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FY 2026 Budget Advocacy Talking Points

Talking Points for LHSN Members: *Reminder that speakers are generally given between 2 and 2 ½ minutes to speak.*

- 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 here today to express our position on the FY 2026 Budget, and align our comments with those of the Loudoun Human Services Network.
- First, we urge you to increase the FY 2026 allocation for the Competitive Grant Process for human service nonprofits by 20% to meet current needs for Loudoun residents and increasing demands for services. Additionally, we express concern that feedback from the nonprofit community was not fully incorporated in this year's budget preparation.
- Second, we applaud the dedication of a full penny of the real property tax rate to the housing fund. However, we urge you to consider more resources to address homelessness, permanent supportive housing, and housing needs for residents earning 40% or below AMI as well as seniors so our most vulnerable residents are not left behind.
- Third, we generally support the resource requests of the county human services departments as having well-staffed county services is essential for Loudoun residents, However, we express concerns regarding the DFS request for Priority 4 (Domestic and Sexual Violence Services) and recommend further engagement with nonprofit partners to ensure alignment with existing services.
- Finally, we request stronger collaboration with our county government and an improved process for nonprofits and county government to convene, communicate and strategize *together* to better serve resident needs.

Thank you for your support and leadership.