

**City of Alexandria, Virginia  
FY 2025 Proposed Operating Budget & CIP  
Budget Questions & Answers**

**April 30, 2024**

**Question:**

The state budget proposes an increase in the Virginia Pre-school Initiative by 19%. This requires a 50% match by the locality. What is the projected cost of the match to the City? Have those funds been factored into the current budget?

**Response:**

The City of Alexandria's local match changes for the Virginia Pre-school Initiative (VPI) program will not be known until the State budget and the local composite index level are resolved. The City is exploring options for any potential shortfalls, including shifting some community-based VPI slots to an alternative State funding source that requires no match and reimburses early childhood providers at a higher rate. Staff will provide updates through the City Council/School Board Subcommittee regarding the ultimate outcomes.