

ARLINGTON COUNTY FISCAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMISSION
REPORT TO THE COUNTY BOARD

FY 2016 PROPOSED BUDGET

BUDGET AREA:	Department of Human Services
FAAC REVIEWERS:	Mary Rouleau and Michael Shea
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FAAC Opinion

FAAC commends DHS for continually shifting resources and launching new programs towards the objective of better service delivery. DHS lines of business encompass many sectors and community needs, but the Department has achieved success in several areas of providing a seamless or coherent service. An emphasis on customer satisfaction surveys is a good check on the program design choices made by DHS.

FAAC Recommendation #1			
The FAAC recommends that the County Board approve the FY 2016 budget for the Department of Human Services as proposed by the County Manager.			
Vote:	Yes: 11	No: 0	Abstain: 0
Comment:			

Future Considerations

The Housing Study by the County is wrapping up and new data from the study will be an invaluable resource for refining and reforming the housing support mechanisms in DHS. The challenge is to ensure that the Study data are distilled into policy insights in a timely manner so that future DHS budgets are driven by the underlying needs of the community.

As was mentioned in last year's report on DHS, FAAC remains keen on seeing more details about tentative plans to privatize the Volunteer Arlington program. FAAC will be interested in analyzing the impact of a potential privatization on the budget and on the delivery of community services.