

COUNTY MANAGER'S PROPOSED FY 2022 BUDGET



Public Budget Hearing

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

Overview

- Proposed budget “bridges” Arlington to the post-pandemic world
- Guided by the need to be adaptable and flexible as circumstances change
- Focus on COVID-19 pandemic response while addressing ongoing priorities
 - Investment in pandemic relief efforts, affordable housing, food security, racial equity, stormwater, needs identified by the Police Practices Group, and County workforce, among others
- Consistent with County Board guidance
 - Uses one-time funds
 - \$1.013 real estate tax rate remains constant
 - Proposed increase to stormwater rate from \$0.013 to \$0.017

Balancing the Budget

- Higher than anticipated real estate assessments
- Departmental cuts & efficiencies
- Operational changes due to COVID-19
- One-time funding



Proposed FY 2022 Budget: By the Numbers

TOTAL BUDGET

\$1.36 billion

1.4% increase (\$18.3 million) from FY 2021 (ongoing and one-time)



COUNTY OPERATING

\$833.9 million

1.6% increase (\$13.1 million) from FY 2021 (ongoing and one-time)

SCHOOLS TRANSFER

\$529.7 million

1.0% increase (\$5.1 million) from FY 2021 (ongoing and one-time)

FY 2022 Priorities



COVID Contingency: \$17.5 million



Housing: Focus on eviction prevention and direct housing support



County Workforce: No merit-based pay increases, \$500 one-time bonuses and low-cost employee benefits added



Equity: Expand racial equity and supplement training



Police Practices Group Recommendations : \$1.4 million



Stormwater: \$15.1 million (\$3.3 million increase), increase of stormwater tax rate from \$0.013 to \$0.017/\$100 of assessed value (\$0.004 increase, \$29 to average residential property), will fund near-term projected needs

Other Budget Priorities



Metro: Ongoing funding remains flat for FY 2022 (\$46.6 million); Continued uncertainty with WMATA and state and federal funding



Fire: Implementation of Kelly Day, with the 10 additional positions and funding for a second recruit class to accommodate additional positions and attrition



Public Safety: As noted earlier Transportation Safety Officers to Police (\$588K, 6.0 FTEs); Added positions to support the Body Worn Camera Program.



Facilities: Opening Long Bridge (using funding from Boeing for facility costs); Opening Lubber Run (\$973K offset by \$600K in community center staff savings)



Elections: Additional staff to support mail ballot and absentee voting in Registrar's Office (\$151K)

Recent Budget Developments

- American Rescue Plan
 - Approximately \$46 million to the County – \$23 million next month & the balance in FY 2022
 - \$19 million to Schools
 - Awaiting additional guidance from federal government
 - One-time funds will allow restoration of service reductions included in my proposed budget
 - Restoring service at Libraries and Community Centers as close to July 1 as operationally feasible
 - Manager will come back to County Board later this spring
- Strong Business License Tax Receipts in spring 2021
 - Compensation for staff
 - Potential restoration of funding to partners including Lee Highway Alliance, AIM, Virginia Cooperative Extension, and Northern Virginia Conservation Trust
 - Key small investments including additional support for PPG recommendations, forestry, small business assistance

February 20	Proposed Budget: County Manager's Proposed FY 2022 Budget submitted to the County Board
February 25	Schools Budget Proposed
March 2–April 15	Budget Work Sessions: County Board holds a series of budget work sessions with County Departments, Constitutional Offices, and the School Board
March	Mid-year Review: County Manager submits FY 2021 mid-year review of expenditures and revenues to the County Board
April 6	Public Hearing: County Board hosted public hearing on Proposed FY 2022 Budget including County expenses and real estate tax, personal property tax rates, and other taxes and fees
April 8	Public Hearing: County Board hosts second public hearing on proposed FY 2022 budget including County expenses and real estate tax, personal property tax rates, and other taxes and fees
April 20	County Budget Adoption: County Board adopts FY 2022 Budget and Appropriations Resolutions for the County government, the public schools, and Pay-As-You-Go Capital. County Board adopts CY 2021 real estate tax rate and other FY 2021 taxes and fees
May 6	Schools Budget Adoption: School Board adopts FY 2022 school budget
July 1	FY 2022 begins