# **City of Annapolis Office of Community Services FY25**

#### **City Manager's Office Organization Chart FY24**



## **Rental Assistance**

### **Funding and timeline**

- Funds are designated from occupancy taxes.
- We stopped accepting new applications October since funds had been exhausted.
- We receive 10 or more applications a day.
- All applicants requested \$1,000- \$6,000.
- There were repeat applicants from previous years.

## **Rental Assistance Statistics**

	FY23	FY24	FY25
# of applicants	121	153	151
# of awards made	103	95	84
# of utility awards	5	25	17
Total amount awarded	\$219,874	\$159,737	\$143,308
Average size of award	\$2,135	\$1,681	\$2,000
Top 3 neighborhoods (#) awards	Bay Ridge Gardens (17) Annapolis Gardens (14) HACA (11)	HACA (20) Bay Ridge Gardens (19) Annapolis Gardens (8)	Bay Ridge Gardens (22) HACA (13) Bowman Place (6)

## **BGE** Statistics

	FY24	FY25
# of applicants	53	58
# of awards made	25	17
Total amount awarded	\$30,832	\$13,668
Average size of award	\$1,233	\$805

#### Point of contact for OCS is Constance James.

## **Rental Assistance statistics**

- Households that had 3 people or more were more than <u>50%</u> of who needed assistance.
- 267 people were interested in financial management.
- Single member households who needed the most assistance were seniors. Majority of the seniors were receiving Social Security benefits, but the amount of their benefits tended to be less than their rent rate.
- 79.39% of applicants were African American, 9.11% White, and 11.71% Hispanic.
- Tenants stated that they needed "catch up" help, meaning they may have faced unemployment for one month or health issues causing them to be out of work.

## BGE Assistance Numbers from the Benevolence Coalition

The Benevolence Coalition is a support network for Annapolis residents in need of financial, food and social service assistance. The Coalition is made up of of churches and non profit organizations that are based in Annapolis and Anne Arundel County. During monthly meetings, resources are shared, the coalition organizations can make requests and recommendations for services. OCS was invited by Laurie Nelson of Annapolis Evangelical Presbyterian Church

## BGE Assistance Numbers from Annapolis Non Profit Groups

#### **Annapolis EP Church**

October 2024 - 7 HH served \$3,117 November 2024- 6 HH served \$2.899 December 2024- 8 HH served \$2,449 January 2025- 5 HH served \$2,304 February 2025-2 HH served \$868 Total Households - 28 \$11,637 Ave/month \$415

#### St. Vincent de Paul Society

October 2024 - 34 November 2024 - 42 December 2024 - 35 January 2025 - 34 February 2025-7 March 2025 - 2 (to date) For the fiscal year ending 9/30/2024: 222 cases, avg 18 monthly

#### Community Action Agency

1150 Annapolis residents with their BGE bills in the last 12 months

## BGE Assistance Numbers Continued

A.A. Co. Partnership for Children, Youth & Families

Number of clients served: 10 Total Assistance: \$14,642.15 Average Assistance Amount: \$1,464.22 This data is from the current FY Trinity Church of Annapolis

St. Anne's Church

4 Annapolis families with their BGE bills this Winter

1 family with BGE bills this Winter

#### FY25+ - Considerations for Long-Term Planning

Application process

- Require the most recent bank statement. Must provide all bank accounts that the direct deposit goes and listed on paystub. Another option besides bank statements could be no repeat residents or no repeat assistance for up to 18 months.
- Rent balance has to be within the last 30-45 days.
- You have to be making payments and not allowing the balance to increase while waiting for our payment. Ex. Tenant applied August 2023 for a BGE bill of \$3,000, applied again August 2024 and the last payment made was our payment in Aug 2023.
- Our payment will bring them to a \$0 balance.
- How are we helping clients to reach stability??

