

Response to Questions on the FY 2010 County Line of Business & Schools Program Review Processes Fall 2008

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Response By: Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Instructional Services Department

Question: FCPS receives around \$700,000 in federal funds and around \$140,000 from the state for the adult English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program. There is a County match for local maintenance of effort. What is the status of those funds for that program?

Response: For FY 2009, FCPS has been awarded \$0.8 million in federal funds for adult education, plus \$0.2 million in state adult education funds for a total of \$1.0 million. Federal funds are based on three factors:

- A required 15 percent minimum match;
- Meeting defined thresholds of numbers of students served; and
- A “maintenance of effort” of at least 90 percent of the prior year’s level of reported local match.

State funds are generally contingent upon participation in the federal program.

Currently, FCPS transfers \$1.4 million from the operating fund to provide adult ESOL services. This transfer includes the local match. The required local match is \$116,138 for Adult Basic Education and \$26,471 for English Literacy/Civics Education – a total of \$142,609.

The proposed cut will not reduce the state and federal matching funds FCPS receives because the proposed FY 2010 budget maintains the level of effort required to receive the match.

Through the realignment of organizational structures, FCPS is seeking additional efficiencies and opportunities to leverage other federal and local funds.