



FY 2020 Recommended Budget Budget Question

Board Question #: 30

BUDGET QUESTION: Please provide a list showing agency requests and recommended funding for regional agencies.

RESPONDING DEPARTMENT/OFFICE: Finance

RESPONSE: Each year we receive requests from agencies asking the County to support their operations for the services they provide to Spotsylvania County citizens. Each agency is required to complete a funding application and provide financial and organization documents for staff to review. Please see Attachment 1 for FY 2020 regional agency funding requests and the recommended funding amount. This chart is also in the FY 2020 Recommended Summary Budget document on page 82.

Each agency funding request application is reviewed by the County department that the agency service best fits, and County Administration and Budget staff rely on the expertise of the department to review each agency request for similar or duplicative services and determine if funding is appropriate for the agency.

The bulk of the agency funding requests are health and human services and are therefore reviewed by the Department of Social Services (DSS) Advisory Board. The DSS Advisory Board conducts on-site visits of agencies, receives in-person presentations, and performs a thorough review of the funding requests in relation to the services provided by the agency and number of Spotsylvania County citizens served.

The DSS Advisory Board utilizes a weighted scoring methodology to evaluate applications for funding and guide budgetary discussions. The methodology prioritizes services and programs that address issues of basic shelter, basic sustenance, and immediate health and safety risks affecting the vulnerable and at-risk populations. Recommendations for funding and funding amounts reflect the degree to which applicants have been determined to be both responsive and effective in addressing those priorities. The DSS Advisory Board's FY 2020 funding recommendations are provided as Attachment 2.

ESTIMATE OF STAFF TIME SPENT ON RESPONSE: 1 hour