

# Legislative Impact in our DC & NOVA Region

## Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

CDBG funding is essential for advancing impactful projects within our communities. Given the rising costs of land, building materials, and professional services, these funds play a crucial role in supporting our projects. The funds enables us to serve a broader range of income levels, providing families who may otherwise struggle to afford housing on the open market with an opportunity to own a home.

### Reeves Farmhouse: A project using \$2.5M CDBG Funds

We are partnering with L'Arche Greater Washington, D.C. and HomeAid National Capital Region, and Arlington County to transform the historic Reeves Farmhouse into a group home for individuals with intellectual disabilities. We have received \$2.5million in CDBG funding to help with the renovation that will add much needed supportive housing.



## AmeriCorps Program

The National Direct and VISTA AmeriCorps programs are incredibly valuable to our organization, significantly increasing our capacity to build homes and engage with our communities. Currently, we have 7 members serving with us - 4 as construction crew leaders and 3 as organizational support.

### Constitution Avenue: A project utilizing AmeriCorps members

We are currently working transforming a townhome into two condos for lower-income individuals. Four AmeriCorps members are actively involved in this project, helping to organize and train volunteers, and assisting in the home building process. Without the support of our AmeriCorps members, it would be a significant challenge to continue building and preserving homes.



## Section 4 Capacity Building Program

We use Section 4 grants to hire staff and cover predevelopment costs on housing projects. Our two largest upcoming projects received Section 4 funds to cover crucial predevelopment needs like legal counsel for zoning and architecture and engineering costs.

### Home Repairs for Seniors: A project utilizing Section 4 Funding

We support seniors with home modifications and repairs that allow them to continue to live in their home and be important members of their communities. With Section 4 funds, we have been able to hire a staff member to grow our home repair program to serve more seniors and individuals with disabilities in our region.

