

## Response to Questions on the FY 2015 Budget

**Request By:** Supervisor Herrity

**Question:** The Budget Consideration Item reduction “*Reduce the Contributory Fund by \$750,000*” has been requested. Provide a summary of the reduction including the impact it would have.

**Response:** The amount included in the FY 2015 Advertised Budget Plan for Fund 10030, Contributory Fund, is \$15,385,015 and reflects an increase of \$1,990,259 or 14.9 percent over the FY 2014 Adopted Budget Plan funding level of \$13,394,756. This increase is primarily due to increases of \$1,750,000 for the Fairfax 2015 World Police and Fire Games based on contractual requirements associated with the games, and \$1,100,000 for the Inova Translational Medicine Institute to establish a partnership based on direction from the Board of Supervisors. These increases were partially offset by a decrease of \$750,000 based on the elimination of operating deficit support to the Lorton Arts Foundation. Additional adjustments, which total a net decrease of \$109,741, were also included based primarily on legal requirements, per capita calculations, contractual or regional commitments, or based on membership dues.

It should be noted that about 80 percent of the funding included in the Contributory Fund is based on a specific formula, membership dues or contractual or regional commitments by the County. Consequently, to generate savings of \$750,000, the remaining 20 percent of contributions would require a 25 percent reduction. A reduction of this size would have a significant impact on most of the contributory organizations as Fairfax County provides a large share of their total revenue and, in some cases, is the sole source of revenue. It is important to note that in order to balance the budget in FY 2010 and FY 2011, contributory funding was reduced \$765,870 and \$831,081, respectively.