BMC Housing Committee Notes – COVID-19 Info Sharing
May 7, 2020

People attending via GoToMeeting: Amy Wilkinson (HABC), Marsha Parham-Green, David Skinner, & Colleen Mahoney (Baltimore County), Lanita Hillen (HCAAC), Steve Janes (Baltimore City), Chelsea Hayman (MDOD), Tiwanda Moore (Md. DHCD), Jessie Keller (MMHA), Greg Countess (Legal Aid), Miranda Darden-Willems (MAHC), Barbara Samuels (ACLU), Jess Sorrell (Enterprise), Glenn Robinson (Morgan State), Maureen Daly, Dan Pontious (BMC).

Info Sharing re: Property Management Policies/Practices

- Housing Commission of Anne Arundel County (HCAAC)
  - Has been able to supply cloth masks for all residents; HCAAC staffperson coordinated and was able to secure donations of thousands of cloth masks.
  - Arundel Medical Center: Nurses went out with HCAAC staff; senior sites in particular were very appreciative.
  - HCAAC also used additional admin fees (HUD May 1 and May 5 notices) to order cleaning supplies for common areas.
  - Lanita will connect Dan with their procurement office to see if they ordered those cleaning supplies through the BMC’s contract with W.B. Mason or a different source.

- Maryland Affordable Housing Coalition (MAHC)
  - Has generally heard that their members have been able to secure PPE and related supplies. Some members have supplied cloth masks to residents; others report residents have obtained them on their own.
  - Significant exception is several properties in Baltimore City, where MAHC members report they have no equipment.

- Greg from Legal Aid said they have heard from 11 Baltimore City sites and none have cloth masks.

- Baltimore City
  - Cease Fire group is making cloth masks.
  - HABC communications office is educating on COVID-19
  - Amy will check with HABC on lack of supplies at housing sites.

COVID-19 Federal Stimulus Package (CARES Act)

- Dan checked on Coronavirus Relief Fund amounts. CARES Act allocated funds to states and largest jurisdictions. Maryland allocated remaining $364 million for local jurisdictions to smaller counties like Harford & Howard. Amounts are:
  - State of Maryland: $1.289 billion
- Baltimore County: $144.4 million
- Baltimore City: $103.6 million
- Anne Arundel: $101.1 million
- Howard: $56.8 million
- Harford: $44.6 million

- Maryland advocates sent letter to Governor Hogan on May 1 re: rental assistance.
- National advocates are urging $100 billion in new Congressional relief package for renters. (Full recommendations here.) Fair Housing Group will discuss sending another Housing Committee letter to congressional delegation.

**Next Maryland Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Round**

- Latest information indicates deadline in August or September.

**Next Housing Committee Meeting**

- Thursday, June 4, 2:00 pm at https://www.gotomeet.me/DanPontious