



Response to Questions on the 2016 LOBs

Request By: Supervisor Herrity

Relevant LOB(s): N/A

Question: How does the Office of Emergency Management’s (OEM) spending per capita and reliance on grant funding compare to other jurisdictions?

Response:

Fairfax County OEM has the third lowest general fund spending per capita in the region and the third highest relative reliance on grant funding in the region (see table below). Note that most jurisdictions that have lower per capita general fund expenditures rely more heavily on grant funding. For example, Prince George’s County spends all of its \$3.5 million in grant funding on agency operations, mostly staff. Of the \$5.3 million in grant funding that Fairfax County OEM manages, a majority of the funding is directed at regional sustainment projects like WebEOC and the Emergency Alerting System. Currently, approximately 25 percent of OEM staff are funded by federal grants.

OEM Funding Compared to Other Agencies in the Region¹

Jurisdiction	General Funds	Grant Funding	Total Funding	Percent Grant Funding	Number of General Fund Employees	Number of Grant Employees	Total Employees	Percent of Staff Grant Funded	Population	General Funds Per Capita
Alexandria	\$375,479	\$503,904	\$879,383	57.3%	2.0	3.5	5.5	63.6%	155,000	\$2.42
Arlington County	\$2,050,505	\$0	\$2,050,505	0.0%	0.0	0.0	0.0	NA	207,600	\$9.88
Fairfax City	\$160,000	\$184,196	\$344,196	53.5%	1.0	1.0	2.0	50.0%	24,483	\$6.54
Fairfax County	\$1,836,708	\$5,300,000	\$7,136,708	74.3%	13.0	4.5	17.5	25.7%	1,125,875	\$1.63
Loudoun County	\$717,548	\$0	\$717,548	0.0%	NA	0.0	0.0	NA	312,311	\$2.30
Montgomery County	\$2,150,000	\$0	\$2,150,000	0.0%	NA	0.0	0.0	NA	1,004,709	\$2.14
Prince George's County	\$751,800	\$3,507,900	\$4,259,700	82.4%	5.0	10.0	15.0	66.7%	904,403	\$0.83
Prince William County	\$636,000	\$869,638	\$1,505,638	57.8%	4.0	3.0	7.0	42.9%	443,463	\$1.43
Washington DC	\$4,551,525	\$128,192,067	\$132,743,592	96.6%	26.5	62.5	89.0	70.2%	601,723	\$7.56

¹ It should be noted that OEM received three responses from other jurisdictions (Fairfax City, Alexandria, and Prince William County). When possible and available, additional information was gathered from jurisdictional websites. Some of the information is therefore incomplete and noted with “NA.”