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# Housing Opportunities Commission

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC) is to make housing available to eligible families of low and moderate income and to provide necessary support services to encourage resident self-sufficiency.

To achieve this mission, the County provides funding for the Commission to manage the following public service programs:

- Affordable Housing Development: acquires Moderately Priced Dwelling Units (MPDUs) for rental to lower-income families;
- Public Housing Management: maintains community norms and relationships between Homeowner Associations (HOA's) and public housing residents;
- Services to Residents in Assisted Housing: provides counseling and support services to low-income individuals and families in assisted housing;
- Housing Resource Service: provides customer service, Housing Choice Voucher Program client services, and information on affordable housing programs including home buying; and
- Community Relations: responds to community concerns through the Good Neighbor Program which conducts community surveys and meets with Homeowners Associations and other community groups to discuss affordable housing issues.

## Reorganization

The County Executive recommends beginning the process of consolidating the non-federally supported function of the Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC) with corresponding or related functions of DHCA. This restructuring of the County's housing programs should produce more effective coordination and an enhanced impact on the County's efforts to provide and preserve affordable housing for the residents of the County and realize mid- to long-range savings and operational efficiencies. It is anticipated that the resulting organizational structure will be designed in a fashion to: 1) maintain administration of the federal programs (public housing and voucher program) within the corporate organization of HOC; 2) retain, without modification, the existing bond and other indebtedness of HOC; and 3) retain local housing finance agency functions.

## BUDGET OVERVIEW

Complete information regarding the budget of the HOC is available by contacting the Public Affairs Office of the Commission at 240.773.9000. Copies of the budget are available online at [www.hocmc.org](http://www.hocmc.org).

The FY12 Recommended appropriation in the Non-Departmental Account for services to be provided by the HOC is \$5,513,840. The Department of Finance reflects the amount as a transfer in the County's financial statements. This amount represents a decrease of \$290,200 from the FY11 approved budget of \$5,804,040.

In addition, this department's Capital Improvements Program (CIP) requires Current Revenue funding.

## PROGRAM CONTACTS

Contact Terri Fowler of the Housing Opportunities Commission at 240.773.9107 or Jennifer Bryant of the Office of Management and Budget at 240.777.2761 for more information regarding this agency's operating budget.

