

*Our Mission: To assist low income residents to obtain affordable, decent and safe housing through the provision of rental assistance*

Funding for the five Section 8 programs that Arlington County administers comes from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The principal programs in Section 8 are of two types: tenant based and project based.

- **Housing Choice Vouchers** represent tenant based assistance and can be used in Arlington and anywhere within the United States. In FY 2005 HUD changed the way it distributes funds to Public Housing Agencies for the Voucher program. PHA's will now receive their funding allocation for housing assistance payments and administrative fees at the beginning of each calendar year instead of the beginning of their fiscal year. This new budgeting method used by HUD will give them a better outlook on actual costs expended by agencies during the course of the year. In addition, effective October 2005, the payment standards, which is used to calculate rental subsidies for program participants, will change from 100% to 110% of the Fair Market Rents established by HUD. This increase will help to defray some of the high rental costs faced by program participants. For example, a two-bedroom subsidy was increased from \$1,233 to \$1,348, a 10% increase.
- Project based assistance includes **Moderate Rehabilitation, Substantial Rehabilitation** and **New Construction** and can only be used at designated project sites.
- Section 8 also administers the **Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA)** Program. Section 8 staff determine initial and ongoing program eligibility for families. The rental assistance provided to these families can only be used in Arlington County. In order to qualify, the family must be very low income and either the head of household or a family member must provide a doctor's statement confirming HIV/AIDS.
- In FY 2004, the Section 8 Office began administering the **Milestones I Program**, funded by the HUD Shelter Plus Care Grant, providing rental assistance to nine homeless individuals with serious mental illness. To date nine homeless families have been admitted into the program and are living in various neighborhoods throughout Arlington County. **Milestones II and III** began in FY 2006 providing twelve additional units, six for each program.

SECTION 8 FUND

PROGRAM FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Adopted	FY 2007 Proposed	% Change '06 to '07
Personnel	\$973,404	\$1,063,612	\$1,105,169	4%
Non-Personnel	260,570	292,893	297,977	2%
Housing Assistance Payments	13,068,575	12,762,378	13,097,335	3%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>14,302,549</b>	<b>14,118,883</b>	<b>14,500,481</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>14,458,817</b>	<b>14,118,883</b>	<b>14,500,481</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Change in Operating Reserve</b>	<b>\$156,268</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Authorized FTEs	17.4	17.4	17.4	
Funded FTEs	17.4	17.4	17.4	

SIGNIFICANT BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- ↑ The FY 2007 proposed budget reflects a two percent market pay line adjustment, a 10% increase in employer health insurance costs, and an increase in employer retirement contributions to maintain full funding of the retirement fund.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Estimate	FY 2007 Estimate	FY 2007 Goal
Overall lease up rate	84%	100%	95%	96%	98%	98%	98%
Number of families served	1,327	1,580	1,501	1,517	1,548	1,548	1,548
Percent of landlords receiving timely payments	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%	100%	100%
Number of landlords served	380	400	317	289	289	300	N/A

- Overall lease up rate is the percentage of allowable units from HUD that are leased by program participants. To be considered a high performance agency, HUD requires 98% minimum utilization rate for rental subsidies.
- The total number of households that can be assisted by all Section 8 Programs is approximately 1,580.

SECTION 8 HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

FUND STATEMENT

	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Budget	FY 2006 Revised	FY 2007 Proposed
<b>Beginning Fund Balance July 1</b>	\$1,146,121	\$1,146,121	\$1,302,389	\$1,302,389
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Housing Assistance	12,793,279	12,514,066	12,514,066	12,777,023
Administrative Fees	1,318,004	1,340,826	1,340,826	1,371,899
Interest	29,341	15,679	15,679	31,247
HOPWA	169,697	140,000	140,000	140,000
Shelter Plus Care (Milestones Prog.)	64,303	108,312	108,312	180,312
HUD Year-end Settlement - Prior Year	84,193	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>14,458,817</b>	<b>14,118,883</b>	<b>14,118,883</b>	<b>14,500,481</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Housing Assistance Payments	12,832,963	12,514,066	12,514,066	12,777,023
HOPWA	171,309	140,000	140,000	140,000
Shelter Plus Care (Milestones Prog.)	64,303	108,312	108,312	180,312
Administration & Operations	1,233,974	1,356,505	1,356,505	1,403,146
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>14,302,549</b>	<b>14,118,883</b>	<b>14,118,883</b>	<b>14,500,481</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance June 30</b>	<b>\$1,302,389</b>	<b>\$1,146,121</b>	<b>\$1,302,389</b>	<b>\$1,302,389</b>