GENERAL DISTRICT COURT

Court Services

Description

The General District Court exercises original jurisdiction over all misdemeanor cases and also has jurisdiction over civil matters where less than fifteen thousand dollars is involved. Preliminary hearings in felony cases are also conducted in this court. In addition, General District Court judges preside over traffic cases and certain violations of the County Code. There are four judges serving in this court, having been appointed by the General Assembly for a term of six years. The judges, clerk, and deputy clerks are all paid directly by the Commonwealth. The County provides space, furniture, and support for the General District Court.

Objectives

- To ensure the efficient operation of the General District Court through support of the activities of the Clerk's office.
- To maintain accurate and timely court records.
- To maintain an accurate accounting of court funds.
- To provide adequate maintenance, storage and retrieval of court records.

Budget Highlights

The General District Court's FY2009-10 approved budget of $192,607 represents no increase over the FY2008-09 approved budget. The budget is to support the daily operation of the General District Court, which consists of four courtrooms and administrative offices, occupied by four judges and 30 employees. The staff of the General District Court is comprised entirely of state employees, so all personnel costs are paid by the Commonwealth of Virginia and are not reflected in this approved budget.

Annual Fiscal Plan

Description	FY08 Actual	FY09 Original	FY10 Approved	Change 09 to 10
Personnel	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	0.0%
Operation	162,314	192,607	192,607	0.0%
Capital	2,040	0	0	0.0%
Total	$ 164,354	$ 192,607	$ 192,607	0.0%
Personnel Complement	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

*Personnel expenses are paid by the Commonwealth of Virginia

Performance Measures

	FY08	FY09	FY10	Change 09 to 10
Workload Measures				
Total New Cases Filed	118,394	124,198	124,198	0
Total New Criminal Cases Filed	10,698	10,784	10,784	0
Total New Civil Cases Filed	38,348	44,820	44,820	0
Total New Traffic Cases Filed	69,348	68,594	68,594	0
Number of Full-Time Judges	4	4	4	0

*Note: These estimates are prepared by State Supreme Court Personnel