

Response to Questions on the FY 2009 Advertised Budget Plan

Request By: Supervisors Hudgins and Smyth

Question: How long has CrisisLink been funded, what is the current funding level, and what is the current funding source?

Response: CrisisLink is a community-based nonprofit organization providing vital support in the entire Northern Virginia, Maryland and DC Areas to those facing life crises, including trauma and suicide as well as other crisis needs. The organization was founded in 1969 and is a 24/7 hotline dedicated to crisis prevention, intervention and response and information and referral services. In February 2008, CrisisLink was awarded a state contract to answer 211 calls in the Northern Virginia Area. CrisisLink is accessed by one local number (703-257-4077), two toll-free numbers (1-800-273-TALK and 1-800-SUICIDE) and the regional information and referral hotline (2-1-1), and handles an estimated 578 calls each month from Fairfax County residents.

CrisisLink is supported in part by private contributions and municipal funding from the City of Alexandria and Arlington and Fairfax Counties. Fairfax County has funded CrisisLink since 1970 and specifically, the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB) has funded CrisisLink since FY 2005 when it lost funding from the Community Consolidated Funding Pool to provide crisis prevention and phone-based early intervention services. In FY 2008, CSB funded CrisisLink in the amount of \$135,000 and has proposed to eliminate funding for the contract in FY 2009 to balance the CSB's FY 2009 budget.

The table below provides funding levels and sources of funding by fiscal year.

Fairfax County CrisisLink Contract Awards (Formerly the Northern Virginia Hotline)

Fiscal Year	Award Amount	Source of Funding
1970-1997		Various County Contracts including the Office of Human Services which was abolished in 1996.
1998	\$90,994	Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP)
1999	\$90,994	CCFP
2000	\$94,948	CCFP
2001	\$100,000	CCFP
2002	\$100,000	CCFP
2003	\$126,000	CCFP
2004	\$132,040	CCFP
2005	\$132,040	CSB
2006	\$132,040	CSB
2007	\$170,460	CSB
2008	\$135,000	CSB
2009	\$0	