



# UPDATE ON FUNDING FOR FEDERAL HOUSING PROGRAMS

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# Impact of the FY17 Consolidated Appropriations Act

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- **CDBG and HOME:** Slight increase in funding for Fairfax County:
  - CDBG - increase of \$51,459; overall allocation of \$4.97M
  - HOME – increase of \$20,638; overall allocation of \$1.53M

# Impact of the FY17 Consolidated Appropriations Act

- **Public Housing:** Level funding for the remainder of the federal fiscal year; however, the FCRHA anticipates being out of the Public Housing program by the end of the calendar year via RAD conversion
  - Public Housing likely to see severe funding cuts, particularly for capital improvements

# Update on Housing Choice Voucher Funding

- HCD estimates a shortfall of \$7.5 million by the end of FY 2020.
- HCD analyzed several options to minimize this shortfall.
- The proposed strategies are considered fair and equitable because they impact nearly all program participants.
- The strategies are intended to reduce costs long term, so that the FCRHA can continue to serve existing participants, and eventually provide assistance to new households, which has been suspended since March 2017.

# PROPOSED OPTIONS

Potential Strategies (Phase-in implementation at recertification starting on Nov 1, 2018)	Estimated Reduction in Housing Assistance Payments		
	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
1. Increase minimum rent to \$220 for work-able and \$50 for non-work-able households	\$ 88,487	\$ 366,412	\$ 603,055
2. Revise subsidy standard for all households (head of household included in calculations)	\$ 646,495	\$ 2,941,147	\$ 4,724,941
3. Raise minimum total tenant payment to 32% for non-work-able and to 35% for work-able tenants currently paying 30%	\$ 16,641	\$ 178,755	\$ 343,317
4. Eliminate utility allowances for all households	\$ 374,139	\$ 1,745,668	\$ 2,852,119
<b>ALL FOUR STRATEGIES COMBINED (excludes any overlap between strategies 1 and 3)</b>	\$ 1,125,056	\$ 5,224,462	\$ 8,507,897

# Next Steps on the Housing Choice Voucher Program

- FCRHA meeting held on July 20, 2017 to approve a Public Hearing for the Amended Moving to Work Plan that will request approval from HUD.
- Public hearing scheduled at the September 21, 2017 FCRHA meeting and HCD has also scheduled three participant “listening sessions.” All participants will also receive written communications from HCD.
- At least a one year notice to Housing Choice Voucher participants affected by these policy changes will be provided.
- Changes will be rolled out starting in November 2018 over the following two years.

# Next Steps on the Housing Choice Voucher Program

- Workshops on finding employment and referrals to the SkillSource Centers and other job readiness and employment programs.
- Financial literacy classes and referrals to credit counseling and budgeting programs.
- Workshops regarding energy utilization and conservation.
- Small portion of the savings from these strategies will be set aside to help participants with emergency utility assistance, moving assistance, and/or housing locator assistance.

# Questions/Comments