

# Fairfax Removes 72 Ineligible Families from Affordable Housing Programs

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Fairfax County has removed 72 families from subsidized affordable housing programs between April and September because they made too much money to be eligible, according to findings presented Tuesday by county auditors.

Fairfax's Department of Housing and Community Development verifies eligibility for people applying for three affordable housing rental programs, two of which are federal.

Federal rules allow incomes up to 80 percent of the area median income but the majority of new admissions to the programs go to households at or below 30 percent of the median income for the entire Washington region. The county housing department's 14-person compliance unit has focused on potential fraud in affordable-housing complexes after 40 families living in Wedgewood, a brick apartment and townhouse complex in Annandale, were found to be too wealthy to live there.

The housing department conducted a total of 101 hearings in the past six months due to fraud allegations.