

Human Services Council

FY 2024 Budget Recommendations

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HSC's Guiding Principles for FY 2024 Budget Recommendations

One Fairfax



HHS BAC Engagement



Current Picture

- Remaining federal pandemic relief funding
- Unwinding of federal benefits enhancements and policy waivers
- Inflationary pressures
- Housing costs



Third Quarter Review

Support the significant investments proposed in the Third Quarter Review package for homelessness services, emergency rental assistance, and food security

HSC-Supported FY 2024 Budget Items

Behavioral Health: \$340,000 for a youth behavioral health services navigation program

Employee Compensation: Critical to recruiting and retaining skilled and experienced staff

HHS Contract Rate Increases: \$8.4 million rate increases recognizes the integral role that our community partners play in serving community residents

HHS Innovation Fund: Will be used for economic mobility initiatives that will launch later this year

Additional Funding Considerations

Affordable Housing: Additional funding to sustain progress toward the ultimate goal for production of new housing and the preservation of our existing stock

Early Childhood: Expand the Early Childhood Development and Learning Program to serve an additional 108 children (estimated cost of \$2 million)

Emergency Rental Assistance Program: \$3 million to the Emergency Rental Assistance Program to mitigate evictions and ultimately prevent additional homelessness in our community



Additional Funding Considerations

Food Insecurity: Additional funding to support the County's food provider network to ensure that they can meet increased demands

Opportunity Neighborhoods Expansion: \$412,642 to expand the highly successful Opportunity Neighborhoods initiative to Centreville



Thank you for your long-standing commitment and investments in the Health and Human Services System!