

## Citi Foundation Gives APAH \$25,000 Predevelopment Grant for Queens Court

Citi Foundation has given a \$25,000 grant to the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH) for Phase I of the Queens Court Predevelopment Project. Queens Court, an APAH affordable apartment community, will be redeveloped as part of a public-private partnership between Arlington County Schools, the Arlington Fire Department, Arlington County APAH and Stuart H. Miller Co./BPG Properties.

These stakeholders will work together in the next year to develop a Phased Development Site Plan and a Memorandum of Understanding that will outline plans to redevelop six acres of underdeveloped land near the Rosslyn Metro station. Once redeveloped, the project will create a new school, a fire station, urban parkland, additional market-rate rental housing, and at least 100 new units of affordable housing.

“Predevelopment grant funding for affordable housing is often very hard to secure,” explains Nina Janopaul, President/CEO of APAH. “This is what makes the Citi Foundation grant so tremendous. They are providing support for this project precisely when investment is hardest to come by and most important for the final outcome.”

“We are excited to be a part of this huge revitalization effort that will transform this underdeveloped pocket of land in Rosslyn,” said Diana Meyers, Community Relations State Director for D.C. and Virginia. “Citi and the Citi Foundation are committed to helping revitalize communities and creating affordable housing. The work of this collaborative and APAH demonstrate our shared goal, to help make sustainable and vibrant communities.”

The \$25,000 grant will cover a great deal of the expenses for APAH’s predevelopment work for Phase I of the Queens Court Predevelopment Project. APAH is in the process of acquiring another property elsewhere in Arlington to preserve as affordable housing, so Citi’s investment in Queens Court allows APAH to continue to invest in new acquisitions as well as redeveloping its current properties.

*APAH is a nonprofit that today owns, develops, and preserves quality housing that is affordable to low and moderate-income families, and is the only nonprofit affordable housing developer working exclusively in Arlington County. Founded in 1989, APAH now provides 750 stable, secure, and affordable homes for Arlingtonians. In 2008 APAH was named Developer of the Year by the Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers and Best Small Business of the Year by the Arlington Chamber of Commerce.*

For more information on APAH and its current projects, visit [www.apah.org](http://www.apah.org).

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