

# NORTHERN VIRGINIA AFFORDABLE HOUSING ALLIANCE

## ADVOCACY ACTION ALERT

### Alexandria Housing Activities September 2020

**Upcoming Affordable Housing Development Proposals.** There are several rental and homeownership proposals that will come before City Council for pre-development loan approvals on Sept 8. They include: [\\$500,000 to AHDC for a development in Arlandria](#); [\\$250,000 to AHDC for new development on Seminary Road](#) that combines affordable rental housing, affordable homeownership options, and a component of permanent support housing for Alexandrians with developmental disabilities; [\\$400,000 for Wesley Housing for development of Parkview II at Holmes Run Parkway](#); and a [\\$2.5 million capital improvement loan to Landmark Towers LLC to preserve market affordability and secure a right of first refusal of a multi-family building](#). These proposals are in the early stages of feasibility and will take several years to be developed, but together they represent a minimum of 860 new units of affordable housing, including a percentage of the total dedicated to households earning 40% of the area median income. As these proposals move through the development pipeline, broad community advocacy will be needed to secure the financial resources necessary to make them viable.

**Utilization of Federal CARES Act Funding** [Here is a breakdown](#) of the funding received from Virginia's allocation of CARES Act dollars, and how that money has been allocated.

**CDC Eviction Moratorium Invokes Public Health Crisis** Attached are three documents to help you better understand the implications of the recent CDC Eviction Moratorium Order: [CDC Eviction Moratorium Fact Sheet](#); [FAQs on the Agency Order to the US Housing Committee on Financial Services](#); and the [CDC Declaration that Tenants must present to Landlords](#). However, in the absence of clarity and general confusion as to whether the Administration has the authority to issue this order, Governor Northam has again [requested that the Virginia Supreme Court extend their eviction moratorium](#) until October 1, 2020. We will begin to use our [Northern Virginia Eviction Prevention and Housing Stability Toolkit](#) to assist in training volunteers to help residents with the process of securing rental assistance.

**Regional Fair Housing Analysis of Impediments (AI) Coordinated by COG** On Sept 8, the City will [endorse their participation](#) in the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's Regional Fair Housing Analysis of Impediments (AI). Also, see the [memo from COG's Board of Directors](#) on this regional approach to Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing in light of a recent Administration attack.

**Confronting Barriers: Sustaining the Fight for Fair Housing** Plan to attend Virginia's Fair Housing Summit sponsored by Home of VA, Wednesday September 16, 9 AM. Tickets are \$50; register [here](#)

**2020 Regional Housing Leaders Awards and 15th Anniversary Celebration September 17**

Over 140 of your housing colleagues and friends have registered for our [2020 Annual Awards Ceremony and 15th Anniversary Celebration](#). We hope you'll join us as we toast **Helen McIlvaine**, the City's Director of the Office of Housing, and a 2020 Regional Housing Leader honoree! **Mayor Justin Wilson** will join us as well to offer a few welcoming remarks. Bring your champagne glass and join the toast! Free register is [here](#).