

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
FY 2006 POLICY PRIORITIES**

The FY 2006 Proposed Budget includes several Policy Priorities for consideration by the County Board. These proposals address the need to provide real estate tax relief for homeowners, needs relating to affordable housing, the demand for service levels in several key program areas beyond that which is funded in the base proposed budget, and revenue enhancements for long-term economic sustainability. These initiatives are presented for consideration as possible additions to the budget.

POLICY PRIORITIES	FTEs	Expense	Revenue
TAX RELIEF AND RESERVE FUND			
Available revenue			\$33,649,556
Targeted Homeowner's Grants		\$2,164,488	
Tax Relief for Elderly and Disabled - Revised Income & Asset Limits			(\$100,000)
Tax Rate Reduction - Five Cents			(\$21,644,875)
Revenue Stabilization Reserve		\$9,740,193	
TOTAL POLICY PRIORITY OPTION	0.0	\$11,904,681	\$11,904,681
AFFORDABLE HOUSING			
Recordation Tax Available - FY 2005			\$573,000
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Funding Support for Human Services MR/DD Residential Providers		\$175,000	
Housing Grants Program and Targeted Program Enhancements		\$545,147	
Support for Culpepper Garden (FY 2005 Funding Needs)		\$573,000	
Support for Culpepper Garden (FY 2006 Ongoing Funding)		\$100,000	
Condominium Conversion Transition/Tenant Outreach	1.0	\$150,000	
Affordable Housing Investment Fund		\$2,917,055	
TOTAL POLICY PRIORITY OPTION	1.0	\$4,460,202	\$4,460,202
SUSTAINING THE BASE OPERATING BUDGET			
Compensation Contingent		\$10,900,000	
STRATEGIC OPTIONS: NEW FACILITIES AND SERVICE PRIORITIES			
Available Revenue			\$1,359,109
New Facilities:			
- Building Operating Funds for New Facilities		\$291,293	
- Barcroft Recreation Center Garage		\$100,920	
- Barcroft Park Maintenance	1.0	\$109,363	
- Shirlington Bus Transfer Station		\$52,940	
- Walter Reed Community Center	2.3	\$107,241	\$8,000
- Shirlington Library	1.5	\$39,367	
Service Priorities:			
- Program Performance Reviews		\$100,000	
- Motorcycle Police Officer	1.0	\$88,631	
- Restoration of Funding for Aurora House		\$372,894	
- Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities Case Management	1.0	\$61,894	
- Arts Facilities Monitors and Theatre User Fee	1.0	\$30,000	\$30,000
TOTAL POLICY PRIORITY OPTION	7.8	1,354,543	1,397,109
LONG-TERM ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY - CAPITAL ASSET PRESERVATION			
Commercial Utility Tax Increase			\$2,000,000
Parking Meter Rate Increase			\$700,000
Ambulance Fee Increase		\$30,000	\$400,000
Parking Fine Increase			\$400,000
PAYGO Capital		\$3,500,000	
TOTAL POLICY PRIORITY OPTION	0.0	\$3,530,000	\$3,500,000