

## Response to Questions on the FY 2005 Advertised Budget Plan

**Request By:** Chairman Connolly and Supervisor Bulova

**Question:** Provide additional information on the P’CASO partnership, describing what the demonstration proposal is, its total cost, whether there are any matching funds required, and detailing the number of positions required. Also provide the Police Department’s reaction to the proposal, and the Police Department’s feelings as to the adequacy of current resources (one police detective assigned to sexual predators on the internet) and vulnerability of Fairfax citizens to sexual predators.

**Response:** The P’CASO project is a public-private effort to address abuse and exploitation of children in Fairfax County (see attached). The five-year total cost of the project is estimated to be \$12,147,584. As approved by the Board, the P’CASO grant will fund approximately 16 positions to include two sworn police supervisors, 12 detectives, one analyst and one administrative assistant. As originally agreed upon, there are no matching funds required for the five-year grant which is to be funded by P’CASO through private donations and other fundraising. At the end of the five year pilot, the program is to be evaluated for continuation and full assumption of costs by the County.

To date, the County has received no funding from P’CASO for this effort.

Currently, the Fairfax County Police Department employs one detective devoted to addressing sexual predators on the Internet. Additionally, the Police Department employs six more detectives devoted to child abuse/exploitation and nine detectives responsible for the investigation of sex crimes. The Police Department supports the additional resources for an “online” detective as included in the FY 2005 Consideration Item package, but not at the detriment to other programs, priorities and investigative needs.

Attachment