

Fairfax County: Investing So That ALL May Prosper

FAIRFAX COUNTY HAS UNMET HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES NEEDS

Fairfax County has struggled to maintain the quality of services to County residents while balancing the budget since the financial crisis hit in 2008. Nonprofit organizations have stepped up in a greater way, leveraging their own resources to provide more community-based services, but they cannot meet basic needs because demand for services has sharply increased as public resources were being cut. This dynamic undermines the vision of Fairfax County as a place of excellence, and endangers the well-being and economic vitality of the County. The County needs sufficient regular investments in human services infrastructure, and these are just as important as conventional investments in transportation, recreation, arts, sanitation, education and public safety.

Fairfax must build a human services system that is more integrated and comprehensive to meet current needs, with resources focused on prevention and early treatment, improved facilities, and adequate infrastructure (including housing). Lack of investment and cuts in the current budget compromise this goal, and we propose changes to address current needs.

FAIRFAX COUNTY SHOULD ADEQUATELY INVEST IN HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES NEEDS

Items to Consider	Proposed Budget	Recommendation
Advertised Tax Rate	\$1.09/\$100 assessed value	Support maintaining rate
Human Service Programs	\$10.28 million increase	Support full increase
Healthy Families Fairfax (DFS)	\$1.64 million cut (DFS) \$233,000 cut (Health Dept)	Restore 100% funding
Employment Pilot Program (DFS)	\$200,000	Support full funding
Bridging Affordability (HCD)	\$4 million	Support full funding
Housing Acquisition	\$6.6 million	Revenue Bond Blueprint - \$77 - \$100M

JOIN US IN ADVOCATING FOR A FAIRFAX COUNTY BUDGET THAT MEETS HUMAN NEEDS

We believe it is time to commit to systematic investments in the County's human services infrastructure! We need your support in sending this message to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

Budget Hearing April 8th (1pm) - Many housing and human services advocates are testifying on this day. Along with your specific testimony, consider adding a statement to acknowledge support of this coalition and the recommendations above. Consider: *"I stand with the broad coalition of nonprofit developers, service providers and advocacy organizations serving homeless, low- and moderate income Fairfax residents. I join them in supporting a County budget that meets basic needs for housing, health and other supportive services."*

Don't want to testify? Show up and support others who are speaking.

Need more information? See our [full talking points](#) and [letter to the Board of Supervisors](#).

WHO ARE WE?

We are a broad coalition of nonprofit housing developers, human service providers, and advocacy organizations within Fairfax County who serve homeless, low- and moderate-income households. We are working to support a more just and caring community by encouraging adequate investments in meeting basic human needs for housing, health and other supportive services. To that end, our coalition supports additional and critical investments in housing, health and human services programs to support a broad spectrum of households along the continuum of needs.