



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of December 16, 2023

DATE: December 8, 2023

SUBJECT: Adoption of 2024 State General Assembly Legislative Package

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Finalize and adopt the 2024 State General Assembly Legislative Package

ISSUES: Staff has been working with County Board members, County departmental staff and County Board appointed boards and commissions to develop legislative proposals for the 2024 State General Assembly legislative package. Recommendations from these individuals and groups, as well as regional legislative priorities and information forwarded by Arlington residents, have been incorporated into the document.

SUMMARY: The 2024 General Assembly Session begins on January 10, 2024, and is scheduled to adjourn in mid-March. It is the 60-day “long session.” Governor Glenn Youngkin will introduce his new budget, covering Fiscal Years 2024-2026 on December 20, 2023. Beginning in January, the General Assembly will consider the Governor’s budget, as well as a myriad of other issues.

BACKGROUND: A public hearing on the proposals was held at the November 14, 2023, County Board recessed meeting. Additionally, the County Board held a work session on November 28, 2023, with the Arlington County General Assembly delegation to discuss the 2024 General Assembly session as well as legislation of interest to the County.

DISCUSSION: The following changes have been made to the legislative package to incorporate feedback from the public hearing and work session with the General Assembly delegation:

- 1) Addition of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) priority based on new budget information.
- 2) Clarification of the “Public/Private Partnership” priority in Section J to further expand climate program priorities.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:

Level of Engagement: Communicate and Consult

County Manager: MJS/SFW

County Attorney: MNC

Staff: Ilana Creinin, Legislative Liaison

Outreach Methods: Staff worked and met with the County's appointed boards and commissions, County departmental staff, and County Board members to develop legislative and funding proposals for the 2024 General Assembly session. The attached proposals reflect many of the recommendations received as part of the outreach process.

FISCAL IMPACT: Due to the complexities of the General Assembly process, it is impossible to quantify the fiscal impact at this time.