

Housing Corporation of Arlington (HCA) 2022 Executive Summary

Since 1986 HCA has worked to ensure housing affordability in Arlington, and provided related services to ensure families are stable and strong. HCA provides and advocates for decent, safe, affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families and individuals in Arlington and surrounding communities, while promoting social and economic diversity. Today, HCA has over 3,200 dues paying members, 150 units of affordable rental housing and has helped over 600 households in danger of homelessness remain housed. We also started and administer the Arlington Human Services Network, a coalition of local social service providers coordinating to meet the needs of Arlington residents, including access to food, emergency rental funds, mental health services, programs specifically for LGBTQ+, youth, and elderly populations and other needs.

HCA's Community Investment Plan includes:

Continuing to Expand Affordable Housing: HCA's portfolio is now made up of 150 units of affordable housing. HCA simultaneously seeks to develop larger multi-unit developments and smaller projects, which reflects our current portfolio. Nearly half of our units are located in properties of 1 – 20 units. The remaining units are in two larger developments. We are continually exploring potential sites with a goal of gaining site control and initiating a new project every 2 years. As Arlington's only locally based nonprofit affordable housing developer, HCA is a key local player in advancing affordability and has a strong working relationship with the Town which helps to advance this goal.

Housing Capital Improvements: With so many of our units in smaller properties scattered throughout the Town, HCA own homes with varying capital needs. We have been undergoing capital improvements as needed, but have plans to conduct a large scale capital needs assessment in 2022 in order to ensure all of our units maintain a level of quality and sustainability.

Resident Services: HCA will be initiating Tenant Councils in 2022 to give tenants a voice in helping to manage our properties and advance their needs and interests. HCA also offers housing search, emergency housing funds through our Homeless Prevention Program, and referrals to other key social services. HCA also offers quarterly financial management workshops for our tenants and for other social services clients. Presented by local banks and by our own staff, residents learn the basics of personal financial management and savings and how to manage credit. HCA also offers employment assistance, including support with resumes and job search. In 2022 HCA is initiating a computer lab and will provide light training as needed for computer lab users.

Community Engagement and Advocacy: HCA provides community members with the opportunity to get involved in local planning processes in Arlington as well as to advocate for housing and other policies at the state level. This work not only helps to advance HCA's vital mission, but results in leadership development of local residents who participate.