

## Response to Questions on the FY 2019 Budget

**Request By:** Supervisor Cook

**Question:** Please identify any funding increases that would be realized by Fairfax County that are included in the budget proposals passed by each House of the General Assembly this week (week of Feb 19) but that are not accounted for in the proposed county budget.

**Response:**

On December 18, 2017, the Governor's 2018-2020 Introduced Budget was released. As compared to the County's FY 2019 Advertised Budget Plan, the Governor's proposed budget included increased funding for State Aid to Localities with Police Departments (HB 599) in the amount of \$0.9 million. Statutory policy requires that HB 599 funding increase at the rate of General Fund revenue growth.

On February 18, 2018, the House Appropriations Subcommittee and the Senate Finance Subcommittee released their respective recommended amendments to the Governor's 2018-2020 Introduced Budget. Both the House and the Senate kept the proposed increase to HB 599 for FY 2019.

The Governor's Introduced Budget expanded Medicaid coverage to non-elderly adults up to 138 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. While the House kept the proposed Medicaid expansion, the Senate eliminated it. Any positive net impact as a result of a potential Medicaid expansion on the County's FY 2019 budget is unclear at this time.

The regular 2018 General Assembly session adjourned on March 10th without agreeing on a state budget. Governor Northam re-introduced the same budget that the previous administration proposed in December and the General Assembly returned on April 11th for a special session to complete work on the state budget. Final adoption of the state budget is not expected prior to the Board of Supervisors' mark-up of the County's FY 2019 Budget on April 24th.

It should be noted that the County Executive's Add-On Package dated April 16, 2018 recommended an increase of \$0.9 million to FY 2019 revenues based on the state budget proposals described above.