

FY 2025 Budget Advocacy Talking Points

Talking Points for LHSN Members: *Reminder that speakers are generally given between 2 and 2 ½ minutes to speak.* (This will be sent as a separate document to members – just including it here for the Advocacy Committee to review now)

- Thank you Madam Chair and Board of Supervisors. My name is [name] and I am the [title] of [organization name]. My organization is also a proud member of the Loudoun Human Services Network.
- [add a brief explanation of your mission with 1 or 2 stats of how many people your organization serves]
- [add a brief explanation of anything notable your organization has experienced in terms of increased needs]
- I'm speaking today to express my support specifically for three important items in the proposed FY 2025 budget.
- First, we support the proposed allocation of \$6,103,634 in FY 2025 for the discretionary grants and core services contracts. These grants and contracts critical funding to support the safety net of services provided by nonprofits for Loudoun's most vulnerable residents.
- Second, we support the proposed \$7.4 million in anticipated local tax revenue for the Housing Fund to address affordable housing needs. The current shortage of affordable housing options deeply impacts the people served by our human services organizations and continuing to grow the Housing Fund is an important strategy to addressing this need. We urge the Board to consider increasing that allocation to the equivalent of a full penny of the real property tax for the Housing Fund.
- And third, we support funding for the County of Loudoun Health & Welfare Departments proposed Priority 1 and 2 requests. The demand for human, health and welfare services continues to grow across all programs and need areas and we support the funding for these community resources.
- Thank you for your support and leadership.