

## Response to Questions on the FY 2015 Budget

**Request By:** Supervisor Herrity

**Question:** Please provide information on the goals, mission, and objectives of both the Healthy Families program and the Live Healthy Fairfax program as well as information on expenditures and revenues generated by these programs. Please identify sources of funding for these programs.

**Response:** Healthy Families Fairfax

Healthy Families Fairfax is a collaborative effort between two County agencies, the Department of Family Services and the Health Department as well as three nonprofit agencies, Northern Virginia Family Services, Cornerstones (formerly Reston Interfaith) and United Community Ministries. Healthy Families Fairfax utilizes a nationally recognized evidence-based home visiting program model designed to work with overburdened families whose children are at-risk for adverse childhood experiences, especially child maltreatment. It is the home visiting model best equipped to work with families who may have histories of trauma, intimate partner violence, and mental health and/or substance abuse issues. Adherence to program design is maintained through a comprehensive accreditation process that occurs every four years. The goals and objectives of the program are as follows:

*Goal # 1: Achieve positive pregnancy outcomes and maternal and child health outcomes*

Objective 1: Families will receive appropriate health care

Objective 2: Pregnancy and Birth Outcomes

Objective 3: Health Outcomes

Objective 4: Mothers Health

*Goal # 2: Promote Optimal Child Development*

Objective 1: Promote optimal Child Development

*Goal # 3: Parents demonstrate positive parent-child interaction and, positive parenting knowledge and behavior*

Objective 1: Positive Parent – Child Interaction

Objective 2: Positive Parenting Knowledge and Behavior

*Goal # 4: Children will not be abused or neglected*

Objective 1: Absence of founded child abuse/neglect reports

In FY 2013, \$2.0 million was spent in the program, offset by state revenue of \$0.3 million for a net cost to the County of \$1.7 million. It is anticipated that FY 2014 expenditures will be consistent with FY 2013. Most of the program's expenditures are contracted out to supply home visiting staff who provide parent education, assessment, education on child development, crisis intervention, outreach, documentation, and goal setting. It should also be noted that Northern Virginia Family Services provides funding of \$0.1 million in addition to the County funding.

### Live Healthy Fairfax

Live Healthy Fairfax is an initiative funded primarily by the Community Transformation Grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The initiative seeks to improve community health through policy, systems, programmatic and infrastructure changes that promote health, prevent disease, and reduce disparities in health outcomes. Live Healthy Fairfax activities are guided by the Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax's (PFHF), Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), which was published in October 2013. Developed through a collaborative effort by numerous multi-sector stakeholders, the Community Health Improvement Plan was designed for community ownership and implementation. The success of the plan's implementation depends on the support and commitment of all who play a role in directly or indirectly impacting health outcomes in the Fairfax community. The plan and all seven priority health issues, including goals, objectives and key actions, can be viewed at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/livehealthy/pdfs/community-health-improvement-plan.pdf>

There are no FY 2014 General Fund dollars supporting the Live Healthy Fairfax implementation activities currently underway. The continued dedication of current and future community partners and the investment of time, energy, and other resources are moving the community forward toward reaching its goals. The CHIP has helped to establish capacity within the Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax, thus positioning the County to receive additional competitive grant awards to support implementation activities. FY 2014 funding includes:

- Community Transformation Grant Award: \$499,559
- Healthy Eating/Active Living Grant Award: \$67,410
- Health Impact Assessment Grant Award: \$14,487

The County was recently informed that the national Community Transformation Grant program award that has supported our Partnership activities since 2011 would be prematurely ended in September 2014. The original 5-year grant award was to end September 2016.

Although it is important to the County that the PFHF not lose momentum, the elimination of the grant funds will significantly limit the County's ability to coordinate implementation activities that support the Partnership's vision and goals. The day-to-day partnership management functions including the coordination of implementation activities, partnership organization and grant writing functions require staff resources. Up until now, Partnership support has been provided solely by grant funds.

The PFHF established a Sustainability Committee in the fall of 2013 to begin discussions regarding the on-going operations of the coalition. Despite efforts to proactively address sustainability, the premature termination of the grant award has threatened to foreshorten an action plan for ensuring independent operations. Although the CHIP has enabled the County and the PFHF to successfully compete for additional grants to further support implementation activities, at this time there are no grant funds available after October 1, 2014.