

Human Services and Community Development, \$85 Million

This question seeks voter authorization for the county to issue \$85 million of bonds for human services and community development. If approved, the county currently plans to use this bond money to finance the cost of human services facilities and community development facilities.

The county currently plans to use **\$48 million of bonds from this referendum to renovate, expand or replace four of the county's shelters** which can no longer meet "crisis/emergency" needs of homeless individuals and families in the community. The county shelters are full to capacity every night of the week throughout the year.

The Patrick Henry Shelter provides emergency 30-day accommodations to homeless families. The current shelter has a capacity to serve seven families with an additional two emergency overflow units. The multi-story facility was constructed in 1952 and last renovated in 1985, over 30 years ago. The building subsystems are well beyond their intended life cycle and the facility is highly utilized and experiences 24/7 wear and tear.

The Embry Rucker Shelter provides temporary emergency shelter to homeless families and unaccompanied adults. The shelter has the capacity to serve 10 families as well as 29 adults. The shelter also serves as a cold-weather overflow (hypothermia) center. This one-story building was constructed in 1987 and has had no major renovations during its 29 years of operation. The building subsystems are well beyond their intended life cycle and the facility is highly utilized and experiences 24/7 wear and tear.

The Eleanor Kennedy Shelter provides temporary emergency shelter to homeless unaccompanied men and women. The shelter has the capacity to serve 50 adults. This two-story building was originally constructed in 1918 as a water pumping station and converted to the shelter in 1986. The facility was last renovated in 1986 and has not received any major renovations since. The exterior and the interior of the building are in need of significant upgrades. The building subsystems are well beyond their intended life cycle and the facility is highly utilized and experiences 24/7 wear and tear. The shelter also serves as a cold weather overflow (hypothermia) center.

The Baileys Shelter provides temporary emergency shelter to homeless unaccompanied men and women. The shelter has the capacity to serve 50 adults. The shelter also serves as a daytime drop-in center and main operations center for the region's cold weather (hypothermia) prevention program. This one-story facility is over 27 years old and has had no major renovations since it was constructed. The building subsystems are well beyond their intended life cycle and the facility is highly utilized and experiences 24/7 wear and tear.

The county currently plans to use the remaining **\$37 million of bonds from this referendum to replace the Sully Senior Center and to construct a new Lorton Community Center.** The existing Sully Senior Center, which provides social, recreational and health/wellness activities and programs for older adults, must be relocated because the current site is in a right-of-way that is currently being designed for a new interchange. The existing Lorton Senior Center, which similarly provides programs for older adults, is currently housed in leased space that is scheduled to expire in 2018. The bonds would finance the construction of the Sully and Lorton Community Centers, to replace the existing facilities. **These two new community centers would continue to provide programming for older adults, while also having the capacity to meet other community needs, such as after-school programming for children and teens, and health and wellness programs for youth and adults.** Consolidating the provision of these services in the Sully and Lorton facilities aligns with the county's efforts to promote multi-service sites.

For more information on these centers, call the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services at 703-324-4600, TTY 711, or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ncs/2016bond.htm.