

## **Response to Questions on the FY 2019 Budget**

**Request By:** Chairman Bulova

**Question:** Please provide an update on the audio equipment provided for meeting spaces, the sporadic functioning of microphones makes communications for meetings for those with hearing impairment extremely difficult.

**Response:**

The Department of Cable and Consumer Services (DCCS) has included funding for an Assistive Listening System (ALS) replacement in the FY 2019 Budget. The requested ALS replacement will accommodate individuals in the Fairfax County Government Center Conference Center meeting rooms, providing amplified sound when needed, or upon request, for meeting and event participants. DCCS will begin the procurement process in July 2018, for installation concurrent with other technology improvements in the Government Center Conference Center. In the interim, DCCS staff continues to assist Conference Center participants with their scheduling and A/V requirements.

Additionally, as a follow-up to the January 23, 2018 Board Matter on Portable Assistive Listening Equipment, the Fairfax County Public Library will deploy new portable devices for use at meetings outside of the Government Center by June 2018.