

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT FY 2022-2026 FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND DRAFT FY 2022 ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The City of Alexandria's Draft Five-Year Consolidated Plan for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2025 and Draft One-Year Action Plan for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 for Housing and Community Development will be available for comment period beginning on Friday, April 23, 2021 and ending Monday, May 24, 2021. The City's Draft FY 2022-2026 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and Draft FY 2022 One-Year Action Plan have been developed in accordance with guidelines set forth by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

These documents will be available on the City's Website: alexandriava.gov/Housing. Public comments on the Draft Five-Year Consolidated Plan and Draft One-Year Action Plan may be sent or delivered to the Office of Housing or emailed to kimberly.cadena@alexandriava.gov. Comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Monday, May 24. Persons wishing to comment may also do so either in writing and/or by providing testimony at the May 6, 6:30pm virtual meeting of the Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee (AHAAC) (meeting information can be found: <https://www.alexandriava.gov/Housing>) and/or the Saturday, May 15, 9:30am virtual City Council Public Hearing (meeting information can be found: <https://www.alexandriava.gov/Council>).

The Five-Year Consolidated Plan is a comprehensive planning document that identifies the housing and community development needs of the City of Alexandria's extremely low-to moderate-income, homeless and special needs populations, as well as of any target areas identified by the City, and outlines strategies for addressing the needs of these groups and/or designated areas over a five-year period. The One-Year Action Plan describes actions to be taken during City FY 2022 to meet housing and community development needs identified in the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan and serves as the City's application to HUD for \$955,545 in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and \$546,436 in Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds.

Activities to be supported with CDBG Program funds have been developed to meet the national objective of benefiting low- and moderate-income persons. Activities to be supported with HOME Program funds have been developed to be consistent with the HOME Program objective of expanding the supply of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing. CDBG Program activities will continue the City's ongoing efforts to address the needs of its low- to moderate- income residents, identify and eradicate illegal housing discrimination, and provide housing rehabilitation assistance to income-eligible homeowners; homeownership opportunities for low- to moderate-income homebuyers; emergency housing assistance, winter emergency shelter, and furniture storage assistance to homeless families; and accessibility modification assistance to low- to moderate-income renters. HOME Program activities will also continue the City's efforts to provide affordable housing opportunities for low- to moderate-income residents. In addition to CDBG- and HOME-funded activities, the One-Year Action Plan describes other affordable housing and community development activities to be undertaken by the City during this period, including the development and preservation of affordable housing.

Copies of the City's Draft FY 2022 – 2026 Consolidated Plan (accompanied by a Citizen Summary) and Draft FY 2022 Action Plan may be reviewed or picked up beginning Monday, April 26 at the Office of Housing, located at 421 King Street, Suite 215, Alexandria, VA from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The documents will be in a format accessible to persons with disabilities, upon request to Kimberly Cadena at kimberly.cadena@alexandriava.gov or 703.746.4990.

For further information or requests for reasonable accommodations, please call Eric Keeler or Kim Cadena at the Office of Housing at 703.746.4990, or TTY 703.838.5056 for the hearing impaired.