

# **Human Services Council**

FY 2023 Budget Recommendations

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## HSC's Guiding Principles for FY 2023 Budget Recommendations

#### **One Fairfax**



#### **COVID-19 Impact on HHS**

- Economic recoveryAffordable housingMental health
- Opioid epidemic







## HSC-Supported FY 2023 Budget Items

## **Affordable Housing**

- Strongly supports the Board's new goal of accelerating the production of new affordable housing units by 2034
- Additional \$5 million for quality, affordable housing in the County

## **Consolidated Community Funding Pool**

• 5% increase will help community partners deliver high-quality services

## **Co-Responder Model**

Investment will progress the Diversion First initiative

#### **Emergency Rental Assistance**

Critical to help residents at risk of eviction

## HSC-Supported FY 2023 Budget Items

#### **Employee Compensation**

 Recognize that recruiting and retaining high quality staff is fundamental to our HHS system

#### **HHS Contracts**

- Support an increase of at least \$2.3 million for HHS contracts
- Providers facing same recruitment and retention issues as County agencies

#### **Opioids and Substance Use**

 Supports the additional positions and funding for the Detoxification and Residential Treatment Services to address this crisis

## **Additional Funding Considerations**

Should the Board have additional funding available, HSC recommends these items be funded:

**Opportunity Neighborhoods**: Funding to expand the highly successful Opportunity Neighborhoods program into a sixth area of the County

**Services for Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities**: Additional Social Services Specialists positions requested by the Department of Family Services for its Adult Protective Services, Adult Services, and Nutrition programs



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