

# Housing Grants

2/26/15

## Program at a Glance

- Program purpose is to provide rental assistance to low income households so that they can afford to live in Arlington
- Recipients are Arlington residents who meet income requirements and are limited to working families with minor children, residents with disabilities, or residents age 65 or older
- Renters pay approximately 40% of household income toward rent; average monthly subsidy of \$576 covers remainder
- 100% locally funded; approximately 80% (1,030 households) live in committed affordable units

Household Participation – February, 2015		
Category	Number	Percent
Working Families	366	29%
People with Disabilities	495	38%
Age 65+	423	33%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,284</b>	<b>--</b>

Average Annual Income by Category	
Category	Annual Income
Working Families	\$25,460
People with Disabilities	\$13,518
Age 65+	\$14,121

Households Asset Levels				
Asset Level	Working Families	People w/ Disabilities	Age 65+	Total by Level
\$0 - \$5,000	339 (92%)	465 (94%)	385 (91%)	1,189 (93%)
\$5,000 - \$10,000	24(7%)	15 (3%)	17 (4%)	56 (4%)
\$10,000 - \$20,000	2 (1%)	9(2%)	13(3%)	24 (2%)
\$20,000 - \$35,000 (max)	1 (0%)	6(1%)	8 (2%)	15 (1%)

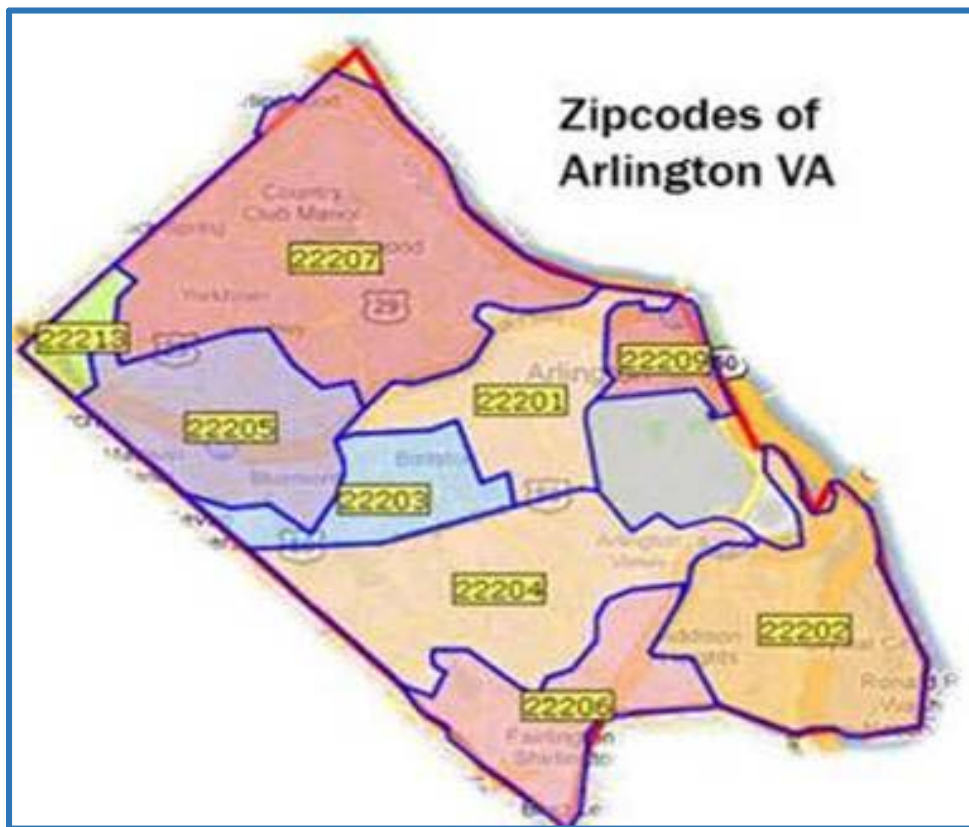
Length of Time Housing Grants Recipients Receive Benefits		In program 2 years or less: • 578 (45%) of 1,284 total participating households
Length of Time in Program	Number of Households (%)	
1 year or less	346 (27%)	In program 5 years or more: • 257(20%) of 1,284 total participating households ○ 23 Working families ○ 103 People w/ disabilities ○ 131 People age 65+
1 to 2 years	232 (18%)	
2 to 3 years	180 (14%)	
3 to 4 years	154 (12%)	
4 to 5 years	115 (9%)	
5 years or more	257 (20%)	

Housing Grants Recipients by Race/Ethnicity			
Hispanic 45 %	Black 30%	White 20%	Asian 5%

# Housing Grants Location by Zip Code

February 26, 2015

Zip Code	Households	Percentage
22201	91	7%
22202	23	1%
22203	312	24%
22204	537	42%
22205	61	5%
22206	141	11%
22207	61	5%
22209	68	5%
22213	1	>1%



## Northern Virginia Tax Relief Comparison 3 10 15

Qualification Factors	Arlington County Current	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Fairfax County	City of Alexandria	Loudoun County	Prince William County
Household Income Maximum	\$99,472	\$99,472	\$109,200 (Area Median Income)	\$109,200 (Area Median Income)	\$72,000	\$72,000	\$72,000	\$81,490
Full Exemption	Full Exemption to: 1 person \$55,953 2 people \$55,953 3 people \$62,667	Full Exemption to: 1 person \$68,387 2 people \$68,387 3 people \$76,953	Full exemption to: 1 person \$60,060 2 person \$60,060 3 person \$65,520	Full exemption to: 1 person \$60,060 2 person \$60,060 3 person \$65,520	0 - \$52,000 1 acre limit	0-\$40,000	0-\$72,000 3 acre limit	0-\$56,200
Partial Exemption	50% Exempt to: 1 person \$68,387 2 people \$68,387 3 people \$76,953  25% Exempt to: 1 person \$99,472 2 people \$99,472 3 people \$99,472	50% Exempt to: 1 person \$99,472 2 people \$99,472 3 people \$99,472	50% Exemption to: 1 person \$68,796 2 person \$68,796 3 person \$77,532  25% Exemption 1 person \$109,200 2 person \$109,200 3 person \$109,200	50% Exemption to: 1 person \$68,796 2 person \$68,796 3 person \$77,532  25% Exemption 1 person \$109,200 2 person \$109,200 3 person \$109,200	\$52,001-\$62,000 50% exempt  \$62,001-\$72,000 25% exempt	\$40,001-\$55,000 50% exempt  \$55,001-\$72,000 25% exempt	None	\$56,200-\$64,630 75% exempt  \$64,631-\$73,060 50% exempt  \$73,061-\$81,490 25% exempt
Deferral	Can defer what is not exempt	Can defer what is not exempt	Can defer what is not exempt	Can defer what is not exempt	None	Can defer what is not exempt	None	None
Asset Maximum	\$340,000 for exemption  \$540,000 for deferral	\$540,000 for exemption	\$340,000 for exemption  \$540,000 for deferral	\$540,000 for exemption	\$340,000	\$430,000	\$440,000 excludes 10 acres	\$340,000
Income Disregards: For Relatives in Home:  Disabled:	None  (family size taken into consideration when determining eligibility)	None	None	None	\$6,500  \$7,500	\$10,000	\$10,000  All for owner and/or spouse	\$10,000  \$7,500
<b>Anticipated Cost in uncollected revenue (CY 2015)</b>	<b>\$4,486,420</b>	<b>\$5,171,589</b> <b>(+\$685,169)</b>	<b>\$4,626,812</b> <b>(+\$140,392)</b>	<b>\$4,888,738</b> <b>(+\$402,318)</b>	na	na	na	na

## Real Estate Tax Relief Participation by Exemption/Deferral Type

12/1/14

Type of Exemption/Deferral	2010	2011	2012 *	2013	2014
Full	809	837	875	764	707
50%	153	149	115	127	123
25%	136	128	101	128	131
Deferral only	32	36	35	34	36
Total Approvals	1,130	1,150	1,126	1,053	999
Uncollected Revenue	\$4,333,253	\$4,250,259	\$4,583,156	\$4,299,041	\$4,232,471

\* In 2012, taxable income, rather than gross income (prior to any deductions), was used to calculate income due to a state code change, that was later revoked.

### History of Real Estate Tax Relief Since 2004

	Maximum Income Level	Maximum Asset Level	Applications Taken	Applications Approved	Uncollected Revenue
CY 2014	\$99,472	\$340,000 for exemption, \$540,000 for deferral	1,087	999	\$4,232,471
CY 2013	\$99,472	\$340,000 for exemption, \$540,000 for deferral	1,143	1,053	\$4,299,041
CY 2012	\$99,472	\$340,000 for exemption, \$540,000 for deferral	1,193	1,126	\$4,583,156
CY 2011	\$99,472	\$340,000 for exemption, \$540,000 for deferral	1,231	1,150	\$4,250,259
CY 2010	\$94,572	\$340,000 for exemption, \$540,000 for deferral	1,257	1,129	\$4,333,253
CY 2009	\$85,268	\$340,000 for exemption, \$540,000 for deferral	1,267	1,135	\$3,948,130
CY 2008	\$95,515	\$540,000 for exemption and deferral	1,324	1,234	\$4,183,106
CY 2007	\$95,515	\$540,000 for exemption and deferral	1,300	1,193	\$3,909,694
CY 2006	\$77,407	\$340,000 for exemption and deferral	1,150	1,076	\$3,282,620
CY 2005	\$62,000	\$240,000 for exemption, \$340,000 for deferral	960	862	\$2,443,307
CY 2004	\$62,000	\$195,000 for exemption, \$240,000 for deferral	808	723	\$2,038,443

Note: asset levels exclude the value of the home

# School Health Staffing

March 2015

## School Health Staffing: Nurse to Student Ratio

- There is no mandated student to nurse ratio in the US, Virginia, or Arlington.
- The Centers for Disease Control recommends a 750:1 student to nurse ratio; however, this model does not include clinic aide staffing such as that in Arlington.
- The Commonwealth of Virginia recommends a 1000:1 student to nurse ratio; again this does not include clinic aide staffing.

## Comparison: Northern Virginia School Health Models

- It is difficult to compare staffing levels in jurisdictions since localities have different models.
  - Fairfax has centralized nurses and clinic aides stationed in each school
  - Arlington has clinic aides in each school and nurses stationed in schools
  - Alexandria has only nurses and uses no clinic aides
- Fairfax - student to nurse ratio is 3000:1; however, this ratio does not include aides.
- Alexandria - student to nurse ratio ranges from 400:1 up to 3000:1; uses no aides.
- Arlington - student to nurse ratio is 1500:1; ratio does not include aides staffing.

## Arlington School Health Model

- Mission is “To keep children healthy and safe to promote learning.”
- School Health supports Arlington Public Schools purpose of educating children by keeping them in school to learn. A child who is not feeling well will not be able to learn optimally.
- Staffing is based on a child’s age appropriate developmental needs as well numbers of students in the school.
  - For instance, the lower student to school health staff ratio in the earlier grades reflects that elementary school children require more time to be trained to take care of their own medical needs than middle or high school children.
  - This model using a nurse and an aide is also more cost-effective because it allows nurses to focus on those duties only a nurse may provide and delegates other duties to aides trained by nurses and a doctor.
  - The model seeks to ensure the all school children have access to health services to handle specific situations. These include 1) chronic medical condition management, 2) procedure management, 3) mental health support, and 4) injury/illness care and prevention.

**School Health Staffing**  
**Reflects Reduction of Nurse in FY 13 and Addition of Aide in FY 15**

School Type	Aide	Nurse	Nurse/Aide (School Health staff)
Elementary (16)	1.00	0.50	1.50
Elementary (6)	1.00	0.33	1.33
Middle	1.00	0.50	1.50
Career Center	1.00	0.00	1.00
High	1.00	1.00	2.00

## Animal Welfare League of Arlington

**AWLA Contract:** (Budget: \$1,374,517)

1. Animal control: enforce all local, state, and federal animal welfare and control laws.
2. Animal impoundment: sheltering those animals taken in through animal control activities.
3. Animal adoption/fostering: for those animals taken in through animal control activities.
4. Rabies testing and rabies vaccine clinics.
5. Trap/Neuter Return program for feral cats.
6. Cost of additional control officer: \$48,082

### Animal Control Officer (ACO) workload

	FY 2011	FY 2014	change
Dogs off leash and/or Running at Large (RAL)	Off leash 2800	Off leash 4000	48% increase
	RAL 213	RAL 359	
	<b>Total 3013</b>	<b>Total 4359</b>	
Requests from County Departments (arrests, evictions, traffic accidents)	83	115	38% increase
Dangerous Dog (DD) investigations *	3	8	200% increase

\* Each dangerous dog investigation takes approximately 20 hours to prepare for presentation to the Commonwealth's Attorney. If the CA decides to pursue the case, the ACO spends another 20 hours (at minimum) on the case, including court appearances. Original DD FY 2011 report showed zero DD investigations. Later amended to 3, as shown here.

### ACO staff per jurisdiction: We have fewer ACOs staff than Alexandria or Fairfax per person

	Arlington	Alexandria	Fairfax
Animal Control Officers			
Chief	1	1	
Deputies	3	4	
Total	4	5	25 FTE's
Square miles	26	15.5	406
Population	227,146	151,218	1,116,897
ACO/square mile	1:6.5	1:3.1	1:16.2
ACO/per person	1:56,787	1:30,244	1:44,676
# calls/ACO	No comparable data available		

### Jurisdiction Service Comparison

	Arlington	Alexandria	Fairfax County
<b>Services offered</b>			
Adoption	YES	YES	YES
Animal Control	YES	YES	YES
Community Outreach	YES	YES	YES
Trap, Neuter, Return	YES	YES	YES
Large carcass removal from private property	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>

## Safety Net Dental Services Available to Arlington Residents

<b>County Funded Services</b>	
<b>DHS Dental Clinic @ Sequoia</b> Monday: Noon – 8:00 Tuesday-Thursday: 8:00 – 5:00 Friday: 8:00 – Noon	
Provides dental care (see definition in Appendix I) to children through high school and adults age 60 and older. Income eligibility at or below 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines (family of 1= \$23,340.00, family of 2= \$31,460.00, family of 3= \$39,580.00). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preventive services (examinations, oral cancer screenings, X-rays, cleanings, fluoride applications, sealants, and oral hygiene education) FY 2014: 2,492</li> <li>• Corrective services (fillings, denture adjustments and repairs, periodontal (gum disease) treatment, limited endodontic (root canal) treatment, and routine extractions) FY 2014: 6,027</li> </ul>	
<b>Residents served (FY 2014)</b>	Total: 753 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children: 365</li> <li>• Adults &gt; 59: 388</li> </ul>
<b>Time to 1<sup>st</sup> Appointment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children: 5 business days</li> <li>• Adults: 20 business days</li> </ul>
<b>Dental Budget</b>	FY 2014 Expense =\$218,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dentist = \$161,000</li> <li>• Assistant = \$57,000</li> </ul> FY 2014 Revenue: \$19,410 (fees)
<b>Cost to Client</b>	<u>Children:</u> Sliding scale rate/service provided, based on parents' income. Ranges from free to 100% of Medicaid rate. The majority of children pay no fees. <u>Adults:</u> \$11 administrative fee per visit plus sliding scale rate based on client income.
<b>Northern Virginia Dental Clinic</b>	
Monday – Friday: 8:30 – 5:30 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturdays: 9:00 – 2:00	
The program serves as a regional clinic for Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, Alexandria, and Falls Church DSS clients. The referral process is centrally managed by DHS; nonprofits and community self-referrals. Client eligibility is assessed and determined by DHS. Eligible clients are between the ages of 18 and 60 (over 60 referred to DHS Dental clinic); income eligibility at or below 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines.	
<b>Residents served (FY 2014)</b>	Total Adults: 198
<b>Time to 1<sup>st</sup> Appointment</b>	60 business days
<b>Dental Budget</b>	Arlington County funding: \$35,350 Other jurisdictions: \$267,598 Fairfax - \$150,000, City of Alexandria - \$62,300, Loudoun County - \$53,298
<b>Cost to Client</b>	\$40 per visit
<b>Northern Virginia Family Services</b>	
Variable hours; available online at <a href="http://www.nvfs.org">www.nvfs.org</a>	
Dental Link program. Refers low income adults for dental care to its network of participating dentists. Eligible households have income at or below 200% FPL with no dental insurance, for clients aged 18 or older, with a verifiable home address.	
<b>Residents served (FY 2014)</b>	Total Adults: 271



<b>Time to 1<sup>st</sup> Appointment</b>	5 business days
<b>Dental Budget</b>	\$31,000 (Community Development Fund)
<b>Cost to Client</b>	No required copayment; NVFS encourages dentists to charge Medicaid rates, which range from \$20.15 - \$1403.70.

**Non-County Funded Services**

**Neighborhood Health**

*Arlington DHS:*

Tuesday Noon – 7:00

Thursday 8:00 – 5:00

*Alexandria:*

Monday – Friday 8:00 – 4:30

Formerly Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, Inc. (ANHSI). Federally qualified health center provides dental services for all ages.

Seen at sites in Alexandria and at the dental facilities at DHS. Accepts insurance; also accepts all patients, regardless of ability to pay.

<b>Residents served (FY 2014)</b>	Total: 177 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children: 36</li> <li>• Adults: 141</li> </ul>
<b>Time to 1<sup>st</sup> Appointment</b>	@ DHS: 20-30 business days @ Alexandria: 20 business days
<b>Dental Budget</b>	Not applicable
<b>Cost to Client</b>	Flat fee Adult: \$50/visit Child: \$25/visit

**Arlington Free Clinic**

Monday – Friday: 8:30 – 5:30

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays: 9:00 – 2:00

Makes referrals to Northern Virginia Dental Clinic (NVDC). Clients meet NVDC eligibility criteria as outlined above. Program began in July, 2014. AFC has 7 slots allocated each month in FY15 for a total of 84 slots

<b>Residents served (FY 2014)</b>	Total: 0 (in FY14)
<b>Time to 1<sup>st</sup> Appointment</b>	60 business days
<b>Dental Budget</b>	Not applicable
<b>Cost to Client</b>	\$40.00 per visit

**Give Kids a Smile**

1<sup>st</sup> Friday in February

A nationwide program of the American Dental Association. Children receive free oral health care services from volunteering dental providers one day per year. Event held at Northern Virginia Community College in Springfield, VA.

<b>Residents served (FY 2014)</b>	Total: 164 children
<b>Time to 1<sup>st</sup> Appointment</b>	Not applicable
<b>Dental Budget</b>	Not applicable
<b>Cost to Client</b>	Free

**Mission of Mercy (MOM)**

Two days each March; typically held on a Friday and Saturday.

Each year volunteer dental providers provide two days of free dental care to underserved Northern Virginia adults. Event is held at Northern Virginia Community College in Springfield, VA. Slots for Arlington County are divided between DHS (150), Arlington Free Clinic (125) and NVFS Dental Link (50). Arlington DHS has worked to improve attendance and reduced absenteeism (no-show) by over 50% over 3 years.

<b>Residents served (FY 2014)</b>	Total: 258 adults <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 132 Arlington DHS</li><li>• 106 Arlington Free Clinic</li><li>• 20 NVFS</li></ul>
<b>Time to 1<sup>st</sup> Appointment</b>	Not applicable
<b>Dental Budget</b>	Not applicable
<b>Cost to Client</b>	Free