



2016 Human Services and Community Development Bond

Ballot Question

Shall the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money and issue bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$85,000,000 to provide funds to finance the cost of human services facilities and community development facilities, including the construction and reconstruction of community centers and shelters and the acquisition of land and equipment or interests therein?

Bonds in General

Virginia law permits the Fairfax County government to borrow money to buy land and construct projects by issuing general obligation bonds. General obligation bonds are sold to investors and are repaid over time with County revenues. Money received from the sale of bonds is used as a source of funding for many County facilities. Bond financing permits the costs of those County facilities to be repaid over a period of years. However, before incurring such a County general obligation debt, the voters of the County must authorize the County to borrow those funds.

About this Bond Referendum

This referendum asks Fairfax County voters whether the Board of Supervisors should be authorized to contract a debt and issue bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$85,000,000 to finance the cost of human services facilities and community development facilities. If a majority of voters approves the question, the County would be allowed to issue bonds to fund the cost of developing the facilities described.

The County currently plans to use **\$37 million of bonds from this referendum to replace the Sully Senior Center and to construct a new Lorton Community Center**. The existing Sully Senior Center, which provides social, recreational, and health/wellness activities and programs for older adults, must be relocated because the current site is in a right-of-way that is currently being designed for a new interchange. The existing Lorton Senior Center, which similarly provides programs for older adults, is currently housed in leased space that is scheduled to expire in 2018.

The bonds would finance the construction of the Sully and Lorton Community Centers to replace the existing facilities. These two new Community Centers would continue to provide programming for older adults, while also having the capacity to meet other community needs, such as after-school programming for children and teens, and health and wellness programs for youth and adults.

The County may, in the future, alter these specific plans, but in such a case, the County would have to use the funds for a purpose described in the ballot question.





NCS Community Centers are multi-service facilities that serve the needs of individuals of all ages and abilities throughout Fairfax County. Services and programs include:

Children and Teens

- After-School Programs/Academic Assistance
- Camps During Summer, Winter and Spring Breaks
- Classes (e.g. Performing/Visual Arts, STEM, Nutrition and Fitness)
- Computer Technology Instruction
- Cultural and Civic Engagement/Service Experiences

Older Adults

- Classes (e.g. Performing/Visual Arts and Foreign Language)
- Congregate Meals Program
- Fitness and Exercise (Tai Chi, Yoga, Dance)
- Computer Technology Instruction
- Interest-Based Social Clubs
- Special Activities and Events
- Mentoring and Service Experiences

Sports Programs for All Ages

- Basketball Courts
- Fitness Centers
- Gymnasiums
- Drop-in Sports
- League Participation

Individuals with Disabilities

- Camps
- Dances
- Hobby Classes
- Inclusion Classes
- Wheelchair Sports

Families and Communities

- ESL Programs
- Holiday Socials
- Community Events
- Prevention Programs (e.g. Health Screenings and Safety Classes)



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