

■ ■ *The Alliance for*
■ ■ **Housing Solutions**

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

The Alliance for Housing Solutions works to increase the supply of affordable housing in Arlington County and Northern Virginia through public education, policy development, advocacy and innovation.

Dear friends,

It is hard to believe how quickly the years go by. Since 2003, AHS has been working closely with partners to ensure that Arlington is a place that remains affordable for families, workers, immigrants, and seniors. We have promoted innovative land use strategies and supported controversial new housing construction. We have rolled up our sleeves to help the county develop a realistic but challenging Affordable Housing Master Plan, and we will work closely with them again now that it is up for renewal.

AHS celebrates the hard-working families and partners who stick their necks out to encourage a new way of thinking about our neighborhoods, and we have fought hard against the market forces that threaten to strip Arlington of precisely what makes it unique. We are emboldened by the hard work of our colleagues to build an equitable and inclusive Arlington.

AHS is on the front lines of all the pertinent issues, logging hundreds of hours in county board and other partner meetings to share important information about how to move the needle.

More than ever, our work must be creative, strategic and complementary.

Thank you for your efforts to maintain our green, diverse, interesting, affordable community. **Arlington for Everyone!**



Mary Margaret Whipple
Board Chair

POLICY & ADVOCACY

PRIORITIZING PUBLIC INVESTMENT

AHS manages HousingArlington, a coalition that meets monthly to share information and coordinate policy efforts with a wide spectrum of housing organizations and individual advocates in Arlington. Together we pushed the County Board for continued Affordable Housing Investment Fund allocations in one of the tightest budget years in recent memory. In the end, the allocation to AHIF dropped to \$14.3 million in FY19, providing a preview of several more challenging years ahead.

PRESERVING AFFORDABILITY

AHS serves on the Housing Conservation District advisory group, which was established to protect market-rate affordable housing in 12 areas. In 2018, we supported Arlington County action on issues such as updates to the Real Estate Tax Relief program and easing requirements for updates to two-family dwellings.

PROMOTING COMMITTED AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Our support for Trenton Street Apartments helped Wesley Housing gain approval for the development of an additional 97 units of affordable housing and preservation of the neighboring Whitefield Commons apartments.



Rendering of the Trenton Street Apartments provided by Wesley Housing Development Corporation.

EDUCATION & OUTREACH

ARLINGTON FOR EVERYONE

During the second year of the Arlington For Everyone campaign AHS focused on storytelling to spark dialogue about housing affordability. A total of ten Arlington residents shared their stories through the Arlington For Everyone blog and social media, reaching hundreds of readers with a message that made a case for affordability and inclusion.



LECKEY FORUM

Senator Tim Kaine served as keynote speaker for the 2018 Thomas P. Leckey Forum. In honor of the fiftieth anniversary of the Fair Housing Act, the forum focused on the legacy of housing discrimination and policies that can help us move toward a truly inclusive and diverse community.



Tania Bougebrayel, Sen. Tim Kaine, Adele McClure, and Koube Ngaaje spoke at the 2018 Leckey Forum.

COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLES



John Payne, Ayan Addou, Michelle Winters, and David Cristeal participated in the 2018 homeownership roundtable hosted by McEneaney Associates.

In 2018, AHS hosted two community roundtable conversations—one for real estate agents and developers, and a one for faith communities. This new approach to outreach provided an opportunity for participants to learn more about specific housing topics and provide input AHS policy.

EDUCATION & OUTREACH

BOZMAN AWARD

In a December celebration AHS honored Jay Fiset with the Ellen M. Bozman Affordable Housing Award for his contributions to affordable housing during his tenure on the Arlington County Board (1997-2017). We also honored the late Jack Cornman with the Founder's Award for his longtime advocacy for affordable housing and efforts to establish AHS in 2003.



Mary Margaret Whipple, Donna Cornman, and Jay Fiset celebrated accomplishments in affordable housing at the Bozman Awards.

AMAZON HQ2

Amazon's announcement to develop a second headquarters in National Landing came with a flurry of questions from the media and speaking requests. AHS executive director Michelle Winters was a panelist at the George Mason event *Amazon HQ2: Impact on Local Housing Markets* and the Urban Land Institute's *Living with Amazon: How Developing the Missing Middle Can Address the Region's Housing Needs*. Board member Takis Karantonis represented AHS on Arlington Independent Media's *In Conversation: Amazon HQ2 & Affordable Housing* panel on YouTube.



Learn more about our work and read stories about people like Mo and Malika on our website: AllianceForHousingSolutions.org.

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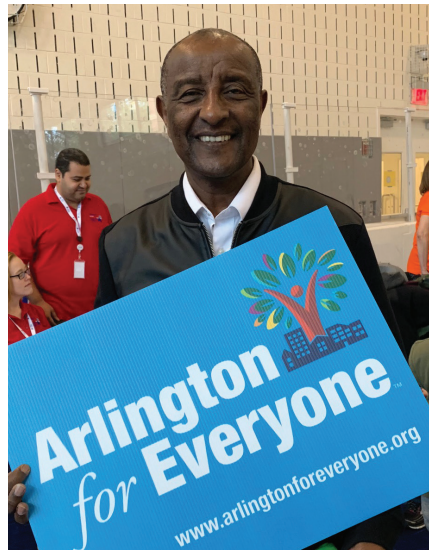
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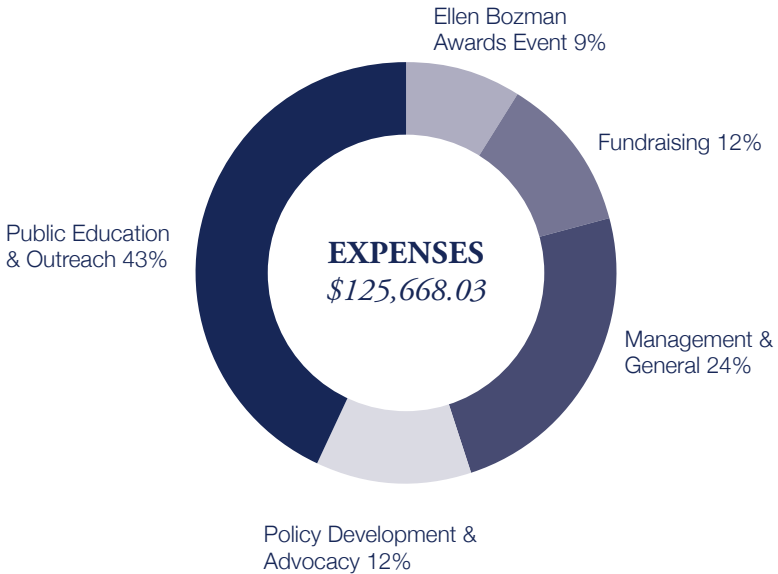
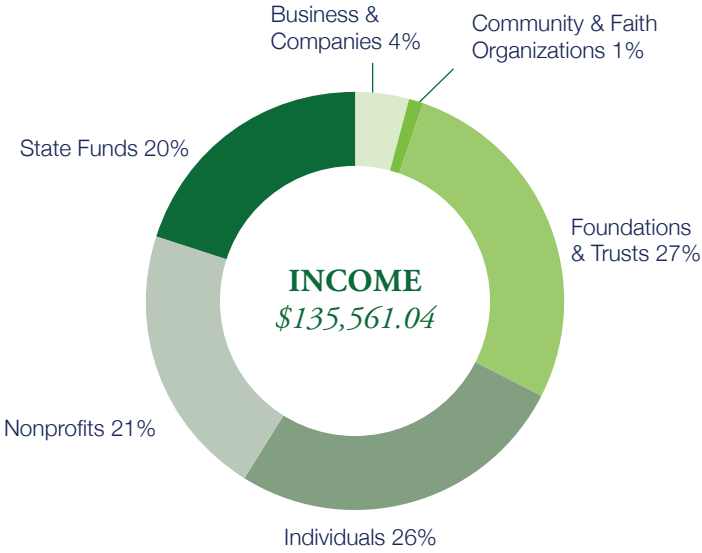
Thanks to Allison Glatfelter, who completed her service to the board at the end of 2018.

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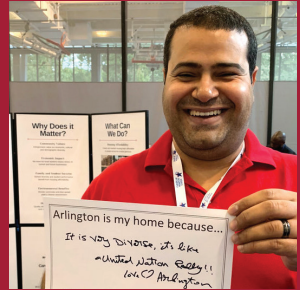


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“The sense of community that you find in Arlington is one of my favorite things about living here.”
—Tania Bougebrayel

“I always joke with my wife that Columbia Pike is like the United Nations.”
—Mo Elodosky



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