

# COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAM

## Drug Court Program

### Description

The Drug Court Program, initiated in January of 2003, continues operations in FY2012-13. The Drug Court provides intense supervision and treatment, frequent judicial reviews, mandatory drug testing, graduated sanctions, aftercare, and other rehabilitative services to nonviolent, substance abusing offenders for a minimum of twelve months, with the average participation lasting eighteen months. There are up to forty new participants placed in the program each year that have their progress closely monitored and evaluated by program staff.

Working with other organizations and agencies is key to the success of the Drug Court. The program coordinates its efforts with other County agencies and nonprofit organizations in the region to help deliver the program's services. In addition, the Sheriff provides one part-time Investigator to the program as a local in-kind County contribution. The Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, Henrico Mental Health and Developmental Services (MH/DS), the Circuit Court and the Community Corrections Program also provide local in-kind contributions to the program.

### Objectives

- To reduce crime resulting from substance abusing offenders.

- To assist participants with finding gainful employment or increasing their educational achievements.
- To locate additional resources to contribute towards the support of the Drug Court Program in the future.
- To provide comprehensive treatment to substance abusing offenders.
- To administer, monitor, and evaluate the Drug Court Program for effectiveness and economic impact.

### Budget Highlights

The Drug Court Program will complete its ninth year of operations in FY2011-12. Caseloads continue to increase as new cases are constantly added. The program was started with the use of Federal funding. However, Federal funding was discontinued as a funding source in FY2005-06. The Drug Court program for Henrico County received a grant from the State in the amount of \$232,261 in FY2005-06 to support the program and replace the discontinued Federal funding. It is anticipated that funding from the Virginia Supreme Court, which took over the administration of these grants from the Department of

### Annual Fiscal Plan

Description	FY11 Actual	FY12 Original	FY13 Approved	Change 12 to 13
Personnel	\$ 315,340	\$ 325,529	\$ 336,880	3.5%
Operation	83,874	86,219	83,720	(2.9%)
Capital	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	<u>\$ 399,214</u>	<u>\$ 411,748</u>	<u>\$ 420,600</u>	<u>2.1%</u>
Personnel Complement*	1	1	1	0

\*Personnel Complement does not reflect 4 Complement III positions that are supported by this budget

*Drug Court (cont'd)*

<b>Performance Measures</b>				
	<b>FY11</b>	<b>FY12</b>	<b>FY13</b>	<b>Changes 12 to 13</b>
<b>Workload Measures</b>				
Community Awareness Activities Conducted	24	21	21	0
<b>Efficiency Measures</b>				
% of Referrals Assessed on Time	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%
<b>Effectiveness Measures</b>				
% of Participants Gainfully Employed/Schooled	89.0%	85.0%	85.0%	0.0%
% of Participants Staying Drug-Free	76.0%	72.0%	72.0%	0.0%
% of Participants Not Re-Arrested	96.0%	95.0%	95.0%	0.0%

Criminal Justice Services, will provide funding of \$232,000 in FY2012-13. The Drug Court also collects probation fees to help defray the costs of the program and these fees are projected to total \$12,352 in FY2012-13. General Fund support will total \$176,248.

Currently, one Complement I position is funded for the Drug Court, a Senior Management Specialist. Four positions are Complement III, including one County Probation Officer, one Office Assistant III, and two MH/DS Clinicians.

The Henrico Drug Court's NACo Award winning "Healthy Lifestyles Initiative" continues to provide assistance for participants to gain access to primary health and wellness programming. Professionals with the Fan Free Clinic provided quarterly rapid results HIV testing at the Drug Court Office. Representatives from MADD and the Drive to Work Program provided seminars for the participants on lawful driving and Teresa McBean from Northstar Recovery Church spoke on the importance of "whole life" recovery. The Drug Court continues to host quarterly Family Day events to help reestablish family ties that have been broken due to years of substance abuse addiction.

The approved budget for the Drug Court Program totals \$420,600. Personnel cost increased \$11,351. This is due to increases in payments to the Virginia Retirement System and health care costs.

The allocation for operating expenses decreased by \$2,499, or 2.9 percent, to \$83,720 in FY2012-13 due to greater efficiencies in use of the automotive pool. No capital outlay funding is requested.

The program has faced several operational challenges related to office and program space. After suitable office space was located, a move occurred in the spring of 2012. The lease costs associated with this space represent an increase of \$14,702, or 53.8 percent, above those in the approved FY2011-12 budget. The Drug Court has identified \$4,471 in utility savings under terms of the new lease and can accommodate the remaining \$10,231 of increase within its current resources.

The Drug Court maintains a full caseload averaging 40 new cases each year. Drug Court services have been enhanced recently with a Bureau of Justice grant. The grant funding provides for enhanced alcohol testing, alumni outreach, and training opportunities for team members.