Housing Opportunities Commission

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Housing Opportunities Commission 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 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 homebuying; and
- Community Relations: responds to community concerns through the Good Neighbor Program which conducts community surveys and meets with Homeowners Associations (HOAs) and other community groups to discuss affordable housing issues.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Complete information regarding the budget of the Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC) is available by contacting the Public Affairs Office of the Commission at 301.929.6700. Copies of the budget are available at Montgomery County libraries.

The County Executive recommends a FY07 operating transfer of $5,486,710 for services to be provided by the Housing Opportunities Commission. This amount represents an increase of $522,640 from the FY06 approved budget of $4,964,070.

In addition, HOC expects to have signed agreements in FY07 abating approximately $5,897,490 in taxes for affordable housing through the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program.

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

PROGRAM CONTACTS

Contact Gail Willison of the Housing Opportunities Commission at 301.929.2397 or Rose Glavinic of the Office of Management and Budget at 240.777.2769 for more information regarding this agency's operating budget.