



AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY

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Fairfax County FY 2024 / 2025 Budget Process AHAC Talking Points

Charge: The Affordable Housing Advisory Council (AHAC) has convened a Budget Committee. The committee charge, in collaboration with the Legislative Committee is to develop a set of messages for the FY 2024, FY 2025, and future year budget cycles required to resource the county's affordable housing development and preservation goals.

Guidance to AHAC Members: The following talking points will be communicated formally by AHAC in testimony, meetings with Supervisors and other opportunities to inform of the resource needs. You are encouraged as AHAC members to be informed and use these as they are helpful in your own conversations with Supervisors, in housing advocacy and when attending [Budget Town Hall meetings](#). There will also be planned meetings with Supervisors; appointed representatives of AHAC will be invited to help lead these meetings if interested.

Our overarching goal is to humanize housing need, acknowledge the Board of Supervisors' commitment and action to date through dedicated, baseline funding and other allocations, and to educate on the funding needed to meet the Board goal of 10,000 units and the related service needs. For FY24 AHAC is recommending additional funding above what is included in the County Executive's budget presented last week.

Talking Points/Key Messages:

- Thank you for the Opportunity to Highlight the Housing and Support Service Needs that continue to affect our Residents. (Reference recent humanizing anecdotes, if available (client story)).
- Thank you for elevating the importance of collective actions to meet the housing and support service needs by:
 - Doubling the County new housing production goal to provide 10,000 new units by 2034 that are affordable to our families and residents earning less than \$70,000 & Committing to no net loss of committed affordable housing.



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- Elevating the importance of Housing and Critical Support Services within the County Legislative Program for the Virginia General Assembly.
 - Recognizing that funding sufficient staffing resources for HCD and their many non-profit partners is critical to achieving the goals we are all striving to achieve together.
 - Other?
 - WDU for sale policy update?
- Thank you for taking specific action beyond goal setting to demonstrate commitment.
- \$8.5 million-dollar BOS allocation in October 2023 to support affordable housing development
 - Transferring ownership of County owned property to the RHA to facilitate the development of affordable housing
- Thank you for increasing the funding pool for CCFP by x% as we begin the next two year cycle.
- Thank you for maintaining the baseline funding approved in FY 2024. As we move toward the declared goal of 2 cents on the tax rate, increasing the FY 2025 baseline amount is a crucial step.
- In the context of the \$xx million balance included in the FY 2025 Advertised Budget and recognizing priorities such as tax relief and employee compensation, an increase in baseline funding for affordable housing could be achieved. **An additional xx cent would use just \$xx million of this available balance.** We would therefore achieve a funding level equal to xx cents of the tax rate in the annual budget.
- To meet the projected cashflow needs for pipeline projects it is also understood that supplemental BOS funding must continue at 3rd quarter, carryover, and other sources.
- The urgency to meet the need is on-going and continues.
- It is also essential to provide operating dollars needed for supportive services as they are put in place.



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- Truly addressing Homelessness requires investment (dollars and policy) and AHAC will continue to work with the Board of Supervisors and Continuum of Care.