

**ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA  
FY 2006 POLICY PRIORITY PROPOSAL**

**Overview of Policy Priority**

<b>Department(s):</b> Department of Management and Finance
<b>Policy Priority:</b> Program Performance Reviews

Establish a Committee on Program Performance to institute a more comprehensive review of new external and internal performance management audits. The presence of this Committee and the application of new performance audits will help residents ensure that they are receiving value, by examining different performance aspects of those targeted programs.

The Committee will consist of 6 members to include two members of the County Board, the County Manager, the Deputy County Manager, the Commissioner of the Revenue and a representative from the Arlington Fiscal Affairs Advisory Commission. The Committee will have regularly scheduled meetings to review the performance and financial audits.

The Committee will create a work plan to perform independent audits where results will be shared with appropriate audiences. The external performance audits will be conducted by third-party independent organizations hired by the County for the explicit purpose of conducting performance audits following the work plans created by the Committee. It is anticipated that four to five program audits could be completed in the first year.

Through the standardized use of work plans and reviews, the Committee will increase the transparency and accountability of program performance and continue to improve the service that Arlington County offers to its residents.

**Performance Measures**

Performance Measure	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006*	Analysis
Percent of programs implementing audit recommendations	N/A	N/A	N/A	80%	Analyze the Committee's time and effort as well as the impact of their analysis
Percent of programs where mission performance improved due to implementation of recommendation	N/A	N/A	N/A	80%	Illustrates how the Committee's recommendations improved the service delivery and performance of those targeted programs
Number of audits completed	N/A	N/A	N/A	5	Focuses on the final number of audits that were completed relative to the targeted amount
Cost per audit	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$20,000	Estimated

\* Anticipated benefit with policy priority approved

**Funding Information**

	New FTEs	Year 1 Costs	Year 2 Costs
Outside audit expense	-	\$100,000	\$100,000

**Policy Priority:** Administrative and Organizational Development/Fiscal Responsibility

<b>TOTAL POLICY PRIORITY</b>	-	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
------------------------------	---	------------------	------------------