

## Response to Questions on the FY 2016 Budget

**Request By:** Supervisor Cook

**Question:** What is the remaining cost to bring County and Park properties into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act?

**Response:** On January 28, 2011, Fairfax County entered into a settlement agreement with the United States Justice Department regarding remedial measures associated with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This settlement agreement legally requires Fairfax County to complete a series of remedial actions based on audit findings by July 2018. The audit conducted only covered a small percentage of county facilities and programs (86 of 193 county buildings). The County is also required to conduct self-assessments of all county facilities, services and programs and take remedial measures to correct all identified deficiencies. It should be noted that the settlement agreement does not provide for deadlines with respect to the remedial measures found as a result of county's self-assessments.

Under the agreement Fairfax County is taking important steps to ensure access for individuals with disabilities, such as: making physical modifications to facilities, parking, routes and entrances into the buildings, service areas and counters, restrooms, public telephones and drinking fountains. In addition, the County is responsible for ensuring that all County programs and services are accessible to people with disabilities, including: polling places, 911 emergency services, the County website and other web-based services, and implementing a comprehensive plan to improve the accessibility of the County's sidewalks and pedestrian crossings.

The following chart includes the current estimates required to complete the remedial measures by fiscal year. Funding through FY 2018 will complete the remedial measures required by the Department of Justice to be completed by July 2018. Additional measures identified by the required self-assessments do not have a specific deadline but are anticipated to be completed by FY 2021. It should be noted that funding for the Facilities Management Department (FMD) in the amount of \$2,224,750 and the Fairfax County Park Authority in the amount of \$1,840,000 is supported by the General Fund and has been included in the FY 2016 Advertised Budget Plan.

	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	Total
<b>FMD</b>	\$2,224,750	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,900,000	\$750,000	\$10,874,750
<b>FCPA</b>	\$1,840,000	\$2,370,000	\$800,000				\$5,010,000
<b>FCRHA</b>	\$454,038	\$463,105	\$507,942	\$558,976	\$558,976	\$558,976	\$3,102,013
<b>FCDOT</b>	\$135,800	\$217,490	\$434,010	\$230,960	\$436,060		\$1,454,320
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$4,654,588	\$5,050,595	\$3,741,952	\$2,789,936	\$2,895,036	\$1,308,976	\$20,441,083