



BY ALEXANDRIA CITY HIGH SCHOOL

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TOPIC

I want more houses to be built so that Alexandria is an affordable place for families to live.

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

Kyana, a single mother, found stability after her mother passed away and she was struggling with homelessness. With the help of Housing Plus, Kyana secured housing and her four children now have a stable home, [according to Housing Plus Inc.](#) She is now focused on providing her children with stability and plans to give back to others experiencing homelessness in the future.

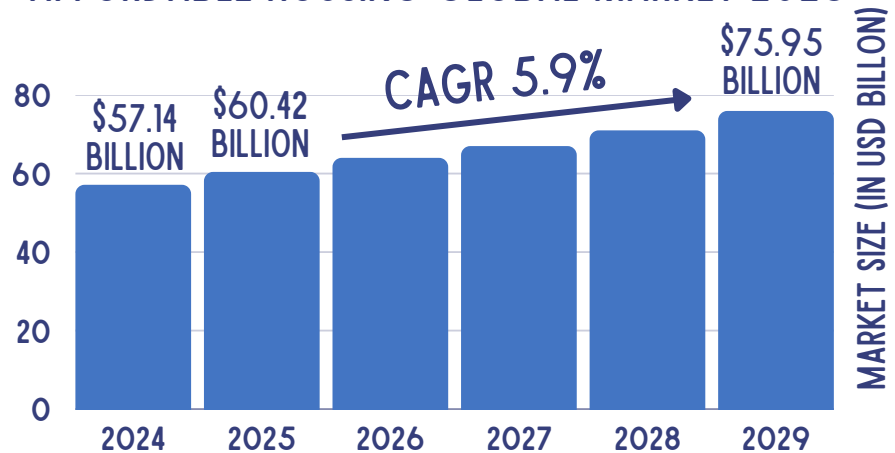
SIGNIFICANCE

These results matter because when students feel safe and live healthy, violence-free lives, they can focus on learning. Safe and easy travel helps families stay involved. When school feels fair and supportive, every student gets a better chance to succeed in school, life, and their future.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

77% OF US
HOUSEHOLDS
CAN'T AFFORD
A MEDIAN-
PRICED HOME

AFFORDABLE HOUSING GLOBAL MARKET 2025



STRATEGIES FOR CHANGE

Key Strategies for change in affordable housing:

1. Increase public funding
2. Inclusionary zoning
3. Supportive housing programs

CHAMPION

- **Local Government Agencies:** Housing authorities, city planning departments, and public housing commissions.
- **Legal Aid Organizations:** Groups that help tenants fight evictions and enforce fair housing laws.
- **Community/Families:** Residents that live in the neighborhood or in the area.

PARTNERS

Local governments help create affordable housing by setting zoning rules, offering incentives to builders, funding housing programs, using public land for development, partnering with organizations, and enforcing housing standards.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR?

Alexandria, Virginia supports affordable housing by funding new developments like the Sansé and Naja project, preserving existing units, offering renter support programs, and reforming zoning laws to allow more housing types.

HOW MUCH WAS DONE?

Between January 2014 and March 2024, Alexandria has created, converted, or preserved approximately

1,668 AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS.

This brings the city closer to its housing plan goal of 2,000 units by 2026.

HOW WELL WAS IT DONE?

We did well by resident satisfaction and affordability level. Building standards and equity inclusion in the houses that the city built. Long-term affordability, units guaranteed to remain affordable for 30+ years

WHAT HAVE BEEN THE EFFECTS SO FAR?

Affordable housing efforts in Alexandria have slightly boosted nearby property values and exceeded long-term building goals, but the city still struggles to meet rising demand. Many residents spend over 30% of their income on housing.

WHAT ARE PLANS FOR THE FUTURE?

Alexandria plans to expand affordable housing through its updated Housing 2040 Master Plan, new developments, and continued partnerships with housing agencies and developers.

WHERE CAN PEOPLE FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR TOPIC?

- [Affordable Housing Projects and Partners](#)
- [Virginia Fair Housing Office](#)