FAIRFAX COUNTY - REVENUES AND RETURNS ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This study was commissioned by Fairfax County to examine the flow of funds between the County and th Commonwealth of Virginia. It provides a comprehensive "revenue and return" analysis to quantify how much state revenue is attributable to Fairfax County and how much state spending and aid flows back to the County, both directly and indirectly. This executive summary highlights the key findings, showing Fairfax County's contributions to state revenues and demonstrating its status as a net donor locality.

Comparative statistics and tables are provided to show Fairfax's contributions, the returns it receives, an how it stands relative to neighboring jurisdictions. The analysis combines statewide totals from Commonwealth fiscal reports with demographic and economic data to arrive at its estimates. It allocates General Fund revenues based on observable indicators of tax capacity, including each locality's share of individual and sales tax collections from the Virginia Tax 2024 Annual Report and related distribution tables, wage data for corporate income taxes, and population shares for remaining revenues.

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Weldon-Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia, assessed that approximately every one-in-five dollars of Virginia's general fund is attributable to Fairfax County.

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