



LOUDOUN HUMAN SERVICES NETWORK  
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### **LHSN Talking Points – FY 2024 Proposed Budget Advocacy**

*Reminder: Speakers are generally given between **2 and 2 ½ minutes** to speak. Be sure to practice in advance to make sure you are able to make your full remarks.*

#### **Talking Points**

- 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 2024 budget.
- First, we support the proposed allocation of \$5.2 million in FY 2024 for the nonprofit human services discretionary grants and core services contracts. These grants and contracts provide critical funding to support the safety net of services provided by nonprofits for Loudoun's most vulnerable residents.
- Second, we support the proposed \$6.49 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. Continuing to grow the Housing Fund is an important strategy to addressing this need.
- And third, we support funding for the development of the mental health Crisis Receiving and Stabilization Center in the Capital Improvement Plan. More resources for individuals experiencing a mental health crisis continues to be a critical need among the people served by human services organizations.
- Thank you for your support and leadership.

#### **Budget Hearing Dates**

**Wednesday, March 1, 3:00 p.m.** - Board Room, Loudoun County Government Center, 1 Harrison Street SE, Leesburg

**Wednesday, March 1, 6:00 p.m.**- Board Room, Loudoun County Government Center, 1 Harrison Street SE, Leesburg

**Saturday, March 4, 9:00 a.m.**- Board Room, LCPS Administration Building, 21000 Education Court, Ashburn

Anyone who wishes to speak at the public hearings may sign up in advance for one speaking slot, beginning Thursday, February 16, 2023, by calling 703-777-0204. Public input may be provided in person or virtually. More information about providing input to the Board of Supervisors is available at [loudoun.gov/signuptospeak](https://loudoun.gov/signuptospeak).