelopment 9%, a 58-unit redevelopment of an existing family project, located in Annapolis; and
 - Bloomsbury Square, a 51-unit redevelopment for families, located in Annapolis.
- The County will provide tenant based rental assistance to a minimum of 190 households experiencing homelessness with CoC funds, 25 households experiencing homelessness with ESG funds, 25 households experiencing homelessness with HOME and Housing Trust Funds, and approximately 45 households with HOPWA funds.
- The County will continue a County-funded Eviction Prevention Program in Local Fiscal Year 2027.

- HOME CHDO funds will be used to support a local homeless service provider (Arundel House of Hope) to acquire two single-family homes in Glen Burnie which will be operated as group homes, offering affordable housing and case management to 6 residents who have previously experienced chronic homelessness.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards.

The federally- and State-funded Property Rehabilitation and Repair Program, Accessibility Modification Program, and the Scattered Sites Rental Program are all administered by ACDS in accordance with the Lead-Based Paint (LBP) Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, or Title X, which took effect in September 2000. Before any construction activities are undertaken, ACDS requires a qualified Risk Assessor to evaluate each applicable residence for the existence of LBP and prepare a risk assessment report, which dictates the required methods for addressing the LBP hazard (if one is found).

Residences with peeling or flaking paint are not eligible to be purchased through the federally funded Mortgage Assistance Program unless any noted LBP hazard deficiencies are corrected following proper lead safe work practices and a passed LBP clearance report, as prepared by a certified LBP risk assessor, is provided to ACDS.

LBP in countywide residential rental properties are addressed through the enforcement of the State of Maryland Reduction of Lead Risk in Housing Law that requires owners of rental properties to register their units with the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), distribute detailed educational materials to prospective tenants, and meet specific LBP hazard reduction standards. In addition, all contractors performing lead paint abatement activities must be certified by the Federal Environment Protection Agency (EPA) and trained by an MDE certified/licensed training provider and receive accreditation to perform lead paint activities.

Residential housing in the County is also governed by the County Property Maintenance Code, which requires exterior wood surfaces to be treated and/or protected from the elements and any decay that might occur. In addition, all exterior surfaces, including soil, must be free of peeling, flaking and blistering paint.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families.

The County has a significant number of households living in poverty, and even more that are classified as low- and moderate-income. The federal poverty threshold, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, is adjusted for family size, composition and is based on current costs to provide food for each member of the household. According to these guidelines, the federally defined poverty threshold for a four-person household in 2025 is \$32,762 in yearly earnings. According to American Community Survey 5-year estimates, poverty in the County slightly increased from 5.5 percent in 2023 to 5.64 percent in 2026.

Poverty impacts all aspects of an individual's life and is caused by a myriad of complex factors. Primarily, it depends on a person's access to a minimum income, which is tied to their ability to access opportunity including but not limited to: education, job training, and employment resources. Therefore, the primary anti-poverty strategy in the County is to create and foster employment and economic opportunities for low-income residents.

The responsibility for implementing strategies to foster employment and economic opportunity is shared and coordinated among various government agencies and service providers. However, the Department of Social Services (DSS) is the primary agency tasked with assisting residents who fall below the poverty line. DSS partners with the Anne Arundel Workforce Development Corporation and the Community Action Agency on several efforts to assist County residents with overcoming poverty. In addition, Anne Arundel Community College and the Opportunities Industrialization Center of Anne Arundel County provide courses and programs to enhance employment skills. The Anne Arundel County Family Support Center in Annapolis, operated by Maryland Family Network and DSS, provides a wide range of programs including (i) education and employment readiness; (ii) adult education and GED prep; (iii) programs for parents, young parents, and children; and (iv) a teen parent alternative high school program.

DSS also operates a Community Resource Center and a Customer Service Center in Glen Burnie and Annapolis. These centers offer one-stop access to community services at a single location. Not only can residents access the traditional income supports such as Temporary Cash Assistance or Food Stamps, but residents can also access Jobs Work Arundel (JWA), an employment program operated by Anne Arundel Workforce Development Corporation. Jobs Work Arundel helps Temporary Assistance for Needy Families' recipients increase their self-sufficiency through barrier removal, skills and certifications training, essential skills development, and work experience placement that leads to employment. These centers also provide space for community partners such as the Organization of Hispanic and Latin Americans of Anne Arundel County (OHLA), so they can provide Spanish speaking individuals and families with an array of services, including application and housing assistance, and the Anne Arundel County Literacy Council, who provide literacy skills for individuals who are low income or experiencing homelessness.

The County uses its federal funds for projects and programs that provide maximum benefit to extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income households. Specifically, in Local Fiscal Year 2027, the County will provide \$35,000 in CDBG funds to support OIC of Anne Arundel County. This program offers English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), basic academic skills, GED preparation, and computer skills training classes to low income, unemployed, and underemployed County residents. The program is expected to benefit approximately 50 very low income and low-income individuals over the next year.

The County will also invest over \$2,000,000 in County funds as well as \$3,630,000 in State

Community Reinvestment and Repair funds by providing grants to nonprofits which serve the County's most vulnerable communities.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure.

An elected County Executive and County Council govern Anne Arundel County. The County Council is the legislative body of Anne Arundel County government and approves all policy and budgetary actions. The County Executive, representing the executive branch of government, appoints the Chief Administrative Officer and other heads of executive agencies to implement the policies and budgets as approved by the County Council. The Chief Administrative Officer, on behalf of the County Executive, oversees ACDS, which is responsible for administering housing and community development funds, including CDBG, HOME, ESG, HOPWA and CoC, and other related activities in the County. ACDS, which was created by the County in 1993, and is governed by a 13-member Board of Directors, has over 30 years of experience administering federal funds, as well as implementing housing and community development activities. In addition to acting as an affordable housing developer and providing direct services, such as homeownership counseling, mortgage assistance, property rehabilitation, rental assistance, and a tenant-based rental assistance program, ACDS works closely with partners such as the Housing Commission and the Homelessness Coalition to plan and administer federal funds to support the work of a large network of nonprofit organizations, Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) and affordable housing developers. This network provides housing and services to low- and moderate-income households, as well as to those who are homeless, have a developmental disability, are mentally ill, have been diagnosed with HIV/AIDS, or have a substance use disorder.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies.

The nonprofit organizations and developers the County has historically relied upon to provide critical services are experienced in meeting the needs of the low- and moderate-income population. The County and ACDS will continue to work with these organizations during Local Fiscal Year 2027 to meet the needs of County residents.

Both ACDS and the Housing Commission will continue to attend monthly Core Group meetings organized by the County Executive with other County agencies and affiliates, including the Mental Health Agency, Department of Health, Department of Social Services and the Department of Aging and Disabilities. This enables the County Executive, his staff, and the head of each agency to collaborate on issues that affect public and assisted housing programs and initiatives. As part of regular program development and implementation, ACDS and the Housing Commission will continue to work with various nonprofit agencies, as well as coordinate wrap around services and case management support.

Finally, ACDS will continue to coordinate the Homeless Coalition meetings, and the Housing

Commission will remain an active member. In addition to the Homeless Coalition, in response to the Covid-19 public health crisis, the County’s faith-based, non-profit, and charitable organizations developed a robust, coordinated Benevolence Coalition, which meets regularly and aids County residents who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The County actively participates in Benevolence Coalition meetings and supports its mission. The County’s continued participation with these groups will provide many opportunities to coordinate housing services with other member organizations and develop the County’s strategy to end homelessness.

Discussion

During the Local Fiscal Year 2027, Anne Arundel County will undertake actions to help address important priorities, including reducing lead-based paint hazards, ending poverty, reducing barriers to affordable housing, and coordination of social services.

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements

Introduction

This section describes program specific requirements, as required at 24 CFR91.220(g), for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) programs.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies the program income available for use included in projects to be conducted in the next year.

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| 1. | The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed | \$600,000 |
| 2. | The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan | \$0 |
| 3. | The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements | \$0 |
| 4. | The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan | \$0 |
| 5. | The amount of income from float-funded activities | \$0 |
| Total Program Income | | \$600,000 |

Other CDBG Requirements

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| 1. | The amount of urgent need activities | 0% |
| 2. | The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low- and moderate-income | 100% |
| 3. | The number of years covered by the Annual Action Plan to calculate the minimum amount of CDBG funds to benefit low- and moderate-income households | 1 year |

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

- 1) *A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:*

All the County HOME funds will be used as forms of investment described in Section 92.205(b); no other forms of investment will be provided.

- 2) *A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:*

HOME loan funds are used for direct subsidies to assist homebuyers with down payment and closing costs, as well as mortgage write-down assistance, enabling households to purchase a home. Each homebuyer who is assisted with HOME funds is required to sign a written agreement detailing the terms and conditions of their HOME loan prior to receiving the loan. A deed of trust is recorded against the purchased property securing the HOME funds. This loan is non-interest bearing and requires repayment upon sale or transfer, if the property is no longer the primary residence of the homebuyer, or at the end of 30 years, whichever comes first. Repayment of the loan is required on the entire amount borrowed; however, in the event of a foreclosure, the amount that must be repaid is limited to the net proceeds from the sale of the home. Net proceeds are defined as the sales price minus superior loan repayment and closing costs paid by the seller. Compliance during the affordability period is achieved through monitoring of all borrowers to confirm the property is still their primary residence. Should homeowners want to refinance their first mortgage during the term of the HOME loan, the request will be reviewed to ensure that it meets the requirements of the Subordination Policies administered and managed by ACDS.

- 3) *A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture ensuring the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds, as required by 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4), are as follows:*

HOME regulations at CFR 92.254 state if HOME funds are used for homebuyer assistance, the County must establish a value limit equal to the HOME affordable homeownership limits provided by HUD for newly constructed housing and for existing housing. The HOME homeownership value limit, effective as of December 1, 2025, for

the County is \$419,000 for an existing home and \$452,000 for a newly constructed home. These maximum home values apply to homes purchased with HOME funds and the estimated after-rehabilitation value for housing rehabilitated with HOME assistance.

- 4) *Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multi-family housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:*

The County will not utilize HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multi-family housing; therefore, this Action Plan does not include guidelines for refinancing pursuant to 24 CFR 92.206(b).

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Reference 91.220(I)(4)

- 1) *Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment).*

Anne Arundel County will use its Local Fiscal Year 2027 ESG funds to support an emergency shelter program, outreach and prevention, and a rapid re-housing program. Specifically, \$85,000 in ESG funds will be provided to the Associated Catholic Charities, Inc. (Catholic Charities) Sarah's House Family Shelter Program. \$40,000 in ESG funds will also be provided for the Light House, and \$55,365 will be provided for the County's Moving Home Program to continue Rapid Re-Housing rental assistance and case management. Pursuant to the regulations for Annual Action Plans at 24 CFR 91.220(I), the Anne Arundel County Emergency Solutions Grant Policies describes Anne Arundel County's implementation of the ESG Program.

- 2) *If the Continuum of Care has established a centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.*

Anne Arundel County implements a coordinated entry system for both its Emergency Shelter and Permanent Supportive Housing programs. The Coordinated Entry Triage Specialist conducts assessments on all individuals and families and adds them to a single list for placement according to risk and eligibility; this position is designed to be full-time and is charged with managing and maintaining the overall coordinated system.

Emergency Shelters in Anne Arundel County notify Coordinated Entry staff of beds as they come available. Once a Coordinated Entry assessment is complete, individuals and families who are matched with an available space may present themselves as soon as possible to utilize the resource. A notable exception is made for individuals and families who are fleeing domestic violence; rather than call the Coordinated Entry phone line and move through that process, this population is directed to the YWCA 24/7 Domestic Violence Hotline, which has direct access to dedicated safe beds for survivors.

For individuals and families who experience homelessness or seeking Permanent Supportive Housing, the Coordinated Entry staff screens applicants based its approved assessment tool. Once this assessment is complete, it is scored based on health risk and vulnerability level and ranked in accordance with others on the Access Housing List. Only applicants with completed assessments and rankings on the Access Housing List can access Permanent Supportive Housing programs.

A Winter Relief Shelter is operated as a seasonal shelter from October through April at a variety of local churches in Anne Arundel County. Arundel Community Development Services is also exploring the option of opening a small, low demand shelter to add needed beds during Winter Relief and even throughout the year.

All known individuals and families who experience homelessness are entered into the County's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

- 3) *Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation is available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).*

The process for awarding ESG funds is the same as the process for awarding CDBG, HOPWA, and HOME funds. Proposals are solicited during the fall of each year from nonprofit organizations that are part of the community at large for projects for the next fiscal year. At the first of two annual public hearings held by ACDS on behalf of the County, the public is asked to comment on the needs of low- and moderate-income County residents. At the hearing, staff describe the amount and nature of federal funds expected to be available, solicit proposals for the use of these funds, and explain the criteria for project selection.

Additionally, staff from ACDS facilitate meetings throughout the year with homeless services providers to best identify the needs and priorities of people who experience homelessness. These ongoing discussions guide the use of ESG funds within the County. ACDS staff consider local goals and outcomes established in the Consolidated Plan and conversations with providers and people who experience homelessness. Based on these considerations, they recommend specific projects for funding to the ACDS Board of Directors at the second public hearing, held in the winter of each year.

Once approved by the County Executive, these recommendations become part of the County's budget process and awards are made official when the budget is adopted by the County Council, which must occur before June 15th of each year. All organizations wishing to provide services to people who experience homelessness in the County are encouraged to submit proposals for consideration.

- 4) *If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.*

As Anne Arundel County is governed by elected officials, it cannot guarantee the participation of “not less than one homeless individual or formerly homeless individual” on the County Council, its policy making entity. Therefore, ACDS, on behalf of Anne Arundel County, will implement the procedures described herein to ensure various avenues for consulting with the homeless or ensuring homeless participation where possible.

ACDS is responsible for the staffing and oversight of the Homeless Coalition, which is the Anne Arundel County Continuum of Care entity, a policy-making entity with regards to homeless issues. The Homeless Coalition is an active participant in the planning efforts for the development of the County’s five-year Consolidated Plan and annual Action Plan. The Homeless Coalition has representation from people who are formerly homeless both on its Board and within its general membership; Board members with direct lived experience are compensated for their expert participation in discussions and decision-making. ACDS will continue to lean on the Homeless Coalition to gain insight, direction, and policy guidance for the planning and implementation of its overall homeless planning. As part of the Consolidated Planning session, the Homeless Coalition conducted focus groups with individuals who reside at shelters and day centers to determine needs and to provide insight into establishing goals and strategies for planning purposes. This process ensures that homeless individuals are consulted when considering and making policies and decisions regarding ESG-funded facilities, services, or other assistance.

- 5) *Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.*

The Homeless Coalition will continue to explore the development of additional performance standards as it further develops its strategic plan to end homelessness. The County will use the following three performance standards for its ESG program:

- a) reduce the number of people living on streets and in emergency shelters by 5%;
and
- b) reduce the length of time homeless to less than 75 days, on average.

When designing the ESG-funded rapid re-housing program and providing ESG funding to Sarah’s House Emergency Family Shelter, the County targeted those most in need of assistance. The County HMIS system will be used to monitor outcomes. As the demand for shelter currently exceeds available resources, a large reduction in those sheltered is not anticipated. However, there will be a focus on increasing the turnover of shelter beds with shorter stays, allowing for more people to access shelter instead of remaining unsheltered and reducing the length of time people experience homelessness. Emergency shelters will be evaluated by their

success in helping guests obtain permanent housing. Rapid re-housing programs will be evaluated on their ability to quickly and permanently re-house people experiencing homelessness.

Discussion

The County will continue to maintain written standards that guide planning, coordination, and implementation of ESG-funded programs.

Rapid Re-Housing participants will be allowed to re-locate to nearby counties if they are unable to secure affordable housing within Anne Arundel County, so long as the geographic location of the unit does not affect the level of supportive services made available to the household.

HOPWA

Although the County does not receive Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds directly from HUD, it operates a HOPWA-funded program with funds awarded to the Baltimore Metropolitan Statistical Area. Funds are allocated by the Baltimore City Mayor's Office of Homeless Services to each jurisdiction in the BMSA, including Anne Arundel County, based on the number of individuals living with HIV/AIDS.

ACDS staff meets with service providers for individuals with HIV/AIDS to identify and discuss the needs and priorities of this population. Members of this group include the Housing Commission, the County Department of Health, and nonprofit housing and service providers. These ongoing discussions help to direct the use of HOPWA funds within the County to ensure this population's needs are met.

The County makes the public aware of the availability of these funds through its normal public participation process. The public is asked to comment on the needs of low- and moderate-income County residents with HIV/AIDS at an annual hearing held by ACDS on behalf of the County in the fall of each year. At the hearing, staff describe the amount of HOPWA funds expected to be available, solicit proposals for the use of these funds, and explain the criteria for project selection. Any organization or developer wishing to provide housing and services for persons with HIV/AIDS is encouraged to submit a proposal for consideration. Based on local goals established in the Consolidated Plan and in consultation with stakeholders and organizations in the administration of community programs, ACDS staff recommend specific projects for funding to the ACDS Board of Directors at the second annual public hearing. With the support of the ACDS Board of Directors, these recommendations are submitted to the County Executive. Once approved by the County Executive, these recommendations become part of the County budget process and awards are made official when the budget is passed by the County Council each June.

During Local Fiscal Year 2027, the County anticipates receiving approximately \$527,755 in

HOPWA funds which will be provided to the Housing Commission of Anne Arundel County to operate the HOPWA Rental Assistance Program. The program provides tenant-based rental assistance and supportive services to households affected by HIV/AIDS. It is anticipated that approximately 45 low- and moderate-income households will receive HOPWA tenant-based rental assistance through this program.

APPENDIX I

APPLICATIONS FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

CERTIFICATIONS

AMENDMENTS TO PREVIOUS ACTION PLANS

Process for Soliciting Projects and Programs for HOME Funding

Pursuant to the regulations for Annual Action Plans at 24 CFR 91.220(1)(2), the following describes Anne Arundel County's procedures for soliciting and funding applications or proposals for projects and programs to be funded through the HOME Investment Partnerships Program.

The process for awarding HOME funds is the same as the process for awarding CDBG, HOPWA, and ESG funds. Proposals are solicited during the fall of each year from the community at large for projects for the next fiscal year. At the first of two annual public hearings held by ACDS on behalf of the County, the public is asked to comment on the needs of low- and moderate-income County residents. At the hearing, staff describe the amount and nature of federal funds expected to be available, solicit proposals for the use of these funds, and explain the criteria for project selection.

Specific programs funded with HOME funds include the Mortgage Assistance Program (MAP), Property Rehabilitation Program, the Rental Production Program (RPP) and the Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) Program. These programs are marketed to the public through public hearings, the ACDS website, special outreach events, Homeownership Counseling classes conducted by ACDS staff, and through ACDS' participation in County and State affordable housing coalitions in which ACDS staff builds relationships with developers and other industry professionals.

Each program has a separate application process. The public can find applications online for programs such as MAP at www.acdsinc.org or by contacting the ACDS office. Additionally, developers wishing to obtain HOME funding from either the RPP or CHDO Program can schedule a meeting with ACDS staff to discuss their proposed project and available funding. RPP and CHDO projects chosen for HOME funding are typically on a first-come, first-served basis if they meet the County's development goals and the project is an eligible activity for HOME funding. New construction multifamily rental projects which are in Opportunity Areas, as defined in Anne Arundel County's Consolidated Plan: 2021-2025, are given priority for HOME funds. Redevelopment projects located in Priority Revitalization Communities are also given priority.

To be eligible for these programs, applicants must meet certain requirements. For the MAP program, applicants must first graduate from the Homeownership Counseling Program, have an income level under 80 percent of the area median income, have a total debt to income ratio under 45 percent, and cannot displace any tenants currently living in the home for which MAP

funds are being requested. For the CHDO program, developers must first be certified as a CHDO before obtaining HOME funding. The developer must meet certain criteria, such as being a non-profit organization that operates independently from other entities and has experience developing group housing. Developers requesting HOME funding from the RPP program must also show experience developing multifamily affordable housing projects. Additionally, developers must adequately demonstrate their fiscal capacity to develop the project with the commitment of other funding sources as well as their ability to financially support the operation of the project during the affordability period.

Emergency Solutions Grant Program Policies and Procedures Manual

Pursuant to the regulations for Annual Action Plans at 24 CFR 91.220(I)(4), the following describes Anne Arundel County's Policies and Procedures for implementation of the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program.

Policies and Procedures for Evaluation of Participant Eligibility for ESG Assistance Eligibility for Emergency Shelter and Rapid Re-Housing Programs

At a minimum, all participants must meet HUD's "literally homeless" definition at the time of acceptance into an ESG funded program; that is, the participants served must be an individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning: (i) has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation; (ii) is living in publicly- or privately-operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state and local government programs); (iii) is exiting an institution where they have resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution; or (iv) is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence and has no other residence, lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing, and lives in an emergency shelter.

Emergency Shelter

ESG funds are awarded to Associated Catholic Charities, Inc., for the operation of their emergency shelter, Sarah's House. The Anne Arundel County Department of Social Services (DSS) is Gatekeeper for the Anne Arundel County Coordinated Entry system and screens all applicants to ensure eligibility of applicants and to confirm that they have no other housing resource – such as friends or family they can stay with – prior to accepting them into the shelter. Sarah's House staff is responsible for documenting eligibility as determined initially by Coordinated Entry. At a minimum, all shelter guests must document they meet HUD's Homeless definition as stated in 24 CFR 576.2.

Rapid Re-Housing

The responsibility for evaluating a participant's eligibility for Anne Arundel County's ESG-funded Rapid Re-housing Program is assigned to the agencies awarded contracts for operation

of rapid re-housing programs. Rapid re-housing programs will target homeless families who have been referred from the Anne Arundel County Department of Social Services coordinated entry system. Third party documentation will be required for all participants. Additionally, ACDS will assess the ability of potential participants to maintain and increase their income as necessary to ensure they can remain housed once the temporary subsidy is no longer provided.

Eligibility for Prevention Services

To be eligible for prevention services, a household must be evaluated for their risk of homelessness. HUD defines “at risk of homelessness” to be a household with an annual income below 30% of median income for the area that does not have sufficient resources or support networks immediately available to prevent them from becoming homeless AND that meets one of the conditions specified at 24 CFR § [576.2](#). Examples of clients who are at risk of homelessness include but are not limited to: (i) households that have moved because of lack of economic resources two (2) or more times within 60 days of requesting assistance; (ii) households living in the home of another because of economic hardship; (iii) households that have been notified that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after applying for assistance; (iv) households living in a motel or hotel that they are paying for; households living in overcrowded conditions, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, (v) individuals exiting a publicly funded institution or system of care, such as a health care facility or foster care; or (vi) a household that is living in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and increased risk of homelessness, as identified in the County’s approved Consolidated Plan.

The responsibility for evaluating a participant’s eligibility for Anne Arundel County’s ESG-funded Prevention activities is assigned to the agency awarded the contract for operation of the program. Programs are expected to establish a standardized intake assessment for staff to use when screening participants for eligibility. Prevention funds will be targeted too homeless families and individuals who have been referred by an agency participating in the County’s Coordinated Entry system.

Funded programs will assess the ability of potential participants to maintain and increase their income as necessary to ensure they can remain housed once the temporary subsidy is no longer provided.

Standards for Targeting and Providing Essential Services Related to Street Outreach

The County ESG funds will not be used for street outreach. ESG funds will be used for emergency shelter, rapid re-housing activities, and prevention.

Policies and Procedures for Admission, Diversion, Referral, and Discharge from ESG-funded Emergency Shelters

Admissions

The Department of Social Services (DSS) is the coordinated entry point for the County's emergency shelter system and houses the Emergency Shelter Gatekeeper who manages shelter access and maintains the emergency shelter list. Clients can be screened at Arundel House of Hope, The Light House and at the DSS locations in Annapolis and Glen Burnie. The CoC process gives priority for shelter to people experiencing homelessness assessed as vulnerable, on the street or residing in other places not fit for human habitation. At a minimum, all shelter guests must document that they meet HUD's Homeless definition as stated in [24 CFR 576.2](#).

Diversion

All clients are screened by the staff from DSS and the various Coordinated Entry screening points. During the initial meeting, the screener assesses individual or family resources and the situation to determine if other housing options are available. Shelter is only offered when no other housing options are obtainable. Families and individuals assessed as "at-risk of homelessness" will be referred for prevention services.

Referral

The DSS Gatekeeper will follow the procedures of the County's Coordinated Entry Process. If beds are not available at the time of screening, the DSS Gatekeeper will refer an individual or family to other community resources, shelter, and support as needed. Otherwise, the DSS Gatekeeper will refer the individual or family to an available bed in one of the County's shelters, including Sarah's House Family Shelter, the County's ESG-funded shelter. All shelter guests are referred to services as part of their case management while at the shelter.

Discharge

Sarah's House Family Shelter may terminate assistance if an individual or family violates shelter expectations or program requirements in accordance with a formal written process that recognizes the rights of the individuals affected. Program expectations are reviewed with each guest upon entry into the program. Violation of expectations, either through inability or unwillingness, may result in an involuntary exit from the program. The guest is informed of being dismissed from the shelter and will be transported to DSS offices the next working day. An immediate dismissal is only enforced if the guest's behavior is deemed a threat to the safety of the facility and/or other guests and staff. If a guest leaves any belongings at the shelter, there is a 48-hour grace period before the belongings are discarded.

Safeguards to Meet the Safety and Shelter Needs of Special Populations

Sarah's House, the ESG-funded shelter, has a disabled accessible unit and bathroom to serve those individuals with disabilities. Sarah's House also offers mental health and substance abuse assessments by licensed professionals. The program has 24-hour security and program staff available to meet the needs of shelter guests. Case management and support services are available to all guests, including those with the highest barriers to housing. Families and individuals may apply for rapid re-housing or Project North, an on-site housing program.

Project North provides supported housing for a period of 3 to 12 months, affording guests time to address housing barriers. Additionally, clients are assessed for the County's permanent supportive housing programs and other rapid re-housing programs.

Policies and Procedures for Assessing, Prioritizing, and Reassessing Individuals' and Families' Needs for Essential Services related to Emergency Shelter

Upon entry into the ESG-funded emergency shelter, all guests meet with a case manager to develop a case plan. The case plan establishes goals for securing permanent housing and identifies barriers that may prevent a guest from achieving this goal. Specifically, within the first 48 business hours of arriving at the facility, an intake packet, including the completion of a needs assessment as well as the scheduling of a mental health assessment, substance abuse assessment, and legal assessment will be completed for the guest. The case manager will also create a three-month case plan outlining goals and a weekly calendar listing scheduled appointments and dates established for the completion of all goals. Essential services offered include, but are not limited to, housing search, addressing employment barriers, job training, education, transportation, childcare, health, mental health, substance abuse, and legal services. The program prioritizes the services which help guests obtain permanent housing, increase income, and save money.

Provider Coordination Policies and Procedures for all ESG Funds

The Anne Arundel and Annapolis Coalition to End Homelessness (Homeless Coalition), which is the Continuum of Care planning group, includes providers of the following services: homeless, essential, homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing, mainstream and housing. The participation of all these groups ensures that all services available for addressing the needs of the homeless population are coordinated, and therefore efficient without duplication of efforts. The Homeless Coalition meets, at a minimum, monthly to share resources, review program progress, and plan for future efforts. In addition, the Homeless Coalition holds monthly case management meetings to share information on available housing resources and services. The providers who will be managing the ESG funds will be required to participate in these meetings. Additionally, the Homeless Coalition will continue to implement the County's

Coordinated Entry system, which will assess participant needs and provide guidance on referrals utilizing uniform criteria to ensure persons experiencing homelessness have access to the best services based on their needs.

Anne Arundel County will continue to require all providers receiving ESG funds to participate in the County's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The HMIS administrator is located at the Department of Social Services and is responsible for assisting providers and coordinating all data reports to ensure accuracy of the information. The HMIS administrator also can track client services and may make referrals to mainstream resources.

The participation of homeless clients in receiving mainstream resources is reviewed and monitored to evaluate providers' success at helping clients move towards independence.

Policies and Procedures for ESG Funded Rapid Re-Housing Program

All recipients must meet HUD's definition of "literally" homeless to receive rapid rehousing. In addition, priority will be given to homeless individuals or families who are working, or have the potential to obtain resources, and can increase their resources so they are able to afford and maintain their housing when the period for receiving assistance ends.

Standards for Determining Participant Share of Rent and Utility Costs

If the ESG-funded Rapid Re-Housing Program provides a rent allowance to offset the overall housing cost for the participant household. The Program will evaluate each household to determine the minimum funds necessary to maintain housing.

Standards for Determining Length and Level of Rental Assistance

The ESG-funded Rapid Re-Housing Program may provide rental assistance payments to participant households for a period not to exceed 24 months.

Providers shall determine the type, maximum amount and duration of housing stabilization and/or relocation services for individuals and families who need rapid re-housing assistance through the initial evaluation, re-evaluation, and ongoing case management processes.

Standards for determining the share of rent and utility costs that each program participant must pay, if any, will be based on the following guidelines:

Providers may provide up to 100 percent of the cost of rent in rental assistance to participants. However, to maximize the number of households that can be served with rapid re-housing resources, it is expected that providers will address the level of need based on the goal of giving only what is necessary for each household to be stably housed for the long term.

Rental assistance cannot be provided for a unit unless the rent for that unit is at or below the Small Area Fair Market Rent limit, established by HUD.

The rent charged for a unit must be reasonable in relation to rents currently being charged for comparable units in the private unassisted market and must not be more than rents currently being charged by the owner for comparable unassisted units.

Other stabilization financial assistance, such as help with rental application fees, security deposit, last month's rent, utility deposits, arrears, and moving costs may be provided based on the philosophy of giving the least amount of assistance necessary to help a family become stably housed, as well as the availability of funds. Assistance with security deposits can equal no more than two months of rental payment.

Standards for Determining Type, Amount, and Duration of Services

All rapid re-housing participants must participate in stabilization services, including case management, while receiving tenant-based rental assistance. The service will be provided by ACDS in coordination with the provider who referred the participant to the program. A housing stability plan will be developed for each participant and may ensure the participant receives access to eligible mainstream benefits, job counseling, referral to workforce development services, transportation services, help with budgeting, etc. At a minimum, the case manager will have contact with the participant monthly to ensure the household is stable and the rent is paid. A participant may choose to continue stabilization services for an additional six months but will receive no more than 12 months of rental assistance.

Policies and Procedures for ESG Funded Prevention Services

The County provides funding to the Light House to fund its prevention activities. All participants must meet HUD's definition of "at-risk of homelessness" benefit from prevention activities. In addition, priority will be given to homeless individuals or families who demonstrate they are able to afford and maintain their housing upon program completion.

Standards for Determining Participant Share of Rent and Utilities Costs

The ESG-funded Prevention activities may provide funds to pay a portion or all of a client's rent as well as one-time payment for rental arrears (not to exceed 6 months of rent in arrears). The total length of assistance may not exceed 12 months.

Standards for Determining Length and Level of Rental Assistance

The ESG-funded Prevention activities will provide rental assistance payments on behalf of participant households for a period not to exceed 12 months; however, the goal is to provide no more than three (3) months of assistance.

Providers shall determine the type, maximum amount and duration of housing stabilization and/or relocation services for individuals and families who need rapid re-housing assistance through the initial evaluation, re-evaluation, and ongoing case management processes.

Standards for determining the share of rent and utility costs that each program participant must pay, if any, will be based on the following guidelines:

- Providers may provide up to 100 percent of the cost of rent in rental assistance to participants. However, to maximize the number of households that can be served with prevention resources, it is expected that providers will address the level of need based on the goal of giving only what is necessary for each household to be stably housed for the long term.
- Rental assistance cannot be provided for a unit unless the rent for that unit is at or below the Fair Market Rent limit, established by HUD.
- The rent charged for a unit must be reasonable in relation to rents currently being charged for comparable units in the private unassisted market and must not be more than rents currently being charged by the owner for comparable unassisted units.

Other stabilization financial assistance, such as help with rental application fees, security deposit, last month's rent, utility deposits, arrears, and moving costs will be provided based on the philosophy of giving the least amount of assistance necessary to help a family become stably housed, as well as the availability of funds. Assistance with security deposits can equal no more than two months of rental payment.

Standards for Determining Type, Amount, and Duration of Services

All prevention participants must participate in stabilization services, including case management, while receiving tenant based rental assistance. Arundel House of Hope (AHOH) will provide the service. A housing stability plan will be developed for each participant and may include access for the participant to receive eligible mainstream benefits, job counseling, referral to workforce development services, transportation services, help with budgeting, etc. At a minimum, the case manager will have contact with the participant monthly to ensure the household is stable and the rent is paid. A participant may choose to continue stabilization services for an additional six months but will receive no more than 12 months of assistance.

Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System

The County has a coordinated entry system for both its shelter system and permanent supportive housing programs. The Department of Social Services oversees the County's Coordinated Entry, and screening for emergency shelter is conducted via a centralized telephone line. All individuals entering the homeless Continuum of Care (e.g., outreach, shelter, day programs, etc.) are screened with the Coordinated Entry standard assessment, and priority for shelter is given to the most at-risk based on the results. Assessments are entered into the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) database in real time to ensure timely services. The coordinated entry system's comprehensive assessment tool prioritizes shelter beds for homeless individuals and households based on:

- Housing situation
- Income
- Safety
- Health
- County residence

The continuum of support for the homeless has several outreach teams including the DSS Homeless Outreach Team, the Crisis Response Team and the Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) program. The DSS Homeless Outreach Team works to build relationships with individuals living in homeless camps to link them to services and housing. Utilizing ESG-CV funds, the Homeless Outreach Team was expanded from two to five workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. While ESG-CV funds will be fully expended in Local Fiscal Year 2023, the County will seek funding to continue to support the expanded Outreach Team. The Crisis Response Team and ACT Program receive referrals from the police, hospitals, and shelters when a homeless individual is in crisis. In addition, AHOH and The Light House provide outreach services, including case management, day shelter, meals, and links to mainstream resources.

All individuals are entered into the County's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). Shelter and program staff utilizing the HMIS system have been trained in the unified application and assessment process.

Process for Making Subawards

The process for awarding ESG funds is the same as the process for awarding CDBG, HOPWA, and HOME funds. Proposals are solicited during the fall of each year from the community at large for projects for the next fiscal year. At the first of two annual public hearings held by ACDS on behalf of the County, the public is asked to comment on the needs of low- and moderate-income County residents. At the hearing, staff describe the amount and nature of federal funds expected to be available, solicit proposals for the use of these funds, and explain the criteria for project selection.

Additionally, staff from ACDS facilitate meetings throughout the year with County providers of homeless services where the needs and priorities of the homeless are identified and discussed. These ongoing discussions help to direct the use of ESG funds within the County. Based on local goals and outcomes established in the Consolidated Plan, and with insight gained during the monthly provider meetings, ACDS staff recommend specific projects for funding to the ACDS Board of Directors at the second public hearing, held in the winter of each year.

Once given approval by the County Executive, these recommendations become part of the County's budget process and awards are made official when the budget is adopted by the County Council each May. Any organization wishing to provide services for homeless people in Anne Arundel County is encouraged to submit a proposal for consideration. In Local Fiscal Year 2027, ESG funds will be awarded to Associated Catholic Charities, Inc. (Catholic Charities) to support Sarah's House, an emergency shelter for homeless families, located on the grounds of Fort Meade in the western part of the County, prevention funds will be awarded to The Light House, and rapid re-housing funds will be awarded to ACDS' Moving Home Program.

Homeless Person Participation

As Anne Arundel County is governed by elected officials, it cannot guarantee the participation of "not less than one homeless individual or formerly homeless individual" on the County Council, its policy making entity. Therefore, ACDS, on behalf of Anne Arundel County, will implement the procedures described herein to ensure various avenues for consulting with the homeless and ensure the participation of homeless individuals when possible.

ACDS is responsible for the staffing and oversight of the County's Homeless Coalition, which is Anne Arundel County's Continuum of Care entity and an equivalent policy-making entity for homeless issues. The Homeless Coalition is an active participant in the County's planning efforts for the development of its five-year Consolidated Plan and annual Action Plan. The Homeless Coalition has representation from people with lived experience of homelessness. ACDS will continue to utilize the Homeless Coalition to gain insight, direction, and policy guidance for the planning and implementation of its program for the homeless population.

As part of the development of the FY26-FY30 Consolidated Plan, ACDS and the Homeless Coalition, on behalf of the County, conducted a series of focus groups with individuals, including homeless youth experiencing homelessness at shelters and day resource centers to determine needs and provide insight to establish goals and strategies for planning purposes. ACDS plans to conduct additional focus groups periodically at the ESG-funded shelter as part of the County's planning processes to ensure that homeless participants are consulted and considered when policies and decisions regarding ESG-funded facilities, services or other assistance are made.

Additionally, as part of the ESG grant management, all agencies awarded funding will be required to meet the homeless participation requirement of having representation of not less than one homeless individual or formally homeless individual on their board of directors or other equivalent policy making entity. All ESG-funded recipients will be encouraged to provide opportunities for employment or volunteer services for homeless clients of ESG-funded shelters or programs.

Performance Standards

Anne Arundel County will use the two performance standards. In the above section, these are the performance standards that we set:

- reduce the number of people living on streets and in emergency shelters by 3%; and
- reduce the length of time homeless to less than 90 days, on average.

The Homeless Coalition will continue to explore the development of additional performance standards as it develops its new strategic plan to end homelessness.

Targeting those who need assistance most

In designing the Rapid Re-Housing Program and Emergency Solutions Program, the community has already targeted those most in need – the homeless. All agencies that are awarded funds to provide these services will be required to document that this is the population being served.

Reducing the number of people living on streets and in emergency shelters

All participants of the Rapid Re-Housing Program must be documented as homeless when they enter the program. The County's HMIS system will be used to monitor the results. Because the demand for shelter currently exceeds the available resources, a reduction in the number of people sheltered is not anticipated; however, there may be an increase in turnover of shelter beds and shorter stays, allowing more people to access shelter instead of remaining unsheltered. Emergency shelters will be evaluated on their success in assisting guests to obtain permanent housing.

Consultation with Continuum of Care

ACDS is a nonprofit organization under contract with Anne Arundel County to manage the homeless Continuum of Care planning process. This involves the application for, and administration of, the Continuum of Care-funded programs and ESG-funded programs as well as managing the coordination and facilitation of the Anne Arundel and Annapolis Coalition to End Homelessness (the Homeless Coalition) – the County's Continuum of Care Planning Group. Along with ACDS, this group is responsible for the overall planning and development of programs and policies designed to address the needs of the homeless in the County.

The Homeless Coalition aspires to include representatives from (i) State, County, and the City of Annapolis agencies administering mainstream resources, (ii) shelter and nonprofit service providers, (iii) the FEMA Board, (iv) organizations serving individuals diagnosed with

HIV/AIDS, and (v) persons with lived experience, advocates, and others with roles, interests and responsibilities in addressing issues associated with homelessness in the County. The Homeless Coalition has held several meetings to discuss priorities for the use of ESG funds and developing performance standards for activities.

The Homeless Coalition has already developed procedures for the operation and administration of the County's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), which is funded through Anne Arundel County local funds and CoC funding. A committee made up of members of the Homeless Coalition currently utilizing the HMIS system meets on a bi-monthly basis to review policies, update users on program changes, and discuss other relevant issues associated with the use and management of the system. Currently all grantees receiving ESG funds are required to enter data into the County's HMIS, as will be all subrecipients receiving any of the new funds.