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 240.773.9000. Copies of the budget are available at Montgomery County libraries.

The FY09 Recommended appropriation in the Non-Departmental Account for services to be provided by the Housing Opportunities Commission is $6,040,640. The Department of Finance reflects the amount as a transfer in the County's financial statements. This amount represents an increase of $309,350 from the FY08 approved budget of $5,731,290.

HOC expects to have signed agreements in FY09 abating approximately $6.9 million 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 Terri Fowler of the Housing Opportunities Commission at 240.773.9107 or Rose Glavinic of the Office of Management and Budget at 240.777.2769 for more information regarding this agency's operating budget.