

Healthy Families Expansion Overview

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- Currently, VDSS contributes \$348,739 for Healthy Families Fairfax. An additional \$1,957,362 in County General Fund dollars results in a total program budget of 2,306,101.
- For FY17, the Virginia General Assembly approved an additional \$673,490 in TANF funds from VDSS for Healthy Families Fairfax, resulting in a total VDSS award for FY17 of \$1,022,229 for Healthy Families Fairfax. (Including General Fund dollars, that brings the program total to \$2,979,591 for FY17.)
- Stipulations on these funds include no supplanting existing funds and an expectation to use the additional funding to increase the number of families receiving Healthy Families services.

RECOMMENDATION: DMB advised submitting the additional funding for approval to the Board of Supervisors as part of Carryover at the September 21st meeting, however we would like to begin the hiring process for these positions as soon as **possible**.

- Some of the additional funds must be used to pay for increased costs in training, evaluation, affiliation fees, etc.
- Program Expansion Model Highlights
 - The program will be expanded to serve additional families by:
 - (1) Adding a Family Support Worker (non-profit) to 3 of the 4 teams. (The Reston team already has an additional worker.)
 - (2) Adding a new Family Assessment Worker for each region to conduct surveys to bring families into the program to ensure all FSW caseloads are filled.
 - (3) Changing and enhancing the role of the nurses to provide additional consultation and clinical service to families.
 - In FY15, HFF served 530 families. This new model will allow us to serve up to 700 families. Additionally in FY15, HFF conducted 364 assessments. We anticipate being able to conduct up to 968 assessments with the new model.
 - New Positions:
 - 4 new Family Assessment Workers (S-18)
 - 1 new Family Assessment Supervisor (S-20) – to be supervised by Senior SW Supervisor
 - 3 new Family Support Workers (non-profit)