



HARFORD COUNTY

HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES



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HARFORD COUNTY HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Harford County Department of Housing & Community Development merged with the Department of Community Services in 2023 to better serve the needs of the community.





HARFORD COUNTY HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES

We offer Harford County citizens:

- Counseling to promote economic mobility, family self-sufficiency, and financial literacy
- Federal, state, and county-funded programs to encourage home ownership and to build safe, healthy communities
- Partnerships with charitable and faith-based organizations, businesses, government agencies, and schools to help the homeless
- Specialized programs and services for seniors, veterans, youth and families, persons with disabilities, those struggling to overcome addiction and mental illness through offices under our Community Services division



HARFORD COUNTY HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Housing & Community Services (HCS) now includes:

- Harford County Housing Agency
- Community Development
- Harford Transit LINK
- Office on Aging
- Office of Children, Youth, & Families
- Office of Disability Services
- Office of Drug Control Policy





HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

What does HCD do?



**FUNDING FOR
HOMELESS
SERVICE
PROVIDERS**



**RENTAL
ASSISTANCE**



**COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT &
AFFORDABLE
HOUSING**



**HOUSING
COUNSELING**



FUNDING FOR HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS

Utilizes federal, state, and local funds to

- Homeless shelter support
- Transitional and permanent supportive housing support
- Local homeless coalition partners
- Freezing weather/homeless encampment policies
- Coordination with the Maryland “Balance of State” Continuum of Care (CoC)





RENTAL ASSISTANCE

Veterans Rental Assistance

Up to 1 year of income-based rental assistance payments directly to landlords, eligible for renewal for veterans/veteran households residing in Harford County

Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing

22 Vouchers in 2023 totaling \$164,949.

Combines Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance for homeless veterans with case management and clinical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (referrals come through the VA)





RENTAL ASSISTANCE

Housing Choice Voucher Program

- 2024 funding exceeded \$10.6M
- Helps very low-income families, the elderly, and those with disabilities
- 936 leased units
- Other programs:
 - FYI – 2 (1 more pending)
 - HAFD – 15 (more pending)
 - Bridge – 1





RENTAL ASSISTANCE

MAINSTREAM VOUCHERS

- 2024 funding : \$719,622
- Mainstream vouchers provide rental assistance to enable non-elderly persons with disabilities to rent affordable private housing
- 75 current participants





COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ADMINISTRATION

- The CDBG program is a flexible Federal program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs
- \$1,136,408 expended in FY2024

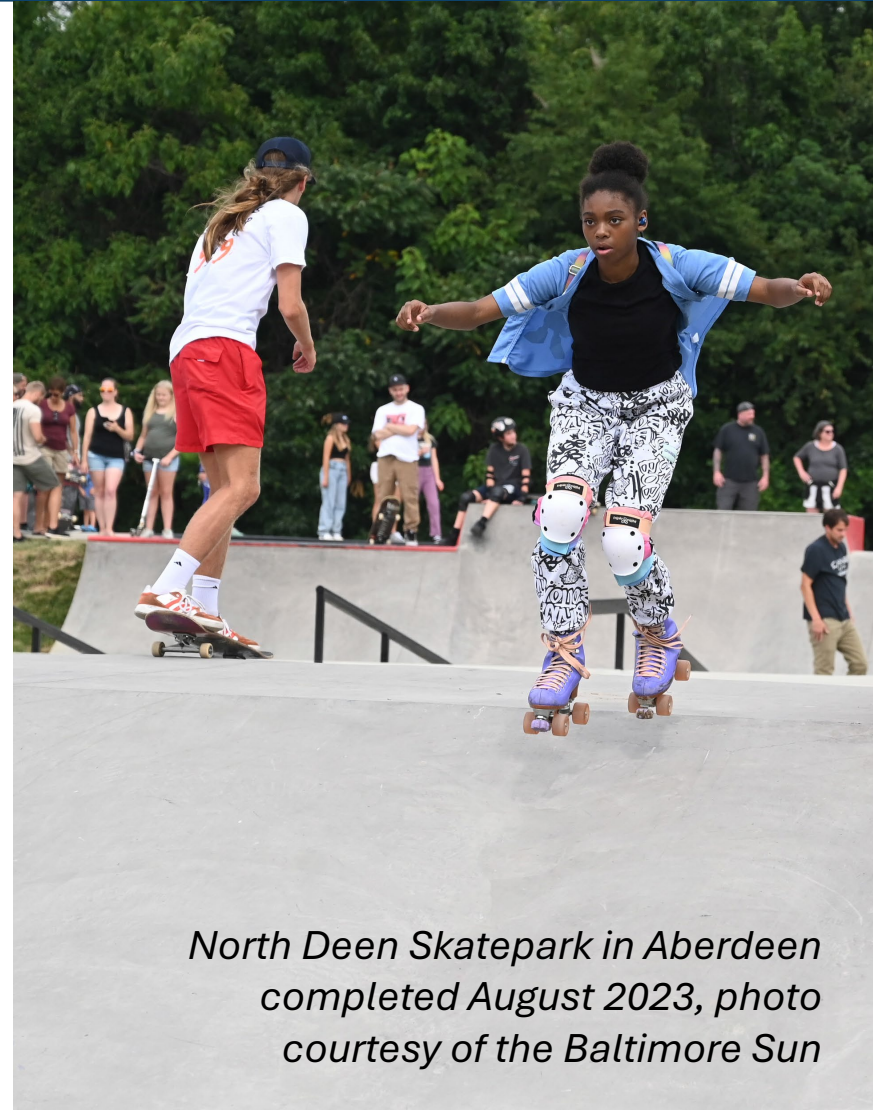




COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

- Senior Centers
- Parks & athletic fields
- Preservation of historic buildings
- Accessibility upgrades
- Sidewalk & road repairs



North Deen Skatepark in Aberdeen completed August 2023, photo courtesy of the Baltimore Sun



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FY23 PROJECTS

- **Public service** – Welcome One Emergency Shelter, Anna's House
- **Homeowner Rehabilitation** – Habitat ramps & repairs to 16 households
- **Public facilities** – North Deen Skatepark in Aberdeen, SARC domestic violence shelter expansion
- *69,700 citizens served through CDBG*





COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- Multi-family and senior apartments
- Rental units for persons with disabilities
- Homeowner repairs and ramps
- First-time homeowner projects



Photo courtesy of Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

NONPROFIT SUPPORT

- Harford County awarded \$1,184,485 in Grant-in-Aid in FY2024
- General operational support of local nonprofits through Grant-in-Aid program
- Match contribution for other funding sources





COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME)

Harford County awarded \$513,265 in funding to non-profit partners whose mission is to create affordable home ownership opportunities:

- Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna
- Home Partnership, Inc.
- Susquehanna Affordable Housing Corporation

Also provided funding for a tenant-based rental assistance program.



*Photo courtesy of Habitat for
Humanity Susquehanna*



HOUSING COUNSELING

Housing counseling services include:

- Rental Counseling
- Budget Counseling
- Eviction Prevention
- First-time Homebuyer
- Post-purchase Homeownership
- Default & Delinquency
- Reverse Mortgage





HOUSING COUNSELING

OUR COUNSELING CLIENTS:

Last year: 416

<30% of Area Median
Income (AMI): 12

30-49% of AMI: 62

50-79% of AMI: 168

80-100% of AMI: 51

100+% of AMI: 120

Didn't respond: 3





HOUSING INSPECTIONS

HCD Inspectors perform HUD-required Housing Quality Standard Inspections on all voucher-assisted rental units before rental and at least once a year after that.





HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES

NEEDS

- Year-round, 24/7 “open” shelter for individuals
- Increased permanent supportive housing for individuals
- Increased Rapid Re-Housing for families and individuals
- Affordable rentals with landlords willing to rent to individuals with less-than-perfect backgrounds





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