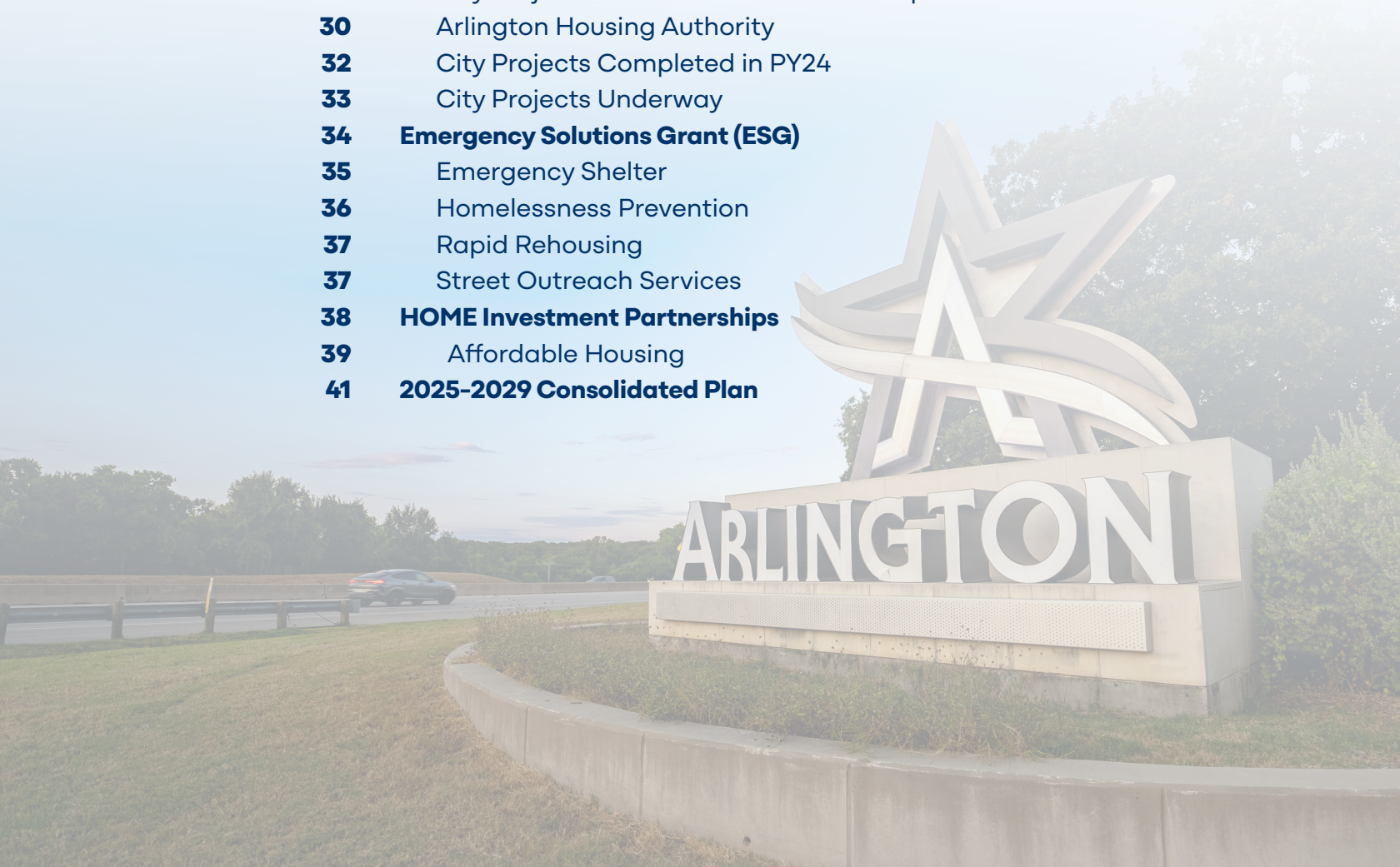
GRANTS MANAGEMENT

Annual Report 2025



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GRANTS MANAGEMENT'S MESSAGE

The Grants Management team remains committed to advancing Arlington's development through strategic grant administration, innovative programming, and diligent compliance.

Welcome to the City of Arlington's Grants Management Annual Report!

We are pleased to have you join us once again as we reflect on another year of meaningful progress, impactful investments, and continued collaboration across our community.

This year's report is especially meaningful as we join communities across the nation in celebrating 50 years of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Since its inception in 1974, CDBG has been a cornerstone of federal investment in local communities, empowering cities like Arlington to address housing needs, improve public infrastructure, and expand vital services for low- and moderate-income residents. We are proud to honor the legacy of CDBG and its ongoing role in shaping more equitable and resilient neighborhoods.

This year's report highlights the sustained efforts and growing momentum of our grant-supported initiatives. You'll find data-driven insights, updated metrics, and inspiring stories that showcase how federal and local funding has empowered our partners to meet community needs from expanding affordable housing options to delivering essential public services.

As you read through the report, you will see the breadth of partnerships and projects that drive equitable outcomes across Arlington. Each story is a testament to the power of grants to spark change, foster resilience, and build a stronger, more inclusive community.

We remain steadfast in our commitment to transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement. Through this report, we aim to not only share our accomplishments but also reinforce our dedication to impactful and responsible stewardship of public resources.



Thank you for being part of this ongoing journey. We look forward to continuing our work together to create lasting, positive change in Arlington.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nikky Lewis, Grants Manager

OVERVIEW



The City of Arlington's Grants Management Department remains steadfast in its mission to foster community development through strategic grant acquisition, innovative programming, and rigorous compliance oversight. The department is structured around two distinct yet complementary divisions: the Community Development Division and the Center for Grants, Innovation, and Compliance, both serving as foundational pillars of the City's grant infrastructure.



THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION is responsible for the compliant administration of federally awarded funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), ensuring those resources are leveraged to achieve maximum community impact. Its work focuses on housing rehabilitation and preservation, public services, homeless support, infrastructure improvements, and economic development initiatives. Each year, the division allocates and manages funding from key HUD programs, including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and HOME Investment Partnerships Program, to meet the evolving needs of Arlington's neighborhoods.

In parallel, **THE CENTER FOR GRANTS, INNOVATION, AND COMPLIANCE** is dedicated to identifying, pursuing, and securing competitive grant opportunities that align with the City's strategic goals and Council priorities. This division also supports citywide compliance efforts and promotes innovative solutions to strengthen program delivery and operational effectiveness across departments.

Grants Management is committed to fostering strong and inclusive partnerships with residents, neighborhood associations, schools, businesses, and community-based organizations. Through collaborative engagement and data-informed decision-making, the department ensures equitable access to services and resources that enhance quality of life and expand opportunity for all Arlington residents.

In addition to managing programs and funding, Grants Management leads the development of several essential plans and reports that guide the City's long-term housing and community development strategy, including:

- Five-Year Consolidated Plan
- Annual Action Plan and Budget
- Housing Needs Assessment
- Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)

Guided by principles of transparency, responsiveness, and innovation, the Grants Management Department continues to play a critical role in shaping a more vibrant, inclusive, and resilient Arlington.

CENTER FOR GRANTS INNOVATION & COMPLIANCE

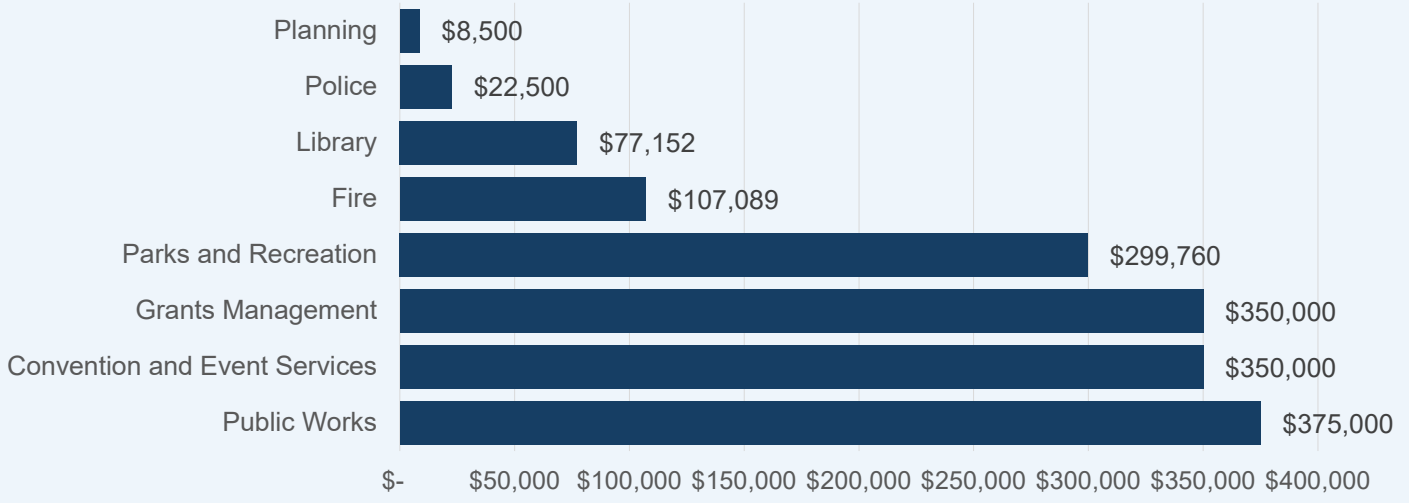
The Center for Grants Innovation and Compliance exists to strengthen Arlington's ability to deliver impactful services and programs by expanding access to external funding. As part of the City's Grants Management Department, the Center serves as a strategic hub for identifying high-value grant opportunities, developing competitive proposals, and ensuring strong post-award compliance.

CENTER FOR GRANTS INNOVATION AND COMPLIANCE

Its purpose is to leverage state, federal, and private funding sources to reduce reliance on local tax dollars while advancing the City's long-term priorities—from public safety and infrastructure to community services and quality of life initiatives. Through collaboration with internal departments and external partners, the Center ensures Arlington is well-positioned to secure and steward every available dollar for the benefit of its residents.



Awarded by Department



56 TOTAL GRANTS

18 AWARDED

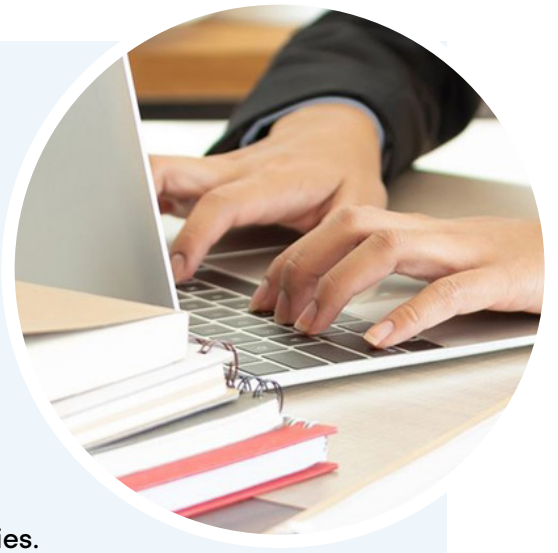
25 PENDING AWARD

$62.2M TOTAL REQUESTED AMOUNT

$1.6M AWARDED AMOUNT

$26.5M PENDING AMOUNT

Center for Grants Innovation and Compliance (cont.)

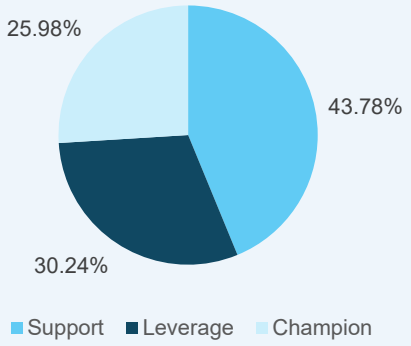


31%
WIN RATE

The Center for Grants Innovation and Compliance is dedicated to strengthening Arlington's ability to deliver impactful services, programs, and infrastructure improvements by expanding access to external funding.

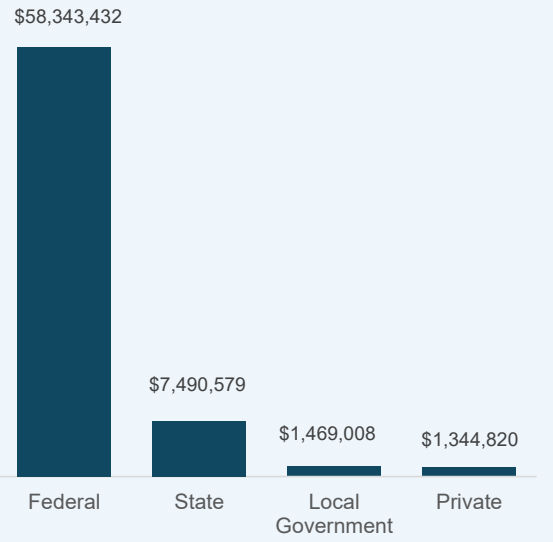
As a division of the City's Grants Management Department, the Center serves as a strategic hub for pursuing state, federal, and private grant opportunities that align with Arlington's long-term priorities. Our mission is to identify high-value funding sources, develop competitive proposals, and ensure strong post-award compliance—helping the City reduce its reliance on local tax dollars while securing resources that directly benefit residents.

Awarded by Council Priority

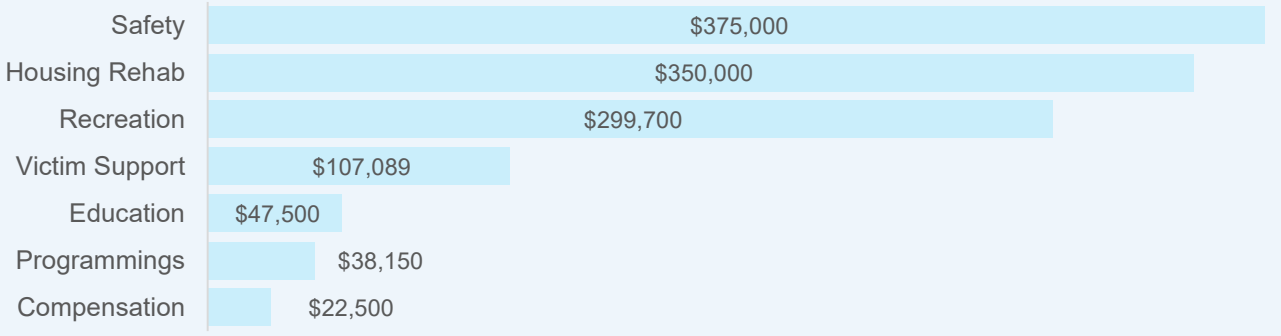


Beyond securing funds, the Center is committed to building partnerships with government agencies, foundations, corporations, and community stakeholders to advance transformative initiatives across Arlington. Through targeted prospecting, rigorous proposal development, and best-in-class grant administration, we drive measurable results, uphold fiscal stewardship, and create new pathways for innovation in municipal services. Working in close coordination with City departments and external collaborators, the Center ensures Arlington is well-positioned to maximize every available dollar, delivering solutions that enhance public safety, strengthen infrastructure, and improve quality of life for all who call Arlington home.

Funds Source



Project Type



Center for Grants Innovation and Compliance (cont.)

Looking ahead, the Center seeks to elevate Arlington's grant capacity to new levels of performance and sustainability. We aim to cultivate a citywide culture of innovation and preparedness, where departments are equipped with the tools, data, and expertise to successfully compete for funding opportunities. Through proactive planning, regional collaboration, and strategic alignment with emerging funding priorities, the Center will continue to open doors to large-scale investments, long-term program growth, and visionary projects that keep Arlington on the forefront of municipal excellence.

2025 GRANT SUCCESSES

In its first year of operation, the Center for Grants Innovation and Compliance has delivered over $1.5 million in competitive grant funding, marking an impressive launch for this new citywide initiative.

These early victories demonstrate Arlington's growing strength as a grant competitor, securing external dollars that expand critical services, invest in community infrastructure, and improve quality of life—all while easing the burden on local taxpayers.

Highlights Include:

$700,000 – TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION

$350,000 – Housing for Texas Heroes Program: Funds dedicated to essential home repairs and weatherization improvements for low-income veterans and their surviving spouses, ensuring safe, stable housing for those who served.

$350,000 – Homeless Veterans Support Services: Investment in outreach, case management, and tailored resources to connect veterans, dependents, and surviving spouses experiencing or at risk of homelessness with life-changing assistance and stable housing solutions.

$375,000 – TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (Work Zone Data Exchange Project)

This innovative project will launch a state-of-the-art Work Zone Data Exchange (WZDx) platform, providing real-time updates on active work zones. The technology will increase driver safety, reduce collisions in construction areas, and ease traffic congestion by improving navigation and route planning—creating safer, more efficient roadways for residents and visitors alike.

$239,700 – TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT (Recreational Trails Grant)



Funding will support realignment and safety enhancements along the scenic trail system at River Legacy Park, one of Arlington's premier outdoor destinations. These improvements will protect public access, improve visitor safety, and preserve the park's natural beauty for generations to come.

With additional high-value proposals pending review, this early momentum signals that Arlington is ready to compete—and win—on a larger scale, building a foundation for transformative projects and sustained grant success in the years ahead.

GRANTS WORKSHOPS

Since its inception, the Center for Grants Innovation and Compliance has made training a cornerstone of its mission to strengthen Arlington's grant capacity.

As the City's internal experts in all things grants, the Center has provided tailored workshops designed to empower departments with the knowledge and tools to pursue competitive funding successfully.



From "Grant Basics" sessions that build foundational skills to specialized discussions on Earmarks and high-level funding strategies, our team has created learning opportunities that demystify the grant process and foster collaboration across departments. While still a new initiative, these sessions have already enhanced internal expertise, sparked innovative project ideas, and positioned Arlington to compete more effectively for external dollars that support critical city priorities.

Building on our commitment to strengthening Arlington's grant landscape internally, the Center for Grants Innovation and Compliance has also expanded its reach into the community, partnering with the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation to bring professional grant expertise directly to local nonprofits. This collaboration reflects our shared vision of equipping organizations that serve Arlington's residents with the skills and strategies needed to compete for external funding successfully.

Our first community-focused session, "Understanding the Grant Writing Process," held in April, was met with enthusiastic participation and positive feedback, helping nonprofit leaders navigate the often-complex world of grant development.

Recognizing the demand for this type of support, we have already scheduled two additional trainings to continue building capacity, foster collaboration, and open doors to new funding opportunities that will directly benefit Arlington's neighborhoods, families, and future. Through this partnership, the Center is not only elevating the City's own grant success but also strengthening the broader nonprofit ecosystem that delivers critical services to our community every day.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

2024 marked a significant milestone as the City of Arlington joined communities across the nation in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Since its inception in 1974, the CDBG program has served as a cornerstone of federal support for cities striving to improve infrastructure, expand economic opportunity, and meet the needs of low-to moderate-income residents.

50 YEARS OF CDBG IMPACT IN ARLINGTON



HONORING A LEGACY OF IMPACT

To commemorate this historic occasion, the City of Arlington hosted its inaugural Community Impact Symposium in August 2024, held at City Hall and the George W. Hawkes Downtown Library. The event brought together city leaders, HUD officials, community partners, and residents to reflect on five decades of achievements and envision the path ahead.

Key highlights from the celebration included:

- Panel discussions featuring past and present community development leaders.
- A trolley tour showcasing CDBG-funded project sites, including affordable housing developments, public facilities, and nonprofit service centers.
- An awards presentation recognizing local organizations and staff for outstanding contributions to equitable development.

A PROVEN TOOL FOR COMMUNITY PROGRESS

Over the last 50 years, Arlington has invested CDBG funds into vital programs that have:

- Improved public infrastructure in underserved neighborhoods.
- Supported housing rehabilitation and homeless services.
- Expanded access to youth programs, senior services, and job training.
- Strengthened partnerships with local nonprofits to address evolving community needs.



LOOKING AHEAD

While the 50th anniversary provided a moment to reflect, it also reaffirmed Arlington's commitment to equitable growth. As the City continues to implement its Consolidated Plan goals, the CDBG program remains a vital engine for advancing inclusive, resilient, and opportunity-rich neighborhoods.



> **"CDBG was the missing between fund and salary of an Executive Director for Dental Health Arlington. Thank you! Thousands of people received dental care thanks to CDBG. Trey Yelverton oversaw our grant. He's the best!!"**
>
> **– Sally**

FINANCIALS AT A GLANCE IN 2024

$4,643,852
TOTAL GRANT ALLOCATIONS

$251,200
PY24 REPROGRAM FUNDS

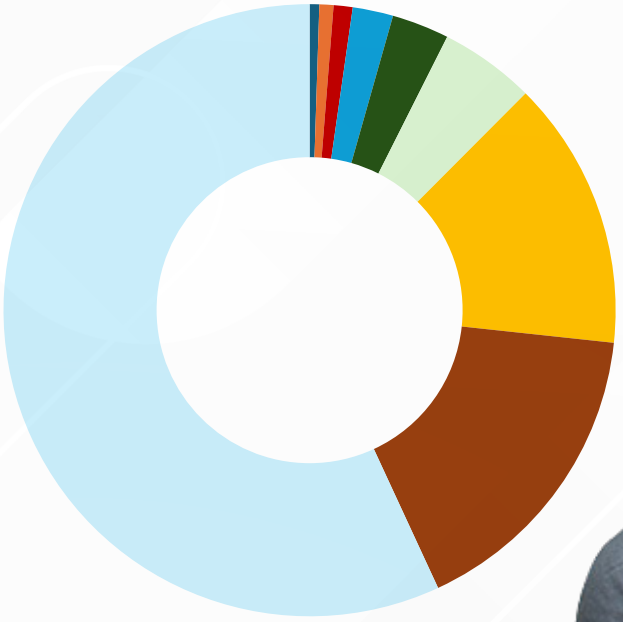
$4,895,052
TOTAL FUNDING

26,502
TOTAL PEOPLE SERVED



	CDBG	HOME	ESG
PY24 Grant Allocations	$3,191,069.00	$1,162,285.00	$290,498.00
PY23 Reprogram Funds	$250,000.00	$0	$1,200.00
TOTAL FUNDING	**$3,441,069.00**	**$1,162,285.00**	**$291,698.00**

PY24 FUNDING BY SERVICE CATEGORY



- City Projects & Infrastructure Development **$1,203,553.00**
- Economic Development **$26,408.00**
- Homeless Service Support **$261,911.00**
- Housing Rehabilitation **$851,390.00**
- Human Service Planning **$38,618.00**
- Impacting Youth **$111,156.00**
- Neighborhood Revitalization **$157,083.00**
- Senior Services **$52,095.00**
- Supporting Families **$738,812.00**



PY24 SUCCESSES

INVESTING IN COMMUNITY

City supported 21 non profit organizations with funding using CDBG, ESG & HOME funds.

City provided funds towards homeless support, youth mentoring services, job training and food security support .

OVER 26,000 PEOPLE SERVED

YOUTH ENRICHMENT AND SUPPORT

Over 11,000 Arlington youth supported through dental health, mentoring, and enrichment programs.

Using ESG funds, the City supported the homeless with food, shelter, and case management services to promote self-sufficiency.

817 HOMELESS SHELTERED

23 HOUSEHOLDS RAPIDLY REHOUSED

Provided short term and medium term tenant based rental assistance and case management to promote housing stability.

Contributed to improve public health and safety within central Arlington NRSA through code compliance.

3,130 PROPERTIES BROUGHT TO COMPLIANCE

47 HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVED RENTAL ASSISTANCE

Provided short-term rent, utility, and deposit aid with case management to help low-income residents, especially the homeless, achieve housing stability.

Benefited households through rehabilitation, architectural barrier removal and emergency repairs.

28 HOUSEHOLDS REHABILITATED

2 NEIGHBORHOOD INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Using CDBG funds the city funded two neighborhood infrastructure projects; Mitchel St. improvement and Rehabilitation of Arlington Human Service Building.

50 Years of CDBG

Celebrating 50 years of CDBG

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) provides funding to help create viable neighborhoods by providing decent housing, suitable living environments, and opportunities to expand economic development, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

BY THE NUMBERS IN 2024

$3,191,069
FUNDING ALLOCATION

$250,000
PY23 REPROGRAM FUNDS

23,518
TOTAL PEOPLE SERVED



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

Human Service Planning

$38,618
TOTAL FUNDING

10
NETWORKING AND COLLABORATIVE MEETINGS

5
FINANCIAL STABILITY AND ANTI-POVERTY STRATEGY STAKEHOLDER COLLABORATIONS

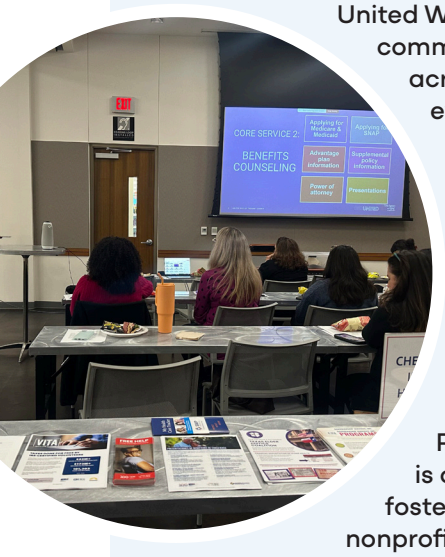


Our Partners:

United Way of Tarrant County (UWTC)

UWTC partners with communities and organizations to address the following key social issues: basic needs and financial stability; education/workforce; mental; emotional and physical health; affordable housing/homelessness; and transportation. The Arlington Regional office, is focused on providing human service planning for Arlington that encourages cooperation and collaboration, facilitates the implementation of community solutions, and promotes diversity, equity, and inclusion amongst our non-profits. This is done by focusing on services that includes Building Human Service Infrastructure, Mobilizing Resources, Informing the Community and Facilitating and Engaging non-profits, business, and civic leaders.

UNITED WAY OF TARRANT COUNTY



United Way of Tarrant County (UWTC) is committed to mobilizing communities across North Texas to ensure every individual can thrive. The organization identifies critical needs, fosters collaboration, and invests in solutions that drive change in four key impact areas: community response, community health, financial stability, and education and learning.

At the UWTC Arlington Regional Office, the focus is on human service planning, fostering collaboration among nonprofits, businesses, and civic leaders, and facilitating the implementation of community-based solutions. This is achieved by building human service infrastructure, mobilizing resources, informing the community, and engaging key stakeholders in the nonprofit, business, and civic sectors.

United Way of Tarrant County – Greater Arlington (UWTC–GA) continues to bring together community leaders, nonprofits, and civic stakeholders to identify and address critical challenges facing residents in Arlington and surrounding areas. Support from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) has played a pivotal role in enhancing operational capacity, streamlining program delivery, and improving overall service outcomes.

UWTC–GA proudly facilitates the Grant Review Committee in support of the City of Arlington's CDBG, ESG, and HOME funding processes. In 2024, the Committee was composed of 35 dedicated volunteers who contributed a combined 528 hours to reviewing and evaluating funding proposals—ensuring a transparent and community-driven approach to federal grantmaking.

One of UWTC–GA's most impactful initiatives is the Greater Arlington Resource Sharing Group (GARSG), a collaborative network that strengthens the Arlington nonprofit sector by fostering peer connection, knowledge exchange, and shared learning. In 2024, GARSG hosted 10 hybrid lunch-and-learn meetings covering pressing issues such as housing stability, healthcare access, and workforce development. These sessions engaged 389 attendees across more than 170 organizations serving the Arlington area.

"I absolutely love being a part of the Resource Sharing Group! It provides valuable knowledge about the things that are happening in my community as well as connecting the dots with the people who are also in my community and doing great work. Definitely a 'bucket filler' for me!"

– Jennifer Cathcart, GARSG Steering Committee Member

UWTC–GA also continued its efforts to advance economic mobility through the Financial Stability Partnership, engaging members of the financial services sector to strengthen local financial wellness initiatives. In 2024, five targeted stakeholder collaborations provided financial professionals with critical insights into community needs, helping to inform strategies and tools that address economic insecurity at the local level.

A highlight of this year's financial literacy efforts was the second annual Reality Fair, hosted in partnership with Frost Bank at Sam Houston High School. Nearly 100 students participated in this hands-on experience, where each was assigned a career and monthly salary and learned how to manage real-world expenses. With guidance from local volunteers, students explored budgeting, credit, and savings in a simulated environment—preparing them for future financial decision-making beyond the classroom.



Together, these initiatives reflect UWTC–GA's unwavering commitment to building capacity, empowering nonprofits, and improving the quality of life for Arlington residents through strategic collaboration and innovative programming.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

Impacting Youth / Investing in the Future: Empowering Arlington's Youth

$125,003
TOTAL FUNDING

11,240
TOTAL PEOPLE SERVED

Our Partners:

- **Boys & Girls Club of Arlington**
- **Big Brother Big Sisters**
- **Dental Health**
- **Girls Incorporated of Tarrant County**
- **Parks and Recreation Department, City of Arlington**



Our Partners (cont.)



In Program Year 2024, the City of Arlington, with support from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, prioritized youth-focused initiatives aimed at strengthening academic achievement, fostering positive development, and expanding access to enrichment opportunities for underserved youth across the city.

A range of impactful programs received funding to meet these goals. Through partnerships with organizations such as **HOPE TUTORING CENTER** and the **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF GREATER TARRANT COUNTY,** youth benefited from in-school and after-school tutoring as well as academic summer camps designed to reinforce learning and prevent summer learning loss.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS provided one-on-one mentoring relationships that promote long-term academic, social, and emotional growth by connecting young people with caring adult mentors. These relationships play a critical role in building self-esteem and encouraging goal setting among Arlington's youth.

GIRLS INC. OF TARRANT COUNTY delivered empowering educational and recreational programming specifically designed for young girls, with a focus on reaching those from low-income families. These initiatives not only support academic development but also promote leadership, health, and self-confidence.



The **PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S BUILD A DREAM PROGRAM** offered financial assistance to help low-income youth access after-school care, music and art classes, swim lessons, and summer camps—ensuring all children can participate in meaningful recreational and learning activities, regardless of economic barriers.

In addition, the City supported **DENTAL HEALTH ARLINGTON'S SMILES SEALANT PROGRAM**, which provided free dental health education and preventive sealant treatments to first and fourth grade students in Title I schools throughout the Arlington Independent School District. This effort helped promote long-term health outcomes through early intervention and education.

Together, these investments reflect the City's commitment to nurturing the potential of Arlington's youth by expanding access to education, mentoring, enrichment, and health resources—laying the foundation for a stronger and more equitable future.



COMMUNITY IMPACT HIGHLIGHT

BRIANNA'S BRIGHT FUTURE: FINDING STRENGTH AND SUPPORT AT BGCGTC



For Brianna H., a longtime member of the Dan Serna Branch of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County (BGCGTC), the Club has become more than a place to go after school—it's a lifeline. Living with type 1 diabetes, Brianna faces daily challenges balancing her health, academics, and social life. At BGCGTC, she's found a safe, supportive environment that nurtures both her well-being and her growth.

Through the Blue Door Kitchen, Brianna receives nutritious meals that help her manage her blood sugar and stay energized. Caring staff work closely with her and her family to support healthy routines. Beyond health, the Club has helped Brianna explore her talents—most recently performing cello during a summer opening ceremony, a moment that boosted her confidence and passion for the arts.

"CDBG fully aligns with our mission of helping all young people, especially those who need us most, reach their full potential," says Branch Director Amy Urbanowicz.



BGCGTC's impact goes far beyond Brianna:

- 92% of youth report feeling safe and supported
- 94% are on track to graduate high school
- Over 83,000 fresh, healthy meals are served annually

For Brianna and thousands of others, BGCGTC is more than a club—it's a path to a brighter future.

EMPOWERING STUDENTS THROUGH HOPE TUTORING

HOPE Tutoring Center is a nonprofit that provides free tutoring to Arlington students in grades 2–8, with a focus on Title I schools and low-income families. Since its start in a laundromat in 1996, HOPE has grown to offer in-school, after-school, virtual tutoring, and academic summer camps—all led by volunteer tutors.

With over 6,000 Arlington students not meeting grade-level standards in math and reading last year, the need for tutoring is critical. Thanks to support from CDBG and community donations, HOPE continues to expand its reach.

In addition to year-round tutoring, HOPE offers free summer Math, Reading, and STEM camps to keep students engaged, help them retain learning, and build new skills in a fun, supportive environment.

"Without this program, I just don't even know...I was working at the time, and HOPE was there for me and him. I would sit outside in the car and sleep after work so he could get his work done at HOPE. People need to know that HOPE makes a difference. You don't know who you're tutoring. You don't know if you're tutoring a future president, astronaut, or postal worker."

— Parent



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

Supporting Seniors, Strengthening Communities

$52,095
TOTAL FUNDING

250
TOTAL PEOPLE SERVED

Our Partners:

- **Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County**
- **Sixty & Better**



Through targeted programs and partnerships, the City of Arlington continues to support the health, independence, and well-being of older adults. With CDBG funding, services such as home-delivered meals, wellness checks, and social engagement opportunities help reduce isolation and ensure seniors can age safely in place.

Through the Nutrition Program, **Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County** provided home-delivered meals to homebound seniors, individuals with disabilities, and other vulnerable adults in the community—ensuring they receive consistent nourishment and human connection.

Sixty & Better's Community Re-engagement of the Elderly Project offered services designed to increase or maintain physical and mental health while keeping older adults active and engaged in their communities.
By working with dedicated partners like Meals on Wheels and Sixty & Better, we are building a stronger, more inclusive community for all generations.

COMMUNITY IMPACT HIGHLIGHT

MRS. C'S JOURNEY – REGAINING HEALTH AND INDEPENDENCE THROUGH MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County provided home-delivered meals to homebound seniors, individuals with disabilities, and other vulnerable adults in the community—ensuring they receive consistent nourishment and human connection.

At 75 years old, Mrs. C faced daily challenges living with osteoarthritis, high blood pressure, digestive issues, and limited mobility. Since enrolling with Meals On Wheels of Tarrant County in 2015, she's received consistent support that has transformed her health and her life. Working with a registered dietitian, Mrs. C improved her eating habits, lost 27 pounds, reduced her BMI, and ultimately became strong enough to undergo a successful knee replacement surgery.



"I am so grateful for the Meals On Wheels team. Their support has changed my life. I finally feel like myself again,"

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

Food Insecurity

$51,151
TOTAL FUNDING

9,853
TOTAL PEOPLE SERVED

Our Partners:

- **Arlington Charities**



Food insecurity continues to be a major issue for our country, state and local communities. With stagnant wages, the rise of inflation, especially the increase cost of groceries, many families are struggling to make ends meet. Arlington Charities has strived for 40 years to assist these families by providing supplemental groceries. These groceries go beyond simply canned goods to include meat, dairy and fresh produce, and clients can choose what they want with our online ordering system. Families can come once a month to our drive thru market and receive nearly two weeks' worth of meals. We also have a mobile market truck that we send out into the community as well as a home delivery service. Using CDBG funding. Arlington Charities were able to cover new and annually renewing clients, which was close to 7,000 people.

"We heard from many families through quarterly surveys that our programs have made a real tangible impact in their lives. Over 90% were satisfied with what they received and with staff interaction."

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

Supporting Families

$204,598
TOTAL FUNDING

2,308
TOTAL PEOPLE SERVED

Our Partners:

- Advocates for Special People
- Alliance Child & Family Solutions
- Court Appointed Special Advocates
- Center for Transforming Lives
- Goodwill North Central Texas
- Recovery Resource Council
- The Women's Center of Tarrant County
- Transportation Department, City of Arlington



COMMUNITY IMPACT HIGHLIGHT

ADVOCATES FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE OUT IN THE COMMUNITY!

Advocates for Special People (ASP) was founded by a group of dedicated parents who wanted their children with intellectual disabilities to continue growing and thriving after aging out of the school system. That vision gave rise to Special Connexion, a network of four adult day camps that support the development of essential life and social skills while encouraging community integration.



As participation grew—especially post-COVID—transportation became a barrier to fully engaging participants in community activities. Thanks to grant funding, ASP acquired transportation for all four Connexion sites, allowing participants to explore museums, parks, libraries, restaurants, and entertainment venues throughout Arlington and beyond.

These outings aren't just fun—they're powerful learning experiences. Participants practice ordering food, navigating new environments, and socializing with peers in dynamic, real-world settings.

One parent shared, *"Attending Day Camp allows my camper to enhance his independent living and social skills. He loves picking out movies at the library and going on field trips with friends."*

In 2024, Connexion participants visited over 150 destinations. They explored the Arlington Museum of Art's One Point Five Degrees immersive exhibit, attended The Nutcracker ballet, enjoyed performances like Flat Stanley, and participated in weekly dance classes with the United Performing Arts Center. The program also fosters strong partnerships with local institutions, including UTA, where participants visited the planetarium and attended live science demonstrations.
The impact is clear. In our annual family survey, 96% of families reported improved independence and social skills in their loved ones.

As one parent summarized, *"This program has allowed my son to grow in communication, socialization, and independence. I'm so thankful for the opportunities it provides."*

> ***96% of families reported improved independence and social skills in their loved ones.***



NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION STRATEGY AREA (NRSA)

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Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area

$216,941
TOTAL FUNDING

877
TOTAL PEOPLE SERVED

3,103
PROPERTIES INSPECTED

Our Partners:

- **Water from The Rock**
- **Code Compliance Department , City of Arlington**

The City of Arlington continues to invest in the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) through targeted initiatives that strengthen community well-being and enhance quality of life. For PY24, funding supported Water from the Rock, a program providing workforce training and supportive services to help residents gain employment skills and economic stability, as well as Code Compliance, which addresses neighborhood health and safety by reducing blight and maintaining community standards. Together, these efforts reflect a comprehensive approach to revitalization, to create stronger, more resilient neighborhoods.

COMMUNITY IMPACT HIGHLIGHT

HOLDING ON TO HOPE

Marsha needed steel toe shoes to start a job at a warehouse. She was referred to WFTR Job Readiness program for items in our boutique. Our focus is to have items in our boutique that will serve the client with what they need. At times, we shop at our local thrift stores to get essential items that are frequently needed. While serving the client she told her story about fighting an addiction resulting in the cause of her losing custody of her newborn. She was determined to get her child back and stated she had gotten away from how she was raised. We had one pair of women's steel toe shoes that was her exact size. Providing this service helped her to get on the right track and establish a solid working history and a foundation that helped her to gain custody of her child. This is a testament to how our services fulfill the community's needs and provide hope for the future.





SUPPORTING LINDA'S INDEPENDENCE

Linda has been one of our food service clients for the last two and half years. She's been living independently and able to drive herself to various places she needed to go. She uses our food pantry through our drive through services. However, recently, due to the increase in cost of auto insurance, she was forced to get rid of her car. Linda called to thank WFTR for all the help we've provided but would no longer be able to pick up food.

WFTR is committed to addressing the essential needs of the Central Arlington community, with an initial focus on expanding services for seniors who may be chronically ill, disabled, or facing difficulties with cooking or transportation. To continue supporting Linda, we arranged for her groceries to be delivered, as we are a vital resource to help maintain her self-sufficiency.

CITY PROJECTS

Arlington Housing Authority: Housing Rehabilitation Program

$851,390
TOTAL FUNDING

28
HOUSEHOLDS SERVED

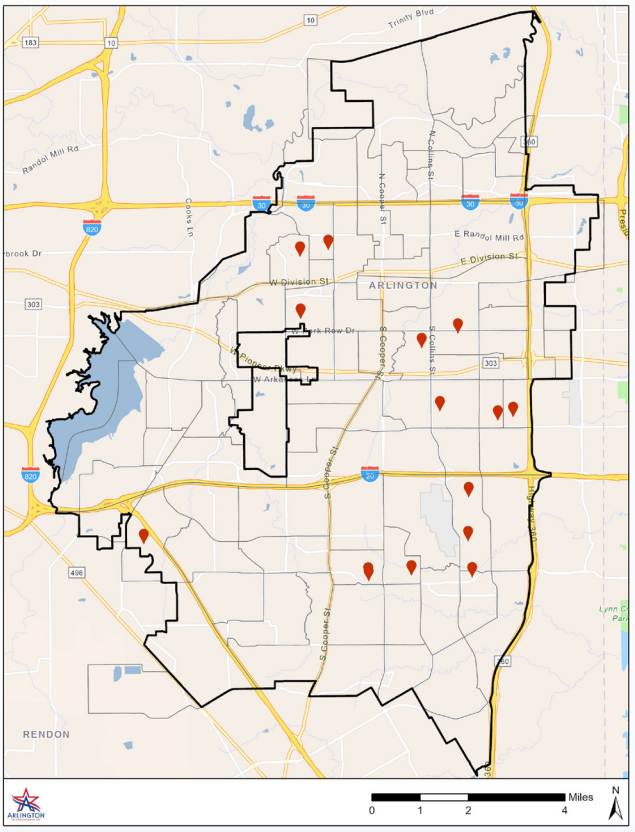
The City of Arlington's Housing Rehabilitation Program supports low-to moderate-income homeowners (earning up to 80% of the Area Median Income) by providing grants and forgivable loans to ensure their homes are safe, code-compliant, accessible, and energy efficient.

The program includes three main components:

Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation – Offers forgivable loans up to $24,500 for comprehensive repairs that bring homes into compliance with City codes, address safety issues, improve energy efficiency, and preserve affordable housing.

Emergency Repairs – Provides grants up to $10,000 to address urgent issues that pose immediate health or safety risks, such as plumbing, electrical, heating, or roofing failures.

Architectural Barrier Removal – Offers grants up to $7,500 to assist low-income homeowners and renters (with landlord approval) with modifications that improve accessibility for individuals with disabilities.



PY24 Housing Rehabilitation Project locations

COMMUNITY IMPACT HIGHLIGHT

HOME REPAIRS RESTORE COMFORT AND DIGNITY



For one East Arlington couple, a forgivable loan of $22,813 through the City's housing rehabilitation program brought life-changing improvements.

Their home, built in 1955, lacked essential amenities—including central air and heat. The couple relied on a small window unit during scorching summers and outdated Dearborn heaters in the winter. Their roof leaked badly, the oven was nonfunctional, only two stovetop burners worked, and the electrical panel posed a serious fire risk.

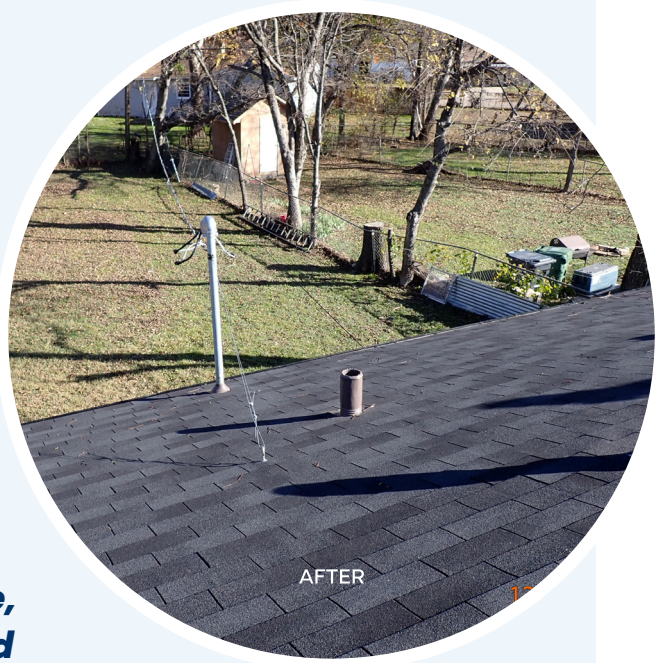
The couple had faced significant challenges. In 2008, the husband was diagnosed with permanent kidney failure and underwent dialysis three times a week for eight years before finally receiving a kidney transplant. The toll on his health was immense, and complications from diabetes left him with limited eyesight. In 2023, they learned about the City's home repair assistance program and applied, hoping to at least get their leaky roof fixed.

What they received went far beyond their expectations. In addition to a brand-new roof, the rehabilitation included a new HVAC system, upgraded windows, a safe electrical panel, a new accessible shower, and a fully functioning stove.

At the final inspection, the couple was overjoyed.

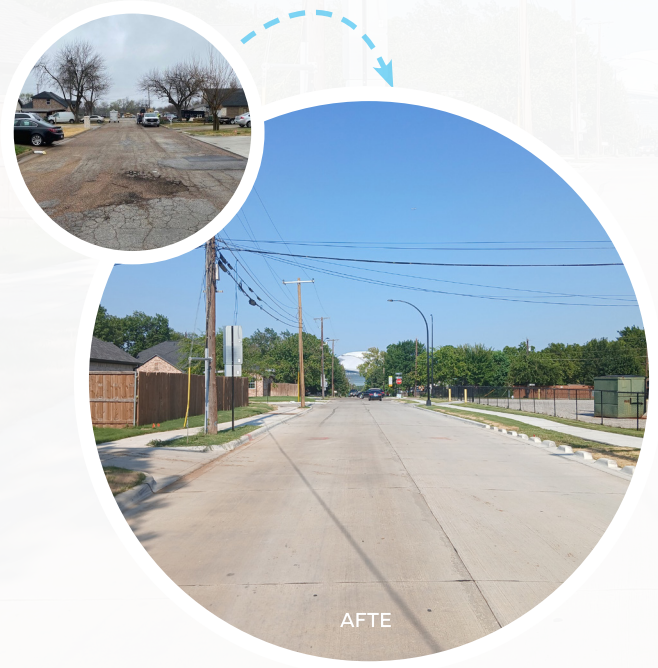
"Everything we received from Arlington Housing was so much a blessing," said homeowner T. Villa.

They proudly demonstrated how the new windows blocked outside air and shared their excitement over having a working stove for the first time in years. "I can now make biscuits—I've made them every day since the stove was installed. I love it!"



This story is a powerful reminder that safe, functional housing can restore dignity and independence—one biscuit at a time.

CITY PROJECTS COMPLETED IN PY24



Slaughter and Marcellus Street Improvement

$599,999
TOTAL FUNDING

CITY PROJECTS UNDERWAY

Tarrant County Childcare Project

$1,750,000
TOTAL FUNDING

CDBG funds will be used to construct childcare facility at 696 North Fielder Rd.

Our Partners:

- **Child Care Associates**
- **Tarrant County**



CITY PROJECTS UNDERWAY

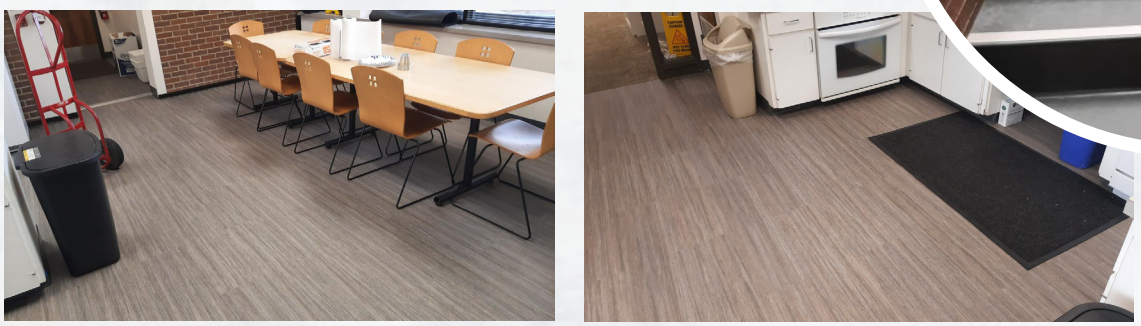


Rehabilitation of the Arlington Human Services Building

The City of Arlington is undertaking a major rehabilitation of the Human Services Center, located at 401, 501, and 601 West Sandford Street. This facility is a vital resource for residents with low to moderate incomes, offering services such as emergency shelter, transitional housing, clinical counseling, and other essential safety net programs.



The project's goal is to restore, modernize, and enhance the three-building campus, improving quality, accessibility, and efficiency so it can better serve the evolving needs of the community.



Flooring upgrades

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT

The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) provides funding for homeless shelter operations, essential services for homeless persons, and rapid rehousing of homeless families. Activities and projects must meet HUD eligibility and regulatory requirements, as well as address needs identified by the community, and are outlined in the City's 5-year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan.



EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT

BY THE NUMBERS IN 2024

$290,498
FUNDING ALLOCATION

$1,200
PY23 REPROGRAM FUNDS



1,341
TOTAL PEOPLE SERVED

693
HOUSEHOLDS SERVED

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT

Through the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program, the City of Arlington partnered with key community organizations to provide vital services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Funding supported The Salvation Army, SafeHaven of Tarrant County, Center for Transforming Lives, and DRC Solutions in delivering emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, and street outreach. These services not only provide immediate relief to those in crisis but also help connect residents to stable housing and long-term support. By working together with these trusted partners, Arlington continues its commitment to reducing homelessness and ensuring that every resident has access to safe shelter and a pathway to stability.

Our Partners:

- **Salvation Army of Tarrant County**
- **SafeHaven of Tarrant County**
- **DRC Solutions**

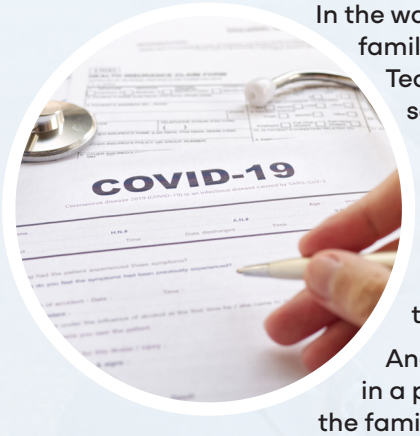
Emergency Shelter

$91,716
TOTAL FUNDING

817
TOTAL PEOPLE SERVED

COMMUNITY IMPACT HIGHLIGHT

HELPING FAMILIES IN CRISIS REBUILD STABILITY



In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Arlington has seen a growing number of families facing housing instability. In response, the Homeless Engagement And Resource Team (HEART)—a collaboration between the City and DRC Solutions—continues to serve as a lifeline for families on the verge of or experiencing homelessness.

One young mother in her early 20s, along with her toddler, first connected with HEART in September. Although they didn't initially meet eligibility requirements for services, HEART provided vital information and resources to prepare for future assistance. When the family reconnected in January after becoming unhoused, they were quickly enrolled in services and matched with a housing program for families the following month—moving them from crisis to stability in a matter of weeks.

Another case involved a single mother and her three children, who had been living in a public park restroom for shelter. After completing an assessment with HEART, the family was enrolled in services. The mother found employment, and HEART quickly matched the family to a Rapid Rehousing Program. With rental assistance and support, they transitioned from homelessness to a stable living situation. Through compassionate outreach and swift action, HEART empowers families to regain their footing and build a path toward long-term stability.

Rapid Rehousing

$87,688
TOTAL FUNDING

72
TOTAL PEOPLE SERVED



Street Outreach

$82,507
TOTAL FUNDING

452
TOTAL PEOPLE SERVED

COMMUNITY IMPACT HIGHLIGHT

REACHING THE MOST VULNERABLE: HEART SUPPORTS SENIORS EXITING HOMELESSNESS



Homelessness disproportionately affects vulnerable populations, including older adults with complex medical needs. In Arlington, the HEART program plays a critical role in reaching and supporting these individuals through targeted outreach and housing services.

In one case, a woman in her late 50s was living out of her car while undergoing medical procedures for her eyes. Without a safe place to recover or store medications, her health was rapidly deteriorating. HEART—comprising Arlington Police Department officers, crisis intervention specialists, and DRC outreach staff—enrolled her in services and expedited her housing match. Just in time for Christmas 2024, she moved into a safe, stable home where she could focus on healing.

In another instance, HEART encountered a man in his 70s who was unsheltered and managing ongoing heart problems. After enrolling him in services, HEART helped him collect essential documents to qualify for housing. He has since been matched with a housing program and is now working with a case manager to secure permanent housing.



These stories highlight the vital role HEART plays in preventing medical crises and restoring dignity for Arlington's most at-risk residents. With continued support, HEART ensures that no one is left behind—especially those who need help the most.

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS GRANT

The HOME grant provides affordable housing opportunities for Arlington residents, including but not limited to the first time homebuyers' assistance, housing rehabilitation program for low- to moderate-income homeowners and rental assistance for low-income household.



HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS GRANT

BY THE NUMBERS IN 2024

$1,162,285
TOTAL FUNDING

47
HOUSEHOLDS SERVED



HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS GRANT

Our Partners:

- **Housing Channel**
- **Arlington Housing Authority**

The City of Arlington invested HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds to expand affordable housing and provide vital rental support for residents. A centerpiece of this effort is the Wynn Terrace Cottage Community, a transformative housing initiative designed to serve low- and moderate-income seniors in need of safe, affordable housing. Funded with $650,000 from HOME, this thoughtfully planned infill development features cottage-style homes that promote independence, community, and quality of life for older adults.
In addition, HOME funds supported Arlington Housing Authority's rental assistance program, which provides critical support to low-income households. Together, these initiatives reflect Arlington's commitment to building stronger neighborhoods and ensuring that residents of all ages have access to stable, quality housing.



COMMUNITY IMPACT HIGHLIGHT

THE WYNN TERRACE COTTAGE COMMUNITY

The Wynn Terrace Cottage Community is a transformative housing initiative in Arlington designed to serve low- and moderate-income seniors in need of safe, affordable housing. Funded with $650,000 from the City of Arlington's HOME Investment Partnerships Program, this thoughtfully planned infill development features cottage-style homes that promote independence, community, and quality of life for older adults.



The project reflects the City's ongoing commitment to expanding housing options that allow seniors to age in place with dignity while remaining connected to the broader Arlington community.



2025-2029 CONSOLIDATED PLAN

In 2024, the City of Arlington undertook a collaborative planning process to develop the 2025–2029 HUD Consolidated Plan. This process was designed to identify housing and community development needs and to establish goals, priorities, and strategies to address those needs, particularly for low- and moderate-income households. It also served as a framework for a community-wide dialogue to better align U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) formula block grant resources with local priorities. The resulting plan guides how these resources will be invested to improve housing stability, strengthen neighborhood conditions, and expand access to essential services. The following Housing Needs Assessment offers a data-driven look at current housing trends, challenges, and needs in Arlington, helping to shape priorities for the years ahead.

HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The City of Arlington is committed to addressing the housing needs of its growing and diverse population. As the city continues to expand, ensuring access to safe, affordable, and quality housing remains a top priority. This Housing Needs Assessment provides a snapshot of key housing trends, challenges, and opportunities within Arlington. By analyzing data on population growth, housing supply, affordability, and community needs, this report highlights actionable insights to guide future housing policies and strategies that promote equity and sustainability for all residents.

DEMOGRAPHICS

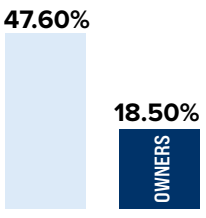
Arlington's 2023 population was 398,431, an increase of 1.1% since 2020 and 19.7% since 2000.
The fastest-growing age group is 65+, up 6.5%, while the **under-5 population has declined by 5.4%.**

2023 Population	398,431
White	37%
Hispanic/Latino	30%
Black/African American	22%
Other	11%

HOUSING MARKET OVERVIEW

Income & Affordability: Arlington's median household income as of 2020 is **$73,519**. Over 20% of Arlington households earn less than $35,000.

46% of Households spend more than 35% of their income on housing



Housing Cost Burden

HOUSING COSTS UP 61% IN SIX YEARS.

Since 2009, the share of homes in the $100,000-149,999 price range has declined from 37.3% of the market to only 8.8% of the market. At the same time, the share of homes in the $300,000-499,999 price range has increased nearly 8 times.

50TH
Largest City in the U.S.

3RD MOST DENSELY POPULATED CITY IN TEXAS

398,431 (2023)

According to the US Census, Arlington's 2023 population was 398,431

NO.7
Largest city in TX by population.

Approximately **94.5%** built out.

PROCESS

INTERVIEWS
24 Interviews with Key Stakeholders

COMMUNITY SURVEY
197 in English
14 in Spanish

WORKSHOPS
Focus group discussions (35 Agencies)

REGIONAL AFFORDABILITY

Despite rising costs, Arlington remains one of the most affordable cities in the region for homeownership and rental housing.

$382,406
MEDIAN HOME SALE PRICE

MEETING HOUSING NEEDS

Overall housing Units needs 2025-2029:
Our housing needs assessment suggests a need for another 9,829 units to meet residents' housing demand over the next five years. Of that number, more than half would meet the needs of households within the extremely low-income range. Nearly 99% would support households with incomes up to 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI).

9,829 TOTAL HOUSING UNITS NEEDED — **8,500** ANTICIPATED HOUSING UNITS = **1,329 HOUSING DEFICIT**

HOUSING STRATEGY CONVERSATIONS

1. Pilot innovative housing and redevelopment approaches.
2. Enhance housing affordability and explore innovative financing options.
3. Strengthen economic development and workforce capacity.
4. Support and expand senior housing options.

CLOSING THE AFFORDABILITY GAP

This analysis determines the required annual income needed to afford a home across different price ranges, excluding homeowners insurance. The calculations follow standard mortgage lending guidelines and affordability rules. Based on 365 days of listings from Jan 1, 2024 to Dec 31, 2024. A total of 3,393 listings were used in this analysis.

KEY ASSUMPTIONS & RATES

- **Loan Type:** Conventional Loan
- **Loan Term:** 30 Years (360 months)
- **Loan Interest Rate** : 6.25% (Annual)
- **Annual Property Tax Rate:** 1.82% of home price
- **Down Payment:** 20% of home price
- **Annual PMI Rate:** 0.5% of loan amount
- **Front-End DTI Ratio:** 28% (Housing expenses should not exceed 28% of gross monthly income)
- **Backend DTI Ratio:** 36% (Total debt obligations should not exceed 36% of gross income)
- **Home Price Ranges:** $90,000 to $2,500,000+
- **Affordability Categories:** Based on HUD's Areas Median Income (AMI) framework for a household family of four.

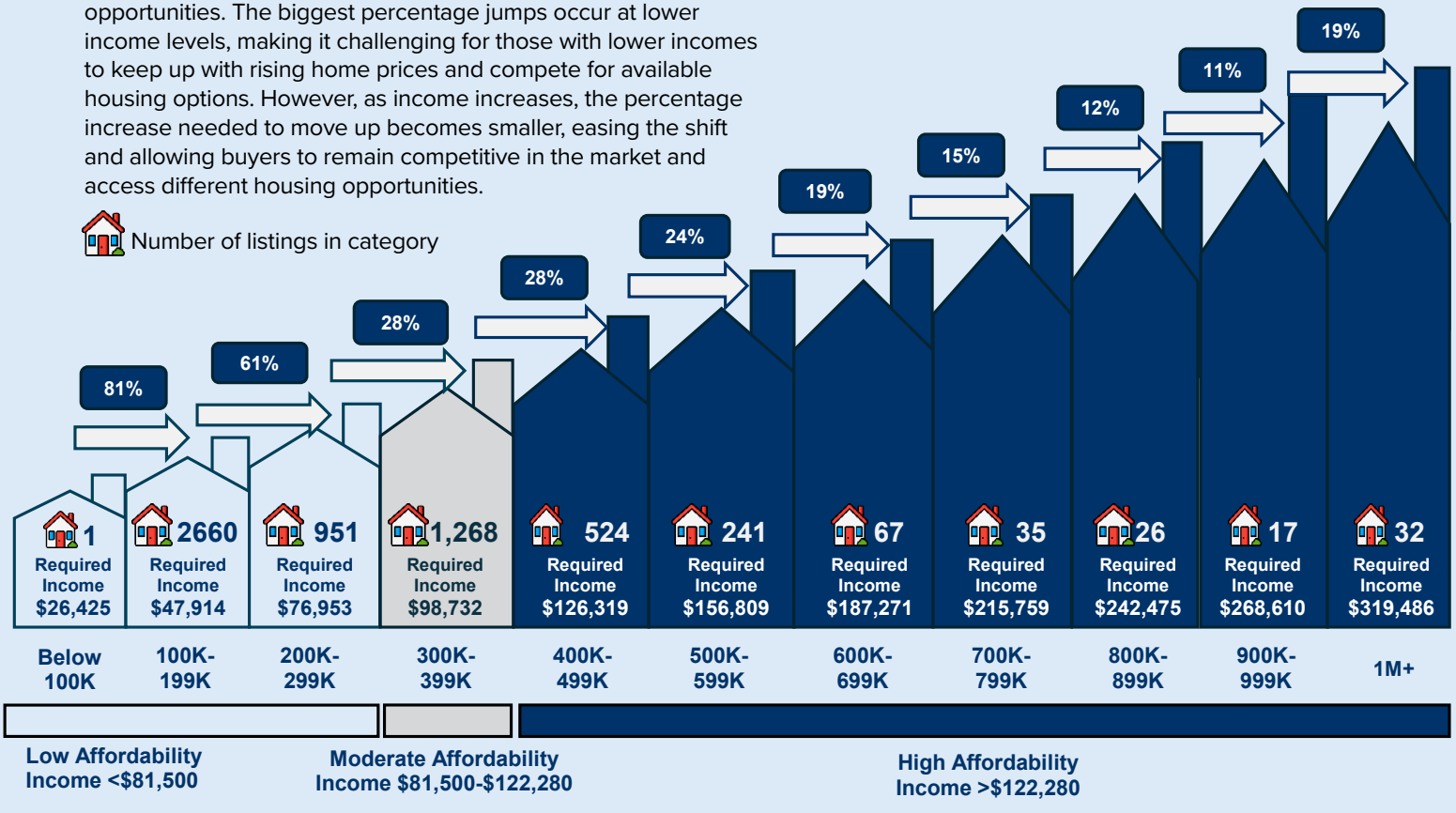


Low Affordability Household

Household Shifts to Higher Affordability Category

TOTAL LISTINGS
Jan 1, 2024 - Dec 31, 2024
3,393

The image illustrates how much additional income, expressed as a percentage, is required to move up level and increase housing opportunities. The biggest percentage jumps occur at lower income levels, making it challenging for those with lower incomes to keep up with rising home prices and compete for available housing options. However, as income increases, the percentage increase needed to move up becomes smaller, easing the shift and allowing buyers to remain competitive in the market and access different housing opportunities.



HIGHER INCOMES, GREATER HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

ARLINGTON
THE AMERICAN DREAM CITY

GRANTS MANAGEMENT

SUPPORTING FAMILIES



Funding from the Community Development Block Grant provides essential services such as affordable childcare, housing assistance, job training programs, healthcare, food pantries, and educational resources, improving the overall quality of life for families in need.

DAILY HABITATION SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
Enhancing independence and quality of life.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
Counseling, therapy, crisis intervention, and support groups.



CHILDCARE SERVICES
Affordable and high-quality childcare programs.

JOB TRAINING SERVICES
Provides skills and education needed to secure employment.



FOOD PANTRY SERVICES
Maintains and expands food pantries to address food insecurity.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS SERVICES FOR SENIORS
Offers health screenings, fitness classes, nutrition education, and social activities.

"Arlington Charities has been so sweet to me. I felt like I was in a nightmare. Especially after working all my life for newspapers, I never imagined myself in this situation. I am disabled, and retired, and I am so grateful for Arlington Charities.

They have helped me with kindness and understanding. You feel like you are so alone, but I know I am not alone."

- Joy, age 85

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