



# BY ALEXANDRIA CITY HIGH SCHOOL

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## TOPIC

I want the cost of living to be more affordable so that families can live without financial stress and raise healthy children

## CYCP GOAL

All Children, Youth, and Families will be Physically Safe and Healthy

## RESULT

Alexandria is an affordable place for families to live

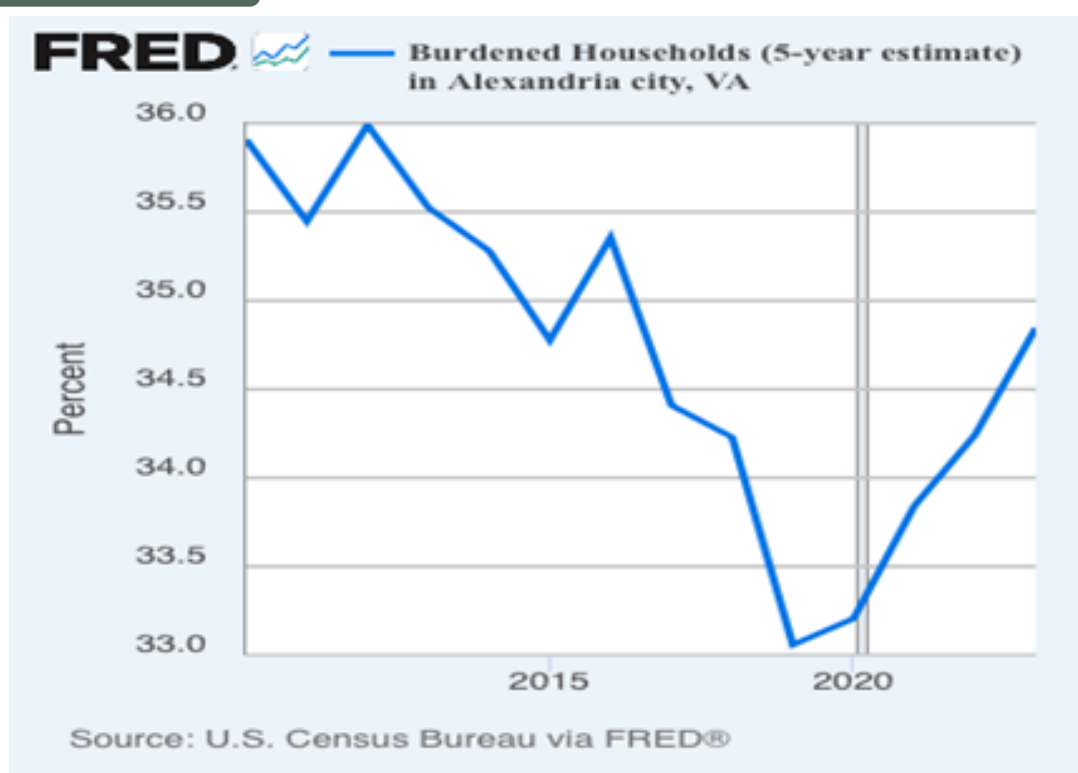
## SUCCESS STORY

We are celebrating the Alexandria housing support program for helping families find affordable housing. Their work helps reduce homelessness and keeps families together in a safe and stable environment.

## SIGNIFICANCE

When families can afford to live in Alexandria, they are less stressed, more stable, and better able to support their children. Lowering the cost of living improves health, education, and safety for everyone in the community.

## HOW ARE WE DOING?



According to recent reports, over 35% of renters in Alexandria are cost burdened, spending more than 30% of their income on housing. Rent and home prices continue to rise faster than wages, making it harder for families to afford basic needs.

## STRATEGIES FOR CHANGE

1. Increase funding for affordable housing programs
2. Provide rental assistance and utility supports for low income families
3. Advocate for fair wages and job opportunities

## CHAMPION

Alexandria  
Housing  
Development  
Corporation



**Housing  
Alexandria**

## PARTNERS

- City of Alexandria Department of Housing
- Local nonprofit for food and shelter support
- Local businesses providing job opportunities

## WHAT HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR?

- Provided emergency rent assistance to over 500 families.
- Hosted 3 community forums to discuss affordable housing.
- Partnered with a local nonprofit to offer utility and food aid.

## HOW MUCH WAS DONE?

- 3 public housing workshops
- 500+ families received aid
- 50 volunteers involved
- 100+ job opportunities

## HOW WELL WAS IT DONE?

- 85% of aid recipients said the process was easy and respectful
- 90% of participants found the housing workshops helpful
- Positive feedback from city council and local media

## WHAT HAVE BEEN THE EFFECTS SO FAR?

- Reduced evictions in neighborhoods
- Increased awareness of housing resources
- Stronger partnerships between city agencies and nonprofit
- Families report feeling more financially stable and less stressed

## WHAT ARE PLANS FOR THE FUTURE?

- We plan to expand the rental support programs, push for more affordable housing units in new developments, and work with local employers to create more liveable wage jobs.
- We will also continue educating the community about their rights and available resources to reduce financial strain and promote long term stability.

## WHERE CAN PEOPLE FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR TOPIC?

<https://hit.handhousing.org/jurisdictions/alexandria>

<https://www.actforalexandria.org/children-youth-community-plan>

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/housing>

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